

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm at The Crosslink Centre, Upton Cross
Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr Kathy Wallis (Chairman), Cllr Jim Gale (Ward Councillor), Cllr Steve Beech, Cllr Brian Cox, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr S. Street, Cllr A. Thomas.

Lena Batten (Clerk).

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

1) Apologies: Cllr Mike Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr Carl Hearn.

2) Code of Conduct:

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

b) To grant dispensations: The Chairman granted permission 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 11th May 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 had given apologies as he would be late and would share his report on arrival.

b) Councillors:

One Councillor reported that a Beech tree had been damaged in the winds over the previous weekend and had been obstructing the car park at The Manor Inn, Rilla Mill. This had now been removed.

One Councillor reported back following two Councillors having visited Cornish Resources at Kelly Bray on the 28th May 2026 meeting with Rowan, the geologist in charge and also Dennis Rowland the manager. Rowan demonstrated what they were doing with all the drill cores that the exploratory surveys had produced - some 20,000 metres. The minerals in the cores and what processed tungsten concentrate looked like was demonstrated. Rowan went through their drilling program and what happens to all the cores and what he does with the results. Overall the results showed that there was a large amount of tungsten at Redmoor, together with some copper, tin and silver but the primary focus was on the tungsten which was estimated to have a value of £1.4 billion. Tungsten was considered to be of increasing importance because of its high melting point and extreme hardness. It had many uses in industry, electronics, defence industries and in fusion reactors. Dennis Rowland met with them afterwards and informed them that they were in a pre feasibility exploratory program which was likely to last 1-2 years and was used to confirm that their model of the ore body was correct. He demonstrated a working drill rig in a nearby field and the Councillors were impressed by the extent to which the company had gone to reduce its noise impact

and also remediation for land damage. The main points that were taken away included 1) Cornish Resources are still at an early stage of the mining process and a working mine is still years away but the results were very promising. 2) The company was keen to engage with the local community to explain what was going on and had held many public meetings. 3) Minimising the impact a working mine would have on the community/environment was a high priority with them. 4) They were already a significant local employer and contributed to the local economy. 5) They had mineral exploration rights covering five parishes but only a small sliver of Linkinhorne parish which they had no plans to explore. 6) They were keen not to move a lot of rock out of the mine, exploring ore separation machines situated in the mine with the waste staying in the mine and only a concentrate having to be shipped out. They said this would reduce 100 lorry loads down to 2 per day. All this would be considered at a much later stage of the project.

One Councillor reported on an Artificial Intelligence Course attended on the 21st May 2026 and stated that the course was most beneficial for clerks of the town council level. The example worked through was for engaging public views and managing analysis of the feedback to renew/improve a play area owned by council. Microsoft 365 was the software used by most Parish Council's so the AI demonstrated was of Microsoft Copilot. Artificial Intelligence does offer many possibilities and the trainer offered strict guidelines including to state that individuals are in charge because of data protection. If the Parish Council had to embark on a project or had to consult and consider things like parish plans, investing in additional land for cemetery or upgrading play areas it could be invaluable.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending the sessions. The Chairman proceeded to share that on Saturday 11th July 2026 from 4.00pm to 6.30pm there would be a free session to be held at Callington Town Hall Council Chambers. The People's Emergency Briefing film was for anyone invested in their future and local community. It offered a clear, evidence-based overview of the challenges ahead for the climate and nature and why they mattered at a local level. Appearances included Chris Packham and Leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and what it meant for our food security, health, extreme weather, and the cost of living. After the screening, there would be a short open discussion about what it meant for our own community. It was not deemed suitable for those under the age of sixteen.

6) Finance:

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

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

b) Payments:

i) £390.00 (Sheila Street, WC clean May), ii) £73.00 (Gareth Haines, new tap UX WC), iii) £449.60 (TDP, new bench), iv) £52.34 (Lena Batten, ink amazon), v) £30.00 (RMVH Room hire).

Resolved that the payments were approved.

c) Receipts:

i) £112.00 (coin collection, Minions WC's).

