

Linkinhorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 11th September 2023 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr Wallis (Chairman), Cllr Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr Beech, Cllr Hearn, Cllr Hordley, Cllr Martin.

Lena Batten (Clerk)

Members of the public: One.

1) Apologies:

Cllr Russ Hanson.

2) Code of Conduct:

- a) Declarations: Cllr Hearn, Cllr Martin and Cllr Wallis Minute 7 (i).
- b) Grant of dispensation: None

3) Minutes:

Resolved That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 1st August 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4) Public Participation:

PCSO Steve Edser introduced himself and gave an overview of his role in the parish. He reported a current low level of crime but raised concern that there were some unreported crimes which had taken place recently, mainly theft of farmyard machinery. PCSO Edser reported that there had been a few issues with wild camping in the Minions area, ultimately the decision to allow this to go ahead was with the land owner. A majority of wild campers were respectful of the environment, just a few had led to anti social behaviour warnings. PCSO Edser advised that in case of emergencies, what three words was the most appropriate method of identifying a precise location. He reported that during the summer the police had been doing high visual foot patrols in the area to target three main priorities, drugs, speeding and anti social behaviour. He confirmed that any member of the public could pass information onto him via contact with the clerk.

One Councillor raised the concern about children having repeatedly removed the safety pegs holding the goal posts in place at the Jubilee Field.

Resolved that One Councillor and PCSO Edser would arrange to speak with Upton Cross ACE Academy with a view to attending and talking to the pupils about the safety risk. PCSO Edser advised that other children should be reported to him if they were observed removing the pegs.

The meeting thanked PCSO Edser for his attendance and he left the room.

5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

- a) Cornwall Councillor Sharon Daw – Not present.
- b) Councillors –

- i) Councillor Hearn reported the latest Tamar to Moor Community Area Partnership meeting took place last week. At this meeting the overarching priorities were finalised. Member representatives were now in place and over the next few meetings it would be working towards resolving these priorities. The highway priority was currently the A388 and improvements should be able to be observed over the coming months.
- ii) Councillor Wallis reported on behalf of a member of the public who had a planning application agreed in 2022. She confirmed that the member of the public wanted to thank the parish council for their planning application support, and to report that as a result, the gentleman was able to lead a more independent and enriched lifestyle.
- iii) Councillor Wallis also reported that the clerk had now completed her CILCA training successfully. To be noted at the next appraisal.

6) Finance:

- a) Cash flow of accounts / bank reconciliation -

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

- b) Payments –

Resolved That the following payments were approved - i) £592.50 (Josh Gosling Carpentry, Minions WC's), ii) £212.40 (Western Web), iii) £9.50 (paper, clerk), iv) £30.00 (RMVH room hire), v) £343.99 (Corserv UX cleaning July), vi) £343.99 (Corserv Minions cleaning July), vii) £44.28 (Ink, clerk), viii) £15.00 (RMVH room hire), ix) £366.88 (Cormac field maintenance), x) £111.15 Mileage, clerk), xi) £343.99 (Corserv cleaning UX Aug), xii) £343.99 (Corserv cleaning Minions Aug).

- c) Receipts - £559.35 (VAT rebate).

7) Planning:

- a) Planning applications –

PA23/04505 – Construction of a slurry lagoon to accord with government requirements, with associated works – Land west of Highway from Rillaton to Rilla Mill, Callington -

Resolved That Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendation:

Noted that – Councillor Hearn, Councillor Martin and Councillor Wallis declared an interest in the above application by virtue of indirect association however as this application was required due to changes in government legislation and the response returned, no objection took place.

- b) Planning applications received before the meeting –

PA23/07101 – Land adjacent Kenilworth, Uphill, Callington -

Resolved That Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendation:

On the basis of the engineers report Linkinhorne Parish Council were not convinced the building was capable of conversion and structurally sound to convert. If this was the case the correct application should be made for the demolition and rebuild of a new building.

8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

- a) Weekly safety inspections –

- i) No immediate safety issues were highlighted or identified on the safety record.
- ii) Confirmation of the name change from Cormac to Corserv was noted.

