

# Linkinhorne Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm at Rilla Mill Village Hall, Rilla Mill

### Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Cllr M. Corfield (Vice Chairman), Cllr S. Beech, Cllr C. Hearn, Cllr D. Heritage, Cllr C. Hordley, Cllr B. Martin.

Lena Batten (Clerk)

Members of the public: None

#### 1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr K. Wallis (Chairman) and Cllr R. Hanson.

#### 2) Code of Conduct:

a) Declarations: None.

b) Grant of dispensation: Cllr B. Martin Item 5.

#### 3) Minutes:

**Resolved that** subject to the amendment of Item 13, that the Cllr was not directly referring to under-representation in the village of Bray Shop but to the whole rural area beyond Kersbrook Cross to include Bray Shop and subject to the amendment of Item 14, that the sum of £40,000 was deposited and not invested, the Minutes of the previous meeting of Linkinhorne Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**4) Public Participation:** No members of the public were in attendance.

#### 5) Reports from and matters of concern to:

a) Cornwall Councillor Sharon Daw – Not present.

b) Councillors – Cllr B. Martin gave a brief report regarding the general concerns about the structural safety and continuing deterioration of The Cheesewring Hotel following the fire. Members of the public were raising concern that there was confusion regarding the lack of progress being made to date. The building was located within a World Heritage Site and an area of outstanding natural beauty and it could not be confirmed if there was any public liability insurance on the building. Cllr B. Martin proceeded to confirm that she had recently completed a tour of the parish with the new Councillor and noticed the Jubilee Seat on Minions Green required repair. Finally, it was reported that it was evident the allotment holders were investing significant amounts of time and finances into their allotments. It was a concern that the Parish Council were only able to obtain an annual agreement with the land owners hence one year's notice could be given at any time having a substantial impact upon all their hard work.

**Resolved that** Cllr B. Martin would email the clerk further details regarding The Cheesewring Hotel. One Councillor volunteered to look to repair the bench on Minions Green and was thanked by the Vice Chairman.

#### 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 Vice Chairman.

b) Payments -

**Resolved that** the following payments were approved proposed by Cllr S. Beech, seconded by Cllr C. Hearn with all in favour:

i) £128.70 (mileage, clerk), ii) £2.40 (Postage, clerk), iii) £343.99 (Corserv, Minions, Feb), iv) £343.99 (Corserv, UX, Feb), v) £733.75 (Cormac, field maintenance).

c) Receipts -

i) £19.80 (vodaphone refund), ii) £1006.00 (Aviva Insurance).

d) To note for information that CCLA are processing the application however are unable to hold cheques -

It was noted for information that CCLA were unable to hold the cheque whilst they processed the application therefore had sent evidence of the destroyed cheque and would request a further cheque upon completion of the application process.

e) To note for information Zoom subscription renewal is due 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Noted for information.

## 7) Planning:

a) Planning applications –

**Resolved that** Linkinhorne Parish Council made the following recommendations:

i) PA23/10252 – The Green, Netherton, Upton Cross, PL14 5BD – Retrospective application for office extension – Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objections to the application, proposed Cllr S. Beech, seconded Cllr, C. Hordley. Cllr C. Hearn and Cllr B. Martin abstained.

b) Planning applications received before the meeting –

i) PA23/09394 – Land North West of Kenilworth, Uphill, PL17 7PB – Permission in principle for one infill dwelling on previously developed land – Linkinhorne Parish Council stated that the agreement was that it was a requirement of the neighbourhood development planning process that it was in conformity with the local plan therefore in the unlikely event that after approval there was a conflict between the two documents, it was the Parish Council's understanding that the Local Plan would take precedence.

ii) PA24/01893 – Land at Churchtown Farm, Linkinhorne, PL17 7LY – Hedgerow removal notice – to provide access to a newly purchased block and ground including for combine – Linkinhorne Parish Council had no objection subject to the County Land agent confirming suitability for the purpose indicated, proposed Cllr C. Hearn, seconded Cllr S. Beech with all in favour.

