

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 13th April 2026 at 8.40pm at The Crosslink Center, Upton Cross

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr Kathy Wallis (Chairman), Cllr Mike Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr J. Gale (Ward Councillor), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr B. Cox, Cllr J. Gale, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr S. Street, Cllr A. Thomas.

Lena Batten (Clerk).

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman advised that due to timescales some items may be deferred to the next meeting.

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Hearn.

2) Code of Conduct:

a) To receive declarations: Cllr S. Street item 6 b (ii).

b) To grant dispensations: The Chairman granted dispensation for Cllr S. Street to remain in the room but not speak.

3) Minutes:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 9th March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Jim Gale:

Cllr J. Gale reported that he had recently supported Linkinhorne Parish Council's Expression of Interest application for additional signage at Minions to manage speeding. Currently he could feed back that there had been no objections from Highways and the application was at the second stage. In relation to the CIL funding however total applications had exceeded twenty seven million pounds and Cornwall Council only had a budget for three quarters of a million therefore it was unlikely to be a successful application. He further reported that Cornwall Council was in the process of considering making all car parks cashless in order to save funds, further updates would be given when he knew more. He also commented that there had been a significant increase in Permission in Principle planning applications which they were being told to agree too whenever possible. The general consensus of Councillors was that they wanted to vote against a majority of them however were unable to do so.

The consultation process for Tamar bridge tag remained open, and he had been assured that the public view was still being taken into consideration. Finally pot holes in the area, Cornwall Council were currently fixing around three hundred and eighty one a day, which was now exceeding the amount being reported. Thus the figure of over five thousand pot holes that were outstanding is now reducing, largely due to improved weather conditions which was reducing the number of reports.

One Councillor asked if there was any update in relation to the breach of planning which was reported to Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement Team for the property at Henwood. Cllr J. Gale stated that a notice had been issued to the property, a number of issues had been raised in relation to this property which included the fitting of CCTV camera's which had also been forwarded to planning enforcement. He confirmed the investigation was at Level 4 and he would continue to obtain updates.

b) Councillors: None.

6) Finance:

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

Resolved that the bank reconciliation / cash book statement for March 2026 was confirmed as an accurate account, and this was signed by the Chairman.

b) Payments:

i) £45.00 (Open Spaces Society, annual renewal), ii) £360.00 (Sheila Street, WC cleaning March), iii) £45.00 (Lena Batten, reimbursement of plaque), iv) £366.88 (Corserv, field maintenance March), v) £25.00 (RMVH), vi) £770.21 (CALC annual membership), vii) £60.00 (Gareth Haimes, Minions WC unblocking).

Resolved that the payments were approved.

c) Receipts:

None.

d) To review the internal controls and / or use of insurance cover, and risk management arrangements (copy enclosed):

Having reviewed the internal controls and / or use of insurance cover, and risk management arrangements it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was agreed that they had been reviewed in depth at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th October 2025.

Resolved that the internal controls, use of insurance cover and risk management arrangements be agreed.

e) To review / approve Assets register and Disposal Policy (copy enclosed):

Having reviewed the Assets register and disposal policy it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was agreed that the Asset Register had been reviewed in depth at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th October 2025.

Resolved that the asset register and disposal policy be agreed.

f) To formally record no conflicts of interest declared for the purpose of the audit:

Having reviewed any conflicts of interest for the purpose of the audit it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved that there were no conflicts of interest declared.

g) To receive / approve the finding of the internal audit report and Internal

Governance Statement:

Having reviewed the report of the internal auditor for 2025-2026 and on being proposed, seconded and being put to the vote it was

Resolved that the Council approve the findings of the internal auditor report. Linkinhorne Parish Council having considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions occurring either during or after year end had a financial impact on the Parish Council and where appropriate have indicated them in the accounting statement. Proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved that the following review of each item listed, the Council approve the adoption of 'yes' in

sections 1-8 excluding section 4 following feedback from last year's audit which detailed that Linkinhorne Parish Council had failed to make proper provision for the exercise of public rights due to the time span being less than thirty working days and amendments had been made this year to address this and n/a in section 9 of the Annual Governance Statement 2025-2026.

h) To receive / approve the accounting statements:

Having reviewed the Accounting statements for the Council it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council approve the Accounting Statements for 2025-2026.

i) To receive / set the commencing date for the exercise of public rights:

Having reviewed the period for the public inspection of the financial statements it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved that the period for the public inspection be advertised as between the 1st June 2026 and 15th July 2026.

j) To confirm for the purpose of intermediate audit that arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and preparation of the accounting statements are in place:

Resolved that the Council approve the financial management and accounting statement for 2025-2026.

k) To receive the end of year financial report:

Having reviewed the Accounting statement for the Council it was proposed, seconded and upon being put to the vote it was

Resolved that the Council approve the financial report 2025-2026.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications:

None.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections:

i) To consider / identify any Councillors who would be able to complete the visual checks to the playing fields from 19th April 2026 onwards as the volunteer is not able to continue from that date: The clerk reported that the volunteer had now stated he was available until the beginning of September therefore this item would be deferred to the August meeting.

ii) To note for information regular visual checks have taken place with no significant defects identified:

This was noted for information.

b) Jubilee Field:

i) To consider / resolve the purchase of the identified paint for the play house to allow the scouts to proceed and paint the play house:

One Councillor reported that the appropriate paint had been identified at a cost of £99.00 for 2.5 litres. He felt that 1.5 litres should be enough to complete the work.

