Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm at The Crosslink Centre, Upton Cross
Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr Kathy Wallis (Chairman), Cllr Steve Beech, Cllr Brian Cox, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr Bethany Towers.
Lena Batten (Clerk).
One member of the public was in attendance at the meeting.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1) Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jim Gale (Ward Councillor), Cllr Carl Hearn, Cllr Sheila Street, Cllr Ann Thomas.

2) Code of Conduct:

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

Cllr S. Beech entered the room.

3) Minutes:
Resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 14th September 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:
One member of the public was present and invited to speak. The member of the public introduced himself and gave an overview of the reasons why he had made an outline planning application PA26/06444. He detailed the type of materials which would be used and how the building would be in keeping with the surroundings if the full planning application was successful. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his time and he was invited to leave or remain in the meeting. The member of the public commented that he found it interesting and wished to remain in the meeting.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Jim Gale:

Cllr J. Gale had previously given his apologies to the meeting and sent a brief report. The clerk shared his report:
1 . There was now a consultation period open for the public to express views on the Cornwall local plan which would allow the communities and residents the chance to have a view on priorities they felt affected them in relation to future planning , the online consultation could be found on the CC website and would run from 5th of October to the 16th of November 2026.
2. The let's talk Cornwall website was now running a consultation regarding residents having a say in the strategy to deal with anti-social behaviour (ASB).
3. I had the opportunity to meet and have a face to face conversation with the Cornwall leader and had discussed the Meadow project and possible funding. He confirmed that there were streams

that could be tapped into to cover various projects and based on that he had been liaising with Chris Simms the divisional link officer, who was looking at areas of potential funding or match funding that might be available.
4. I attended a meeting regarding the Devonport Dockyard project this month which had a projected budget of 7.8 billion and would employ up to twenty five thousand new jobs, although it's on the darkside of the river currently 23% or more of the current employees live and travel to the dockyard from the South East Cornwall area, I had raised the question with the project leaders how Cornwall and the South East in particular could benefit from the huge project in particular our engineering and innovation companies who were right on the doorstep as well as benefits to our SME companies locally and our communities. This will be an ongoing item as things progress.
5. The issues with rural bus services or lack of them had also taken much of my time in calls and meetings and the feedback from the consultation meeting in Truro should be reported back with the next few weeks. Cornwall Council currently subsidise the bus company with 13 million of taxpayers money, I had raised the fit for purpose question in regard to our rural services as clearly residents cannot rely on a regular bus service.
The Chairman thanked the clerk for sharing the report and stated that she had recently heard that the bus service timetable was shared in a local magazine to try and encourage more people to use the service.
Resolved that the clerk would contact the Link and request they consider putting a bus timetable in the magazine for the benefit of local residents.

b) Councillors:

One Councillor reported that she recently attended the Cornwall Community Resilience Network meeting at Wadebridge. The presentation was encouraging the implementation of emergency plans in neighbourhoods. Linkinhorne Parish Council had started this process in 2017 but it had not been progressed. The philosophy was that communities needed to be the first responders in an emergency especially in more rural areas and this was being encouraged by central government. The risk of fire is now being assessed alongside flood risks within Cornwall. She would be attending a further flood forum meeting at the end of the month and would share further information at the next meeting. The Chairman thanked the Councillor for their report.
The Chairman also reported that in relation to the purchase of the Meadow, she had received lots of positive feedback from members of the community and county Councillors. The first gofundme payment had been forwarded and Parnalls Solicitors had been instructed to proceed with the purchase. Several different forms of fundraising were now in place and the working group would be meeting again on November 24th 2026.

6) Finance:

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

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

b) Payments: i) £75.00 (Gareth Haimes, WC tap Minions), ii) £390.00 (Sheila Street, cleaning WC's), iii) £12.00 (Crosslink Centre, room rent), iv) £25.00 (RMVH Room rent):

Resolved that the payments were approved.

c) Receipts: i) £17,714.08 (2nd instalment precept), ii) £75.00 (Stacey Ltd, memorial), iii) £15.00 (donation), iv) £15.00 (donation):

The receipts were noted for information.

d) To note for information the CCLA investments currently stands at £43,982.35 on the 5th September 2026:

This was noted for information.

e) To note for information the Finance Committee Meeting was due to take place at The Crosslink Centre on Wednesday 28th October at 7.00pm:
This was noted for information and the Chairman requested one additional Councillor attended to cover absence which was agreed.

f) To accept the six month financial review:
The six month financial review was shared and agreed.

7) Planning:

a) Planning applications:
i) PA26/06444 – Land South West of Higher Churchtown, Linkinhorne, PL17 7LY -Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of an agricultural farm managers dwelling:
Resolved that It was proposed and seconded with all in favour that Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objection to the application subject to an agricultural tie.

b) Any applications received before the date of this meeting:
i) PA26/00407 – Land to the West of Upton Cross School, Upton Cross – Outline application for a nine unit rural exceptions scheme with all matters reserved – appeal under section 78 The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from the Planning Inspectorate for comments:
Resolved that it was unanimously agreed that Linkinhorne Parish Council agree with Cornwall Council's decision to refuse the grant planning permission.

