

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.30pm at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill
Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman), Cllr M. Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr B. Cox. Cllr C. Hordley.
Lena Batten (Clerk).

Four members of the public were present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced herself to all members of the public. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council's thoughts were with the family of the recently deceased at the Manor House Inn.

1) Apologies:

Cllr C. Hearn, Cllr J. Gale, Cllr S. Street, Cllr A. Thomas.

2) Code of Conduct:

- a) To receive declarations: None.
- b) To grant dispensations: None.

3) Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 8th September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:

The Chairman invited all members of the public to speak.

Two members of the public introduced themselves as Andrew Davy and Janet Norman. They reported that they were in attendance in relation to item 20. Mr Davy confirmed that several options of providing transport to facilitate considerate parking in the village on bonfire night had been explored but none were considered viable. He further detailed that the Committee had been informed by the police that they were unable to manage traffic themselves. Mr Davy requested that the Parish Council support the application to the police for them to be in attendance and give guidance around parking on bonfire night as they had previously done in the past. The Chairman thanked Mr Davy and Mrs Norman for their time and with the agreement of the meeting it was resolved to bring forward item 20 to be discussed after item 6 for the purpose of not making the public wait through the meeting.

Another member of the public introduced themselves as Simon Parker, a theatre producer and play writer. Mr Parker detailed that in 2009 he staged a play at Sterts called Gonamena which was about a Cornish family and community navigating the changes and upheaval of the 19th-century copper and tin mining boom following copper being discovered in the Caradon area. They had been asked to produce this again next year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cornish Mining regions being ascribed as World Heritage Sites and wanted to know if the Parish Council would support in kind.

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council would support in kind and the clerk would forward a copy of the grant policy and application form to Mr Parker.

The Chairman thanked Mr Parker for his time and he left the meeting.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Jim Gale: Cllr J. Gale gave apologies and stated he would forward a report by email.

b) Councillors: None.

6) Finance:

a) To receive/approve cash flow of accounts/bank reconciliation:

Resolved that the bank reconciliation / cash book statement for September was confirmed as an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.

b) Payments:

i) £390.00 (WC cleaning July), ii) £17.05 (stationary), iii) £93.39 (safe, Amazon), iv) £252.00 (BDO, annual audit), v) £37.02 (ink, Amazon), vi) £366.88 (Corserv, September field maintenance), vii) £30.00 (Western Web, renewal of domain), viii) £342.76 (election charges), ix) £1400.00 (annual footpath maintenance), x) £50.00 (RMVH room hire).

Resolved that the following payments were approved.

c) Receipts: i) £17,414.08 (2nd instalment precept, ii) £192.00 (Coin collections, Minions WC).

This was noted for information.

d) To accept the six month financial review:

Resolved that the six month financial review was accepted.

e) To accept the notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2024-2025:

Resolved that the notice of Conclusion of the Annual Audit for 2024-2025 was accepted.

f) To note for information CCLA investment now stands at £42,311.82 on the 5th September 2025:

This was noted for information.

Resolved that The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the member of the public to speak in relation to the car parking on bonfire night.

20) To consider / resolve any action following a letter being received from the Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee in relation to parking on bonfire night:

The situation was discussed as Mr Davy confirmed that the event had become increasingly popular and the parking difficulties were caused by a few inconsiderate drivers. The Committee had already contacted the police to request their attendance but no confirmation had been received.

Resolved that the clerk would write to the police in support of Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee's request to reinforce how beneficial their attendance would be.

Mr Davy also reported that he had noted on the agenda item 14, which was a request to lock the play area during bonfire night due to the amount of children and adults who used it last year resulting in a potential health and safety issue. He felt that to close it would potentially push the

safety concerns out into the field and felt that it should be kept open. He confirmed that there was security on the gate who also gave advice and guidance to those in the play area. Considerable debate took place as the Chairman pointed out that adults had been seen on the equipment which was meant for the use of children and the potential insurance implications of this inappropriate use. One Councillor also commented that the board on the slide was going rotten in the corner and work was in progress to source the appropriate tool to fix this however in the interim, it was not a danger for those using the slide.

Resolved that the clerk would purchase a sign stating “Please ensure appropriate parental supervision. This equipment is for the use of children under the age of fourteen only” and would ensure this was in place prior to bonfire night. The play area would remain open for bonfire night.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders with the agreement of the meeting.
Three members of the public left the meeting.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications:

Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendations:

- i) PA25/06499 – Longridge Cottage, Golberdon – Discharge of a planning obligation to allow the sale of Quarryman’s Cottage as separate dwelling away from the main dwelling house – No objection.
- b) Any applications received before the meeting – None.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections:

Weekly safety inspections had taken place and one issue was identified, the left hand edge of the play house was coming loose.

Resolved that one Councillor would look to see if he could fix this back to the frame.

b) Jubilee Field:

- i) To note for information the trees overhanging the car park and the chicane will be cut back the first week of November – This was noted for information.
- ii) To consider / resolve whether to accept the quote for the widening of the storm gulley at £780.00 plus VAT – One Councillor gave an overview of the works recommended to address the flooding as he had been present when the contractor had visited to complete the quote. The works included break and remove the concrete around the sides and base, widen the entrance and concrete to allow more capacity of water to access the gulley.