Resolved that the clerk would proceed and purchase the paint in a brown colour, and notify the Scout leader to arrange for a date for the painting to take place.

ii) To note for information the clerk has scrubbed graffiti from the play house on the 23rd March 2026:

This was noted for information.

iii) To consider / resolve any action to be taken as the pipe may be blocked in the field, the clerk has reported the lifted drain to Highways:

The Chairman asked Cllr J. Gale if he could liaise with Highways to try and find a more permanent solution to this ongoing problem.

iv) To consider / resolve any actions following the volunteer reporting a protruding screw on the climbing frame:

The clerk reported that since distribution of the agenda, it had been brought to her attention that one of the spindles was also loose on the play house.

Resolved that the clerk would obtain quotes for the repair of the spindles and the loose screw.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area:

i) No concerns identified – This was noted for information.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:

i) To note for information the water meter reading on the 14th March 2026 was 888:
This was noted for information.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern.

10) Public Rights of Way: i) To note for information The Cornwall Council (Public Footpath No.32 (Part) Linkinhorne) (Land at Uphill) Public Path Diversion Order 2025 has been confirmed by Cornwall Council as an unopposed Order on 03 March 2026, any affected parties can make representations for six weeks following that date:

This was noted for information.

11) To consider / approve grant applications for 2026: i) The ARC Theatre Company, ii) Linkinhorne Parochial Church, iii) Allotment Holders Association, iv) Rilla Mill Village Hall, v) The Commoners Association, vi) Stanbear salt bin, vii) Linkinhorne Horticultural Society, viii) LAMC: Resolved that due to the time this item would be deferred to the May meeting.

12) To consider / resolve whether to access the offer of a 30 minute presentation from Green Council Biodiversity Solutions:

Resolved that due to the time this item would be deferred to the May meeting.

13) To note for information the Geology team from Cornish Tin will be doing a half hour presentation for Councillors prior to the meeting on the 11th May 2026 commencing at 7.00pm:

This was noted for information.

14) To note for information the plaques are ready to be put back on the newly refurbished bench at Minions:

Both plaques were given to one Councillor who volunteered to fit them to the refurbished bench at Minions.

Resolved that the clerk would list on the May agenda, the option of arranging a date for the official opening of the bench in memory of one member of the public who had recently passed away and kindly donated the funds.

15) To consider / resolve moving / purchasing the salt bin at Higher Stanbear as previously requested by one member of the public:

Resolved that this item be deferred to the May meeting to run alongside the grant applications.

16) To note for information the clerk reported a sewage spill following contact from a member of the public, at the back of Netherton. The member of the public will be writing a short article for the Link regarding appropriate materials to be placed in the drainage system:

This was noted for information.

17) To note for information Orchard Park will undergo treatment for Japanese knotweed this spring:

This was noted for information.

18) To consider / resolve next actions as a member of the public has reported the bench at Rillaton is no longer fit for purpose:

Resolved that the clerk would bring quotes for replacement of the bench and list on the agenda for the May meeting.

19) To consider / resolve whether Linkinhorne Parish Council wishes to opt out of the re introduction of weed treatment:

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council did not want to opt out of the reintroduction of weed treatment in the Parish.

19) Correspondence as listed:

05/03/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
10/03/2026*	Emergency planning	The Community Preparedness Newsletter
10/03/2026*	Newsletter	Affordable housing
10/03/2026*	Teams link	Cyber Awareness training on line
12/03/2026*	CALC	Local Plan and Local Councils involvement
12/03/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
19/03/2026*	Community Link Officer	Tamar Tag consultation
19/03/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
23/03/2026	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 27/2/26 to 20/3/26 there has been the following crime Theft x 2, Youth driving with no licence or insurance
27/03/2026*	Open Spaces Society	Consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework
27/03/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
07/04/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA25/03502 - Orchard Park, Rilla Mill, Cornwall, PL14 5BD - 3 no. temporary agricultural workers' dwellings for a period of 5 years and associated works inc agricultural barn with PV array to provide three affordable smallholdings to new entrants to ecological agriculture without compliance with Condition 8 of decision notice PA21/06226 dated 02.11.2022 - approved.

PA26/01484 - Street Record, Linkinhorne, Cornwall - Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009 – closed, advice given.

PA26/00373 - Devon and Cornwall Logs Ltd - Barn At Great Lanhargy Farm, Bray Shop, Callington PL17 8QJ - Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to 6 dwellings – prior approval not required.

PA26/00723 – Meadowgate, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5AX - Single storey side extension to enlarge living room – approved.

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA26/01570 - Sharptor Farm, Sharptor, Liskeard, PL14 5AT - Works to Trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) - T1 - Fir Trees - 15% reduction to control height and overgrowth blocking light. Fir Tree - 20% Reduction to control height and overgrowth. T2 - Larch Tree - Limb removal.

PA26/00962 - 1 Princes Row, Minions, PL14 5LP - Works to trees in a conservation area works include remove T1 Fir tree – Decided not to make a TPO.

PA26/00326 - Land North West Of Kenilworth, Rilla Mill, PL17 7PB - Construction of new self-build dwelling and associated works (in lieu of Permission in Principle PA23/09394) – approved.

PA26/01961 - Trerefters Farm, Bray Shop, PL17 8QJ - Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for a steel framed farm shed with corrugated steel sheet walls and corrugated cement sheet roof.

20) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 9.27pm.