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 discuss / resolve next steps as the gate entering the field has dropped:
Resolved that One Councillor offered to look and potentially fix this.
ii) To receive suggestions from Cllrs following visiting the requested boundary at the bottom of the field:
Discussion was held as to the best way forward as erection of a fence would require a lot of work given the difficulties with the bank.
Resolved that the Chairman would speak with one member of the public who had recently laid part of the hedge in the past and see if he would lay this section as well. The clerk would in the interim, purchase signage to deter children from climbing the bank.
iii) To consider / resolve the next steps for a broken picnic bench:
Resolved that the bench was beyond repair, one Councillor would look to remove this. The bench would not be replaced as there were several benches already at the field, the one donated in 2025.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area:
i) To receive an update from one Councillor in relation to the slide platform repairs:
It had been previously resolved that two Councillors had offered to fix this and the tool purchased. Due to time constraints this had not yet taken place.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions:
i) To note for information the water meter reading on the 29th September 2026 was 036:
This was noted for information and the Chairman asked the clerk to contact CALC and see if other clerks had found the costs of water increased alongside a new water meter having been fitted.
ii) To note for information a new tap had been fitted in the ladies as it would not turn off:
This was noted for information.

b) Upton Cross:
No reports of concern.

10) Public Rights of Way:

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i) To note for information the clerk has reported a loose stile on footpath 614/3/1:
This was noted for information.

11) To consider / resolve whether any Councillors wish to attend the ROSPA day training on the 16th November 2026:

The clerk shared the costs involved for the course and confirmed that it did not financially benefit the Council as the annual inspection would still need to take place. One Councillor had been trained previously and had passed on his knowledge to the volunteers who checked the play areas.
Resolved that there was no interest in attendance at the ROSPA day training course.

12) To consider / resolve any action from the template Emergency Plan provided by one Councillor:

The Emergency template had been previously distributed for information. Emergency planning had been discussed at item 5.

13) To consider attendance at training events available by CALC (copy enclosed):

The clerk advised that following her attendance at recent training, in order to tick Assertion 10 on the audit for 2027 Councillors also needed to have knowledge and evidence of training on Data Protection.
Resolved that one Councillor gave his preferred dates and would attend Data Protection and GDPR part 1, 2 and 3. The clerk would confirm the booking.

14) To receive an update from the Chairman regarding The Meadow and formally minute i) Parnalls Solicitors have been instructed to proceed on the 25th September 2026, ii) £230.00 has been received into the bank in donations:

The Chairman detailed that Linkinhorne Parish Council would still welcome further fundraising ideas from members of the public who were willing to contribute in any way. Any items available to be donated to the raffle to be held at the concert which was to take place at Rilla Mill Village Hall on the 21st November 2026 would be appreciated.
Resolved that there had been and remained a lot to do, one additional Councillor agreed to join the working group and the next working group meeting was due to take place on the 24th November 2026. The clerk would hand deliver the terms of sale received from the seller alongside the personal information required by Parnalls Solicitors and a separate letter which had previously been agreed by the working group. The hand delivery would take place on the 13th October 2026.

15) To note for information the clerk has reported fly tipping at Woodland Rise requested by one member of the public with a reference of CC00247292 which has now been cleared:

This was noted for information.

16) To confirm one member of the public has voluntarily fixed the silver Jubilee bench at Rillaton:

The clerk shared that the bench had now been repaired by a volunteer member of the public.
Resolved that the clerk would send a thankyou letter to the member of the public to thank them for their time.

17) Correspondence as listed:

13/09/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
13/09/2026*	NALC	NALC events newsletter

13/09/2026*	NALC	Chief Executive Bulletin
13/09/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
13/09/2026*	CAP meeting	South West Water Presentation
25/09/2026*	Newsletter	Neighbourhood planning
24/09/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
25/09/2026*	Newsletter	Affordable Housing Team
25/09/2026*	Newsletter	NALC
25/09/2026*	Survey	Let's Talk about Cornwall
25/09/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
30/09/2026*	Devon and Cornwall Police	Parish Councillors meeting
05/10/2026*	Newsletter	The Rural Services Network
05/10/2026*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 2/9/26 to 30/9/26 there has been the following crime - Dog attack on sheep

Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:
PA26/06225 - Beech Cottage, Hillifields, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5BE - Works to Tree within a Conservation Area (TCA) - Fir - Pruning and reshaping.
PA26/05994 – Riverside, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Works to Tree(s) within a Conservation Area (TCA) - T1 - dead ash - to be felled ,T2 - Beech tree - to be felled – Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)
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PA26/05994 – Riverside, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Works to Tree(s) within a Conservation Area (TCA) - Tl - dead ash - to be - felled - Beech tree - to be felled.
PA26/06061 - The Old House, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Application for tree works within a Conservation Area: 1- Mulberry. Cobra cable brace currently in situ. Crown reduction of 1-1.5m. Prune away from neighbouring property to achieve approx 2m clearance and reduce overhang 10% thin to reduce overall weight. T2- Holly. Fell to low stump. T3- Cypress. Evidence Of root heave on driveway. Sectional fell to leave low Stump.
PA26/-6120 - Rosemary Cottage, Henwood, Liskeard, PL14 5BP - Works to trees in a conservation area works include Sycamore tree, Tl on the plan. Reduce the height of the crown overall and remove one or two lower branches to reduce windage as the tree is growing out of the bank and is close to the house.

18) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 8.43pm.