Resolved that the clerk request the contractor proceed and complete the work.

c) Rilla Mill play area:

No reports of concern.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:

- i) To note for information the water meter reading on the 4th October at 827: This was noted for information.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern.

10) Public Rights of Way:

- i) To note for information that blocked path 614/28/1 has again been reported by Cllr Jim Gale however the response was the same, that Countryside services are prioritising any paths with serious safety issues but do have the complaint on file – This was noted for information.

ii) To consider / resolve any comments to submit in relation to a Public Rights of Way survey being completed by Cornwall Council –

Resolved that Councillors had been sent the link and could comment individually.

iii) To agree / resolve to advertise for volunteers to walk the paths and update the out of date information prior to placing maps with descriptions on the website as advised by one Councillor –

Resolved that the clerk would put a small article in the Link to request volunteers to walk the footpaths and update the details.

12) To consider / resolve next steps following a request from a member of the public to improve the road at Liverscombe Lane, Rilla Mill:

Discussion took place with regards to the ownership of Liverscombe Lane as although the footpath starts at the top, this is a footpath right of way to walk, but the land is not owned by the Parish Council.

Resolved that the clerk respond to confirm that as the Parish Council are not the owners of the land, they would need to contact the land owner to progress any work to the surface damage of the lane.

13) To consider / resolve whether to put an article in the Link following a complaint from a member of the public relating to dog poo bags being left on the ground near Westcott:

Resolved that the clerk would include an article in the Link to reinforce the dangers of blocking drains when leaving bags of dog faeces lying around.

14) To consider a request to lock the gates into the play area temporarily during the bonfire event due to take place in November 2025:

This item was previously discussed after item 6. It was resolved that the play area would remain open and signs would be implemented to advise members of the public.

15) To consider / resolve any Councillors who wish to attend the Community Flood Forum Annual Conference 2025 to take place on the 7th November 2025:

Resolved that one Councillor would attend the Community Flood Forum Annual Conference.

16) To confirm the Crosslink Centre is booked for alternate meetings on the 9th Feb, 13th April, 8th June, 12th Oct and 14th Dec for 2026 instead of Linkinhorne Parish Hall:

This was noted for information.

17) To consider / resolve whether to support the Community road safety campaign:

It was agreed that Linkinhorne Parish Council do support the Community Road Safety Campaign by highlighting and promoting key messages on the website and noticeboards and also by supporting Community Speed watch in the area. Linkinhorne Parish Council would continue to support in this manner in the future.

18) To note for information two Councillors recent attendance at training for Neighbourhood Planning and Priorities Statements:

Cllr A. Thomas and Cllr S. Street recently attended the Neighbourhood Planning and Priorities Statements training which detailed the proposed changes from a Neighbourhood Development Plan to a Strategic plan by 2023.

19) To note for information the clerk has now purchased and fitted a safe for the storage of the civic burial ground books:

This was noted for information.

20) To consider / resolve any action following a letter being received from the Rilla Mill Village Hall Committee in relation to parking on bonfire night:

This item was previously discussed after item 6 where it was agreed that Linkinhorne Parish Council would write a letter of support to the local police.

21) Correspondence as listed:

04/09/2025*	Neighbourhood planning	Online training
21/09/2025*	RSN weekly news	Newsletter
21/09/2025*	Community Link Officer	Carbon Zero Homes project
21/09/2025*	Community Link Officer	Future of the post office
21/09/2025*	Newsletter	Affordable housing
27/09/2025*	Newsletter	Neighbourhood planning
27/09/2025*	Newsletter	Rural services network
01/10/2025*	Newsletter	RSN weekly news
02/10/2025*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 30/8/25 to 1/10/25 there has been the following crime Theft of sign.
06/10/2025*	Plusha Junction	Study

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/06499 - Longridge Cottage, Golberdon, Callington, PL17 7NQ - Discharge of a planning obligation to allow the sale of Quarrymans Cottage as separate dwelling away from the main dwellinghouse.

PA25/03877 - Land To The South Of Sutton, Sutton, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5BA - Re-application for the demolition of existing farm building and construction of new dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval for residential conversion of this farm building ref:PA24/0600 – approved.

PA25/05330 - Great Lanhargy Farm, Bray Shop, Callington, PL17 8QJ – Erection of a pair of semi-detached garages to serve dwellings approved under PA24/06991- Decision – approved.

PA25/07300 - Great Lanhargy Farm, Bray Shop, Callington, PL17 8QJ - Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to 6 dwellings.

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/05619 - Mill Cottage, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area, namely: T1 - Beech tree - cut back by 30%, T2 - Hazel cut back by 50%, T3 - Sycamore Cut back by 70%, T4 - Sycamore remove fully, T5 Sycamore - limb to be removed – decided not to make a TPO.

PA25/06903 - The Old Dry, Minions, Liskeard, PL14 5LJ - Works to Trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) - A to D - Lodge pole Pines - Fell five trees. Replanting is underway using a mixture of conifer and deciduous species already present on site. F - Dying Hawthorn.

22) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.