- b) Jubilee Field -

- i) The rubber matting not being fitted to date:

Resolved that Following works not being completed the clerk would obtain three further quotes for the fitting of new mulch rubber matting under the swings and slide.

ii) The screws of the bannister of the play house to be tightened:

Resolved that One Cllr had tightened the loose screws. There was still one bannister missing which the Councillor will source and fit.

iii) To note the fitting of the new spring on the gate:

Resolved that One Cllr would complete this week.

iv) To resolve whether stickers should be purchased elsewhere to place on the goal posts warning children of the dangers of removing the goal pegs:

Resolved that clerk would order two stickers for both goals to advise not to remove the pegs, that if this did not resolve the concern the goals would need to be removed. One Councillor would visit the field and re insert the goal pegs this week.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area –

i) To confirm if the plastic cap on the rocking chicken has been fixed:

Resolved that One Councillor had looked at this and did not see that the cap was a concern. The clerk would look at the Wickstead brochure and check this as well.

ii) To obtain feedback from one Councillor who was going to look at the spilt log and see what works were required:

Resolved that One Councillor has looked at the split log, he confirmed it is not a safety issue, there is no movement and it remains supported with metal work. No further action required.

9) Public Conveniences:

a) Minions –

i) To note work to the doors would commence on the 4th September 2023:

It was noted that the toilet cubicles doors would now all lock and the new door frames had been fitted.

ii) To consider a potential date for the working party to discuss next steps regarding the interior renovation of all three cubicles:

A brief discussion took place regarding the works required to include the broken soap dispenser in the ladies, the broken spring in the gents and the keys Corserv hold for the toilet roll dispensers.

Resolved that The clerk would purchase three new toilet roll holders and would keep the keys and fit the rolls as required. One Councillor would source and cost the appropriate paint for the walls, ceilings and floors also any brushes and tape required and return these costs to the next meeting. One Councillor would look at the soap dispenser and toilet cistern and if a plumber was needed, notify the clerk to contact plumbers. Delegated authority was given to the clerk to proceed with a plumber if required.

iii) To discuss the growth around the toilet block to be cleared prior to winter:

Resolved that One Councillor would look at the surrounding outside of the block and feedback.

iv) To note the email sent to Corserv on the 23rd August to complain about the poor standard of hygiene and the response received from Corserv giving apologies:

It was noted that Corserv responded with an apology regarding the lack of toilet roll and poor hygiene levels in all three cubicles.

v) To consider the option of alternative cleaning options:

Resolved that The clerk would send the tender specification for the cleaning of the toilet blocks to the inquirer and review the options for arrangements for future tenders. The clerk would seek guidance regarding legionella testing.

b) Upton Cross –

No reports of concern.

10) Burial Ground:

To consider obtaining further quotes for the removal of the spoil as the last successful quote was unable to complete the work:

Resolved that The clerk would seek three further quotes for the removal of the spoil.

11) To note that the phone box at Minions has been reported to BT with photo's to allow them to assess any health and safety concerns whilst it is waiting to be removed:

It was noted that this took place on the 3rd August 2023. BT confirmed that it had been pending removal since 2020 but could not confirm a date when this would take place.

12) To consider / adopt Linkinhorne Parish Council Discretions Policy:

Resolved that One Councillor would forward an exemplar Discretions Policy, the clerk would then amend accordingly and distribute to all Councillors prior to responding to Cornwall Council.

13) To confirm Linkinhorne Parish Council have re registered with the FSCS as requested:

It was noted that Linkinhorne Parish Council were re registered for protected deposit funds up to the value of £85,000 with the bank.

14) To consider / resolve any registered involvement with D- Day celebrations:

Resolved that All Councillors would read the attached booklet, come up with suggestions and recommendations and item would be listed on the October agenda. One Councillor would contact Rilla Mill Village Hall to confirm their arrangements for celebrations and one Councillor would contact the Caradon Inn. The clerk would speak with the Link and Linkinhorne Parish Hall and all suggestions would be returned to October 2023 meeting.

15) To note that Fields in Trust have been kept fully updated regarding the fence at Jubilee Field:

It was confirmed that Fields in Trust were now aware that a fence had been erected at the bottom of Jubilee Field. It was noted that the fence had not been erected on the boundary however did serve the purpose of keeping the children safer.

16) To feedback information in relation to the option of a dog poo bin being located at Bray Shop with the costs shared between three councils:

Resolved that Linkinhorne Parish Council stated that existing provisions for the disposal of dog faeces existed within the local refuse collection. If the member of the public in question wanted to raise this further, they were directed to Cornwall Council.

17) For information only to note npower have now confirmed closure of the account for the public conveniences sold at Upton Cross:

It was noted that npower confirmed closure of the account as from the 28th July 2023.

18) To resolve the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Day:

Resolved that £50.00 donation would be made to The British Legion for a wreath. The clerk would contact them to order and confirm.

19) To discuss the request by a member of the public to close footpath 16:

Resolved that One Councillor would report the footpath again, that the Parish Council did not have the authority to close the footpath. The clerk would respond to the member of the public informing them to also report the footpath to Cornwall Council.