The receipts were noted for information.

d) To note for information the CCLA investment stands at £43,427.61 on the 5th May 2026 - This was noted for information.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications: None.

b) Any applications received before the date of this meeting: None.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections:

Weekly safety inspections have taken place with no new issues identified.

b) Jubilee Field:

i) To note the clerk has liaised with the contractor and is waiting a confirmed date for the repairs to the mound / play house – The clerk confirmed she would contact him at the end of the week for an update.

ii) To note the scouts are now organising a date to paint the play house as the paint has arrived – a volunteer policy and form has been forwarded to the organiser to complete.

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 27th May 2026 was 900 - This was noted for information.

b) Upton Cross:

No reports of concern.

Councillor Brian Cox entered the room and gave apologies for being late.

10) Public Rights of Way:

i) To note for information an application to re open footpath 614/28/1 has been made to the enhanced LMP scheme:

The clerk updated the meeting that she was waiting for a quote, the application was ready and would be submitted as soon as the quote was received.

11) To consider / resolve the purchase of a new notice board at Henwood as the panels are dropping out:

Two quotes were shared for an anodised silver finish aluminium display case at £764.40 and a recycled Timber notice board at £1393.00. The clerk shared that all notice boards were extremely expensive and she was unable to locate notice boards made of wood. Discussion took place as Linkinhorne Parish Council felt that wooden notice boards were more in keeping with the Parish. The clerk confirmed that a volunteer had offered to make the notice board for the cost of the materials but not fit the board in place. It was agreed that volunteers should be encouraged to engage in Parish activities wherever possible.

Resolved that the clerk would inform the volunteer that they could proceed and make a notice board. One Councillor would check if the posts that it was to be fitted to also needed to be replaced. Once the board was ready one Councillor would look to replace the notice board at Henwood.

12) To consider / resolve whether to place additional signage for the WC's at Minions as one member of the public has requested:

The clerk reported that she had been contacted by a member of the public who had recently had an individual knock at the door wanting to use the toilet. She expressed that walkers did not easily see the signage for the public conveniences and felt that additional signage should be implemented. Debate took place as to the most appropriate location for additional signage. The clerk also requested if the Covid signage on the toilet doors could be removed as she had tried to cover these up without success as the frames have rusted and cannot be opened.

Resolved that the clerk would purchase two signs with left and right arrows and these would be secured to either end of the bus stop which was Parish Council property. The clerk would look to remove the frames from the doors.

13) To receive an update from the Chairman in relation to the land at Upton Cross:

The Chairman reported that the land had recently sold at a Kivells Auction for a figure far greater than the Parish Council would have been able to afford. No further information was available.

14) To receive an update from Highways following one member of the public requesting the 20mph sign be moved further up the hill towards Minions from Upton Cross:

The clerk read the email response from Highways which stated that the road between Upton Cross and Minions does not qualify for a 20mph or 30mph under national criteria due to a lack of development. Based on the sporadic development on that length, it would potentially qualify for a 40mph however Highways were of the view that this could make speeding worse as multiple repeater signs would potentially create a target. A heat map of current speeds had been used which detailed of 8,208 vehicles recorded, the average speed was 27.96. The general consensus of the meeting was that the 20mph sign just needed to be moved up the road approximately 50 yards to account for the development that was there and the resulting parked cars always present. Individuals could express their concerns direct to Highways, if a number of individuals had experienced difficulties Highways may decide to re consider.

Resolved that the clerk would respond to clarify that Linkinhorne Parish Council were disappointed with the response. The request was to move the current 20mph sign up the road to ensure cars slowed down before reaching the bottom and junction to Marke Valley View which was where the sign was currently located. The clerk would ensure the above information was placed in the Link for members of the public to see the response.

15) To consider any training opportunities received from CALC:

Resolved that the Councillors would contact the clerk with any expressions of interest for training opportunities.

16) To consider / resolve if any Councillors would like to attend the Cormac workshop taking place on the 24th June at Liskeard Town Council, 10.00-1.00pm:

The clerk shared the information in relation to Cormac Summer workshops.

Resolved that anyone who wished to attend would contact the clerk or Cormac to book their place.

17) To confirm the date for a brief opening of the new bench at Minions for Friday 19th June at 2.00pm which is the second year anniversary of the death of Mrs Byne:

Resolved that a brief opening of the new bench would take place on Friday 19th at 2.00pm. Several Councillors agreed to attend. The Chairman would read a short message and would take a photo to put in the Cornish Times.