## 8) Play equipment and recreational areas:

a) Weekly safety inspections –

It was noted that no new issues had arisen following weekly safety inspections. A new rota had been distributed for the next four month period to be completed. One Councillor would be meeting with the clerk and the new Councillor at the play area to explain the process of the visual inspection on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and they could then be added to the rota.

b) Jubilee Field -

i) To consider / resolve the potential clearing of the ditch –

Two Councillors reported that they had rodded the drain at the Jubilee Field but were unable to confirm it was cleared. It was agreed that the options were to do nothing as spring was approaching, to seek professional drainage clearance or to remove the pipe work completely and allow the water to flow in the ditch.

**Resolved that** the clerk would obtain three quotes for a professional inspection of the pipe and would list these on the next agenda.

ii) The bottom of one leg on one of the benches had rotted –

**Resolved that** one Councillor would seek to assess and confirm if this could be repaired.

iii) To note for information the ROSPA inspection was due to take place in April –  
This was noted for information.

iv) To resolve the received quotes for the removal of the undergrowth along the hedge –  
The clerk had only been able to obtain the one quote at a cost of £160.00.

**Resolved that** the quote was accepted, the clerk would inform the contractor to proceed with the work as soon as weather permitted.

v) To resolve the received quotes for the repair of the gazebo roof –

A discussion took place regarding the quote received for repair of the roof with wood and with felt. It was agreed that felt was the more viable option. The clerk confirmed she had contacted numerous contractors but had only received one quote to date. One Councillor suggested the option of application of a lottery grant and a brief discussion was held.

**Resolved that** One Councillor would apply for lottery funding to repair the gazebo roof, she would also include application for the bus shelter roof in Rilla Mill and to replace / replace the bench on Minions Green.

c) Rilla Mill Play Area -

i) The clerk stated that as requested from the last meeting, she had contacted the land owner of the area where the BT box was situated opposite the play area in Parsons Meadow and he had confirmed that there were no safety concerns regarding the BT box.

#### **9) Public Conveniences:**

a) Minions –

The next steps required to renovate the public conveniences at Minions were discussed including costs involved and potential replacement of the toilet roll holders.

**Resolved that** the Vice Chairman would proceed and purchase the equipment required, one Councillor had volunteered to start work. One toilet cubicle would be completed at a time, to allow for the public conveniences to remain open. The clerk confirmed that she had been unable to track down the toilet roll holder keys with Corserve therefore one Councillor would look to see if the locks could be removed from the current toilet roll holders as they were more robust than the new holders which had been purchased.

b) Upton Cross –

No reports of concern.

#### **10) Burial Ground:**

No reports.

#### **11) To note for information the decision in part to grant consent works under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 for Application ref: COM/3319558 Land at Caradon Hill:**

It was noted for information the decisions relating to works under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 for application COM/3319558. Consent was granted for permanent works so far as they relate to fencing around the disused mine shaft (near Wheal Tor). Consent was refused for works so far as they relate to the built mining structures. (fencing around the 2 engine houses at Wheal Jenkins on Caradon hill opposite Duchy Terrace Minions). One Councillor reported that the Planning Inspector had pointed out that Scheduled Monument Consent was also needed as far as the 2 engine houses were concerned.

#### **12) To discuss / resolve joining Cornwall Council's online training portal at a cost of £35.00 per delegate:**

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the clerk would be the most appropriate person to take advantage of the above.

**Resolved that** the clerk would email with a view to enrolment.

**13) To resolve next steps following Fields in Trust correspondence in relation to the potential purchase via a Deed of Dedication, by the Parish Council of the Jubilee Field:**

A conversation took place regarding the advantage and disadvantage of purchasing via a Deed of Dedication, the second half of the Jubilee Field from Fields in Trust as suggested. It was concluded that there was no specific advantage to the Parish and there was potential significant cost involved as the council would need to instruct a solicitor.

**Resolved that** the clerk would respond to Fields in Trust to confirm that at this present time, the Parish Council were not in a financial position to proceed.

**14) To confirm the date of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for Linkinhorne Annual Parish Meeting at Linkinhorne Parish Hall:**

**Resolved that** the date of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 was confirmed to take place at Linkinhorne Parish Hall with a start time of 7.00pm.

**15) To consider / resolve the use of the Jubilee Field as an overflow for the Horticultural Committee to expand the show on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:**

**Resolved that** Linkinhorne Parish Council proposed Cllr B. Martin, seconded Cllr C. Hearn, with all in favour that they were in agreement subject to the usual conditions including no vehicles on the field, the session was free and open to all, members of the public were not obstructed from using the field, any rubbish was removed and insurance was in place.