20) To consider / decide on the request to display artwork posters along the roadside at Upton**Cross:**

Resolved that the clerk would respond to the request to confirm that Linkinhorne Parish Council was not in a position to give permission and they would need to contact Cornwall Highways.

21) Correspondence as listed:

26/07/2023*	The Rural Bulletin	Conference Special: Gemserv confirmed as sponsors
26/07/2023*	NALC	Engaging with local communities through digital engagement
26/07/2023*	Councillor Andrew Long	Callington Newsletter
27/07/2023*	NALC	NALC / LGA launch event to empower individuals to become councillors
01/08/2023*	Devon and Cornwall Police	Councillor Advocate Seminar on Road Safety
01/08/2023*	Agenda	Sub-Area Planning Committee
01/08/2023*	Newsletter	Cornwall Planning newsletter
01/08/2023*	NALC	Engaging with local communities through digital engagement
01/08/2023*	The Localism Team	Homechoice survey
01/08/2023*	PCSO Edser	Since 1/7/23 to 30/7/23 there have been the following crimes disclosed Malicious Communication Online Blackmail
02/08/2023*	Training Plan	Civility and Respect
02/08/2023*	Public Sector Executive	PSE Levelling Up virtual event
05/08/2023*	SLCC news Bulletin	Home Office Affairs Committee Pre-scrutiny on Martyn's Law
05/08/2023*	Agenda	East Sub-Area Planning Committee, Monday, 7th August,
05/08/2023*	Newsletter	Fields in Trust
10/08/2023*	NALC	Engaging with local communities through digital engagement
10/08/2023*	Road closure notification	Henwood
10/08/2023*	Agenda	Strategic Planning Committee,
10/08/2023*	Chief Executive Bulletin	A new webpage dedicated to planning
13/08/2023*	Invite to meeting	Local Area Energy Plan
13/08/2023*	Training available	Addressing Conflict between Employees and Members,
17/08/2023*	NALC	NALC is White Ribbon Accredited
17/08/2023*	Town and Council Parish Newsletter	Local Area Energy Plan events
17/08/2023*	The fourth Annual Government Event	Collaboration, innovation and sustainability

18/08/2023*	Minutes	East Sub-Area Planning Committee, Monday, 7th August,
18/08/2023*	The Rural Digest	Focus on Rural Transport
18/08/2023*	Vacancy	Cornwall Council's Standards Committee
18/08/2023*	Town and Parish Council news briefing	New rubbish, recycling and food waste collection service
20/08/2023*	Chief Executive Bulletin	NALC becomes a White Ribbon Accredited organisation
20/08/2023*	Devon and Cornwall Police	Invitation to the Violence Seminar
23/08/2023*	The Rural Bulletin	Conference Spotlight: A full fibre future for all
23/08/2023*	NALC	NALC opens governance elections
23/08/2023*	CALC	Planning training courses
27/08/2023*	NALC	NALC governance elections are now open!
27/08/2023*	Minutes	East Sub-Area Planning Committee, Monday, 4th September
30/08/2023*	Public Sector Networks	Government boosts use of independent sector capacity to cut NHS waits
30/08/2023*	NALC	Model Financial Regulations
31/08/2023*	PCSO Steve Edser	No disclosable crimes in the area in August
31/08/2023*	Meeting 7 th September	Tamar to moor community partnership
31/08/2023*	Chief Executive Bulletin	NALC launches consultation to update the Model Financial Regulations

NB all timings are approximate and subject to change

Decisions:

PA23/03707 – Approved - Kingscoombe Farm Bray Shop Callington Cornwall PL17 8QJ - Proposal Change of use and conversion of a 'leisure activities' building to a holiday-let dwelling.

PA23/05874 – Application withdrawn – Bruffs, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT - Proposal Works to trees under a tree preservation order (TPO) namely: Evergreen.

PA23/00934 - Closed - advice given - Land Adjacent To Utility Track, Rilla Mill, Cornwall - Proposal Exception notice for works to remove an Ash tree suffering from Ash dieback.

PA23/04582 – Approved -Sterts Arts And Entertainment Centre, Upton Cross, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 5AZ - Proposal The erection of a steel-frame structure to cover the seating and stage areas (replacing the previous steel-frame and fabric canopy structure). The proposal includes a new privacy and weather screen and solar panels.

Notifications:

PA23/06205 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area – Bruffs, Rilla Mill, Callington, PL17 7NT – Removal of weeping conifer.

PA23/05844 - Alma Cottage, Rilla Mill - Email confirmation received to state that the monkey puzzle tree is not the tree they plan to work on, it is the Pittosporum as indicated in the application. Decision not to make a TPO.

22) Close of Business: The meeting closed at 21.13pm.

