

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2007**

PRESENT The Worshipful The Mayor Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth.
The Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Jones. Councillors D.A. Abbiss, R.C. Facey, C.L.
Jewels, V.A. May, Hon. Burgess A.W. Nicholls, D.L. Parsons, J.H. Pegg, J.A.K.
Riche, C.D. Robson, P. Watkins, S.M. Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE The Town Clerk

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillors A.J. Daniell, R.W.
Kear, P. Sweet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made by

Cllr. C.L. Jewels Agenda item 13.3
Cllr. V.A. May Agenda items 13.3 and 14.4
Cllr. A.W. Nicholls Agenda item 12 in its entirety

The meeting was suspended to take questions from the public.

QUESTION TIME

- Q. Has the Council considered becoming a Fair Trade Town Council?
- A. No, but we would be happy to look into it.
- Q. Why was a planning application not given proper consideration?
- A. We considered the overall application on its merits and felt it was not suitable for that particular location.
- Q. At the last Forum meeting play provision was on the agenda. Would the Town Council welcome leading a community partnership on play provision? The Forum would undertake the associated work in sourcing funds.
- A. This will be discussed at the next F&GP meeting.

The meeting was resumed

38/07 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Neil Renowden presented the report.

There were 9 reported crimes during February, compared to 16 in 2006. 1 assault, 2 house burglary, 4 vehicle crime, 1 theft, 1 criminal damage.

PCSO Renowden asked the Council to consider putting forward to the Senior Licensing Officer at Restormel any areas it would like to see designated as no drinking areas. It was requested that Council minutes are emailed to PCSO Renowden and it was agreed that this will be done.

39/07 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Bain sent her apologies and had emailed her report which was read to the meeting. Items relevant to Lostwithiel were

- With regard to the Local Government Reform agenda I understand that there has recently been a meeting between Leaders and Chief Executives of the 5 Districts and County Council, and it was agreed to wait until we know whether Cornwall will be selected to move ahead with its bid for a Unitary. North Cornwall declined to be included again.
- You will have heard that the County Council agreed an increase of 4.99% in Council Tax. The amendment proposed by the Conservative Group that a panel should be set up to look into the out of control and constant increase in staffing of the County Council was opposed.
- You will be aware that I am not a member of the majority party, and I would like you to know that it is extremely difficult for the remaining three groups to have any influence on decisions being made within Cornwall County Council.
- I expect you have been informed of the resurfacing to Grenville Road. Included at the same time will be the pavement build-out discussed on our tour last Autumn with the Divisional and Area Surveyors. Meanwhile there is still some concern with regard to the excessive lorry traffic that will come about with the development of the boat market site.

40/07 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Nicholls reported

- Regarding the bid for Unitary which has been put in the six District Councils could not agree and only four supported it. This means the bid submitted will be looked at in a different light.
- Elections. It is imperative that there is an election in Lostwithiel to ensure that we get more power to do things.
- The annual inspection from the Standards Inspector has taken place and everything is up to standard.
- Four Lostwithiel organisations have been given grants.

41/07 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th February 2007 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Nicholls. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

Matters arising dealt with In Committee - see last item in these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

43/07 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES held on 20th February 2007. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. May. Seconded Cllr. Jewels. All in favour.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

44/07 LOSTWITHIEL FOOTBALL CLUB attended by Cllr. Watkins on 1st March. He had been invited to attend as Chairman of the Lands and Parks Committee. The Groundsman from Wadebridge inspected the pitch on 24th February and found it to be in excellent condition and there was no reason why football could not be played on it. The area has been marked out and they are hoping to play the first home game on 31st March. There is a Lands and Parks meeting on 12th March where this can be discussed. A formal letter will be sent by the Club requesting a Council representative for its committee.

45/07 C.A.L.C. AGM attended by The Town Clerk at County Hall on Saturday 10th February 2007. The Code of Conduct is being amended as it has been realised that the Code does not work in all areas and the aim is to simplify it. It is hoped that the revised Code will be available by the time of the elections in May. The White Paper was discussed during the afternoon. The bid submitted by Cornwall County Council is in three volumes and available in the office if anyone wishes to read it. A copy of the bid submitted by the District Councils is also in the office. However, North Cornwall District Council and Restormel Borough Council have not supported this bid and it therefore covers four Districts out of the six. It was made clear that if unitary status is granted, no Town or Parish Council will be forced to take on anything they are not comfortable doing. It could therefore be that everything will continue as at present, but if the opportunity is offered to us to have more involvement in what happens locally it would seem foolish to turn it down.