**16) To note one member of the public raising concern that the six chalets behind the Manor House in Rilla Mill have not been occupied since August 2021 and were falling into a state of disrepair:**

Information was shared to raise concern that the chalets were falling into a poor state, the information confirmed that the owners of the properties were "LiveWest" who had reported previously that the accommodation was not suitable for them to rent out. There was a planning application in February 2024 to reuse them as holiday homes however this was refused as Cornwall Council considered them to be suitable for Live West clientele. The chalets have been unoccupied for approximately two to three years and the location of them is encouraging anti social behaviour in the local community and continued disrepair.

**Resolved that** the clerk would write to the Enforcement Team of Cornwall Council to report the untidy and potential dangerous condition of the properties and request they took action under Town and Country Planning Act 1990, section 215 to ensure the safety of the site. The clerk would write to the local PCSO to report the alleged anti social behaviour and the potentially dangerous site.

**17) To consider / resolve potential repairs to the bus shelter at Rilla Mill:**

Photographs of the poor condition of the bus shelter were shared and views were shared.

**Resolved that** one Councillor and the clerk would attempt to clear the ivy over the next couple of weeks. The clerk would obtain quotes for the replacement of the felt on the roof. One Councillor was going to apply for a lottery fund grant and would incorporate the cost of the roof within this application.

**18) Correspondence as listed:**

07/02/2024*	NALC	The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of social
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		media in the local council sector
09/02/2024*	Martyn's Law	Standard Tier Consultation Webinar
12/02/2024*	The Town and Parish Newsletter	Expressions of interest for new electric vehicle charging points
19/02/2024*	Cornwall Rural Community Charity	Clean Cornwall Newsletter
21/02/2024*	Cornwall Council	Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
26/02/2024*	Minutes	East Sub-Area Planning Committee, Monday, 19th February
28/02/2024*	Positive Planning	Cornwall Planning Partnership
28/02/2024*	Newsletter	Fields in Trust
01/03/2024*	PCSO Steve Edser	Since 1/2/24 to 29/2/24 criminal Damage, Assault, Dog out of control, Theft
01/03/2024*	CALC	Invitation to join Cornwall Planning Partnership
01/03/2024*	Cornwall Council	Neighbourhood planning newsletter.
01/03/2024*	Tamar to Moor Documents	Community Area Partnership Meeting 7th March 2024

NB all timings are approximate and subject to change

**Decisions forwarded by Cornwall Council:**

**PA24/00309** - Land At Churchtown Farm Linkinhorne Callington PL17 7LY - Proposal Prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for: Agricultural shed for fodder produced on the 350 acres we farm and machinery storage - Prior approval not required.

**PA23/01325** – Land North of Bracken Heath, Minions, Cornwall, PL14 5LE - Proposal Pre-application advice for 2 (No.) local need dwellings and new access - Closed - advice given.

**PA24/00166** – Tregarren, Rilla Mil, Callington, PL17 7NT - Proposal Exception Notice to fell dangerous Fir tree leaning over neighbour's property PRE Planning Permission Not required.

**PA23/10227** – Mengleth, Minions Liskeard Cornwall PL14 5LE - Proposal Application for a Lawful Development - Certificate for proposed construction of a new galvanised steel and glass balcony to replace the existing first floor Juliet balcony and construction of a new garden gazebo-type 'breeze' house – application withdrawn.

**PA24/00043** - Great Lanhargy Farm Bray Shop Callington Cornwall PL17 8QJ - Proposal conversion/change of use of two barns to three dwellings, including erection of extensions, demolition of parts of Barn 4, together with the formation of a new farm access track and the change of use of land to residential – application withdrawn.

**Notifications forwarded by Cornwall Council:**

**PA23/10252** – The Green, Netherton, Upton Cross, Liskeard, PL14 5BD – Retrospective application for office extension.

**PA24/01279** – 2 Phoenix Cottages, Minions, Liskeard, PL14 5LJ – Works to trees in a conservation area to include fell Larch tree.

**26) Close of Business:** The meeting closed at 20.44