Councillor Jim Gale entered the room and gave apologies for being late.

The Chairman asked him to share his report:

Cllr J. Gale detailed that storm Goretti had cost Cornwall Council between 7.3 /7.4 million. He recently attended the bunker in Truro which was where Cornwall Council coordinated their responses to storm Goretti and was impressed. Following on from this storm and the emergency procedures that had to be implemented, Cornwall Council were promoting emergency plans for all Parish and Town Councils.

He proceeded to state that as a member of the Scrutiny Committee he was aware funding had been approved for the development and promotion of the Cornish Language which was now evidenced to bring economic viability to the county.

At last month's full Council meeting a motion was put forward but rejected in relation to bus companies which allowed students to travel on buses with no seats available. It was agreed that students have to pay annual for their tickets therefore should be able to be seated and therefore safer. It was concluded that no further action was going to be taken however Cllr J. Gale confirmed that they would try again in six months. Whilst giving information regarding road conditions he confirmed that Highways had raised the budget significantly for road painting.

Locally there had been several issues which could have resulted in potential harm to vulnerable members of the community by adult social care. These appear to have now been rectified and the services re implemented.

In relation to Primrose Vale Cottages, Cllr J. Gale stated that he had now spoken with Live West who were not prepared to spend money on the properties and wanted the Section 106 lifted. He had also spoken with Cornwall Planning who had confirmed they would not lift the Section 106. He then spoke with the affordable housing team at Cornwall Council and had been approached by a potential buyer who may be happy to purchase with the Section 106 in place. This would be a successful outcome if it went ahead and he would continue to pursue this.

Having recently attended a CAP meeting, he confirmed that recycling is a significant focus this year for Cornwall Council, they were aiming for a 65% target. He had asked for the statistics of what was household and what was commercial recycling however these figures were not available.

Cllr J. Gale thanked the meeting for their time.

The Chairman thanked Councillor J. Gale for his attendance and confirmed Linkinhorne Parish Council's understanding that he could run late at times as a result of attending a previous Parish Meeting beforehand. The Chairman concluded the meeting by informing everyone that Tansys Golowan would take place on the 23rd June 2026. The last bonfire to be lit across Cornwall would be at Kit Hill after 8.30pm. Members of the public were welcome to attend.

18) Correspondence as listed:

07/05/2026*	Positive Planning @ Cornwall	Planning Spring Newsletter
13/05/2026*	NALC	News events
13/05/2026*	Callington Town Council	Civic Gala
13/05/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
15/05/2026*	Newsletter	Town and Parish Council
15/05/2026*	Sterts	Festival of belonging
15/05/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services network
15/05/2026*	CALC	Cormac workshops
22/05/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
29/05/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
29/05/2026*	Devon and Cornwall Police	Collision Figures
01/06/2026*	PCSO Steve Edser	21/3/26 to 29/5/26 there has been the following crimes Theft x 4, Malicious Communication x 2, Assault, Public order offence, Threat toward emergency worker
01/06/2026*	Chris Sims	Affordable Housing newsletter

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA26/02830 - Mill House, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Works to Tree(s) within a Conservation Area (TCA) dismantle dangerous Beech Tree – unstable.

PA26/01003 - Land North Of Gospenheal, Upton Cross, PL14 5AX - Permission in Principle for up to 5 dwellings (minimum 4, maximum 5) - Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only).

Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:

PA26/02486 - Downgate House, Downgate, Upton Cross, PL14 5AJ - Works to trees in a conservation area works include T1 Beech tree pollarding and reduction by 15%. T2 - T22 Beech trees pollarding and reduction by 15%. T23 Ash tree Full removal of tree due to ash die back. T24 Conifer - Full removal touching Main Power line. T25 Ash tree Full removal of tree due to ash die back - Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps).

PA26/03267 - Land At Dalston/Butts Cross, Rilla Mill - Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for an agricultural storage building for machinery and straw.

PA26/03360 - Play Area, Parsons Meadow, Rilla Mill - works to Trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) - 2 x Ash and 2 x Alder - Full removal.

19) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 8.25pm.