46/07 PLANNING

07/00342 T.P.O. copper beech tree 31 Grenville Road. Mr. & Mrs. Wills. **Supported.** Proposed Cllr. Facey. Seconded Cllr. Riche. All in favour.

07/00317 Additional bedroom en-suite and study to rear of 10 Knights Court. Mr. A. Philp. **Supported** but mention will be given to our concern regarding surplus water run-off. Need to ensure there is no threat to any other property. Proposed Cllr. Jones. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson. All in favour.

47/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The organisers of Lostwithiel Festival on 13th May have requested that The Mayor's Parlour is open and someone on hand to show people around. They have been informed that as this is the day of our Civic Service and lunch there will be nobody available to do this. They have further requested that exhibitors are permitted to park in Coulson Park on the grass on the right hand side of the park. It was felt that if the ground is wet it will be damaged. It will be suggested that they as if the milk factory site can accommodate them for parking purposes.

2. Duke of Edinburgh Award Group have offered 36 trees for planting in the Town. The offer will be accepted and the Lands and Parks Committee will decide where they should be planted.
3. The Rotary Club of Lostwithiel has requested, as part of Carnival Week, to use KGV for a six-a-side cricket competition on the Monday. There will also be a barbecue and bar to help pay for the evening. There will have to be a fee charged and this will be discussed at Lands and Parks and passed to F&GP for approval. **Supported.** Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Facey. All in favour.

48/07 OTHER MATTERS

1. Mayor 2007-2008. It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Jones and seconded by Councillor C.L. Jewels that Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth should be Mayor for 2007-2008. Voted unanimously in favour. Cllr. Peareth accepted.
2. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 24th April 2007 at 7.30p.m. in The Guildhall.
3. Police Liaison Meeting to be held 12th March at Newquay Tretherras School.
4. S.W. Water's most recent communication was read to the meeting. After lengthy debate during which the Mayor explained the tide times with regard to the recent flooding it was recommended that a letter is sent to S.W. Water asking for a representative to come to speak to the Council. Also a letter will be sent to the Environment Agency asking for action to be taken against S.W. Water.
5. Local Council Elections will take place on 3rd May. The Town Clerk will arrange for nomination packs to be sent to existing Councillors in accordance with their requirements.
6. Forum/Station Building. The estimate for the refurbishment of the building is £15,000 (not £6,000 as reported at last month's meeting). The Forum has a promise of £5,000 from C.C. Rail Partnership as long as they can at least match that sum from other sources. They have asked whether the Council could donate £500 if necessary. **It was agreed** that this could be done. Proposed Cllr. Wilkinson. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.
7. *Non agenda item for information only.* The Mayor met with Ed Veerman to look at the trees and the path to be cut at the end of Coulson Park. In the area of the overhead power cables, someone has pared some of the trees down and made quite a mess. To tidy the area will cost about £1,000. We were not asked for permission for this work to be done. A letter will be sent to Western Power telling them to sort it out and if it is not done within fourteen days of the date of our letter we will get the work done and invoice them accordingly plus 10% to cover administration costs.

49/07 FINANCE

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Clarity Copiers (quarterly charge)	£42.65
Cornwall & Devon Media (tender notice)	£59.34
E.H. Veerman (grass, KGV)	£58.75
Zurich Municipal (insurance premium)	£6,781.44
Duchy Timber (hardware)	£20.52
K. Hards (grave digging)	£225.00
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£797.09
Cash	£30.00
Salaries as agreed	
Town Clerk (travelling expenses to Stoke on Trent)	£247.20
Eclipse Internet (by Direct Debit)	£14.99
S.W. Water (by Direct Debit)	£20.00

Proposed Cllr. Jones. Seconded Cllr. Riche. All in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Jewels that in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

IN COMMITTEE

50/07 34/07 Parking, Quay Street, arising from the meeting held on 6th February 2007. The meeting with the previously used solicitor did not take place as we were advised by the legal department at Restormel that the best course is to send another letter and repeat it annually in order to show that we still have ownership of the land. This however does not resolve the problem. Cllr. Nicholls will consult Restormel's legal department again.

51/07 Good Citizen and Youth Citizen. Various suggestions were made for Good Citizen but one person was unanimously approved. The person will be approached by The Mayor and the matter made public at next month's meeting. A Youth Citizen will not be nominated. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson. All in favour.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.