

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2007**

PRESENT The Worshipful The Mayor Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Jones. Councillors D.A. Abbiss, Mrs. P. Jarrett, C.L. Jewels, V.A. May, Hon. Burgess A.W. Nicholls, D.L. Parsons, Mrs. G.M. Parsons, J.H. Pegg, C.D. Robson, M. Stead, R. Warwick, P. Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE The Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen.

PRAYERS The Council was led in prayer by The Mayor

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillors P. Sweet and Mrs. S.M. Wilkinson and Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Alison Munro-Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made by

The Worshipful The Mayor	Item 12.3 (School Governor)
Cllr. Warwick	Item 12.3 (Committee Member)
	Item 15 (May become involved)
Cllr. Stead	Item 12.3 (Committee Member)
Cllr. Jewels	Item 15 (RBC Planning Committee Member)

The meeting was suspended to take questions from the public and to receive the Police Report.

- Mrs. Fraser thanked everyone who attended the Heritage Meeting.
- Mrs. Breckon of the Forum gave an update on the station building.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Neil Renowden reported that there had been 7 reported crimes during September 1 criminal damage to vehicle, 4 thefts, 2 criminal damage. This compared to 15 in September 2006. A scheme called A name for every neighbourhood has been launched giving people the chance to tell the police about problems affecting quality of life in the community. Forms are available in the Post Office. The PACT, Police and Community Together scheme will have a local committee for each area. The Mayor is one of the 14 members of the local committee. It will work in partnership with other agencies with an aim to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

132/07 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Mrs. Bain gave a comprehensive report including the following points.
- County Council participating fully with senior officers of the District Councils regarding new Unitary Council for Cornwall.

- Decision on LGR for elections for the new Unitary Council to be held in May 2009 to give Boundary Commission time to make any necessary changes. Decision on number of Councillors still to be made.
- Have had to abandon a scheme under the minor road improvements budget and now have funds available to undertake any other small schemes which may be necessary.

133/07 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Jewels reported that

- Various complaints have been received about motor scooters being ridden through Monmouth Lane and also youngsters on skate boards and a request has been made to County for the gates to be reinstated.
- The change to a unitary authority needs to be as efficient as possible. Initially a joint committee will be set up representative of all Councils consisting of 24 members, 12 from County and 2 from each of the Districts.
- There is some money available for platy areas which should be easier to access than other schemes. It would be beneficial if we could put together a scheme as soon as possible to request funding. Cllr. Pegg has already submitted a report.

134/07 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2007 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. May. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

135/07 Planning 11th September. One amendment delete Cllr. Sweet from list of those present and substitute Cllr. Stead. The amendment was made and initialled by The Mayor and Town Clerk. The Minutes were then approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. Jones.

136/07 Lands and Parks 12th September. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. May. Seconded Cllr. Peareth. All in favour.

MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

137/07 Police Liaison Meeting attended by Cllr. Jewels at Fraddon. The meeting was not very well attended and there was nothing significant to report.

138/07 One Cornwall meeting by Cornwall County Council at Pelynt on 1st October attended by The Mayor and The Town Clerk. The meeting was well attended and they appear to have taken note of various concerns raised at the last meeting, prior to the bid being accepted. The question of boundary changes was discussed and they seem to have taken notice of what has been said previously. This is ongoing and many more meetings will follow.

139/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Rev. Fred Stevens thanking the Town Council for the donation towards the church spire.
2. C.C.C. advising that the pedestrian count carried out at the Cott Road junction on A390 was too low to warrant the installation of a controlled crossing.
3. Lostwithiel School seeking the support of the Council to close Bodmin Hill to traffic between 8.35a.m. and 9a.m. Monday to Friday in order for the children to be walked up the hill to school in groups. After considerable discussion it was decided that whilst we support any safety initiative we cannot support this request and that the school should look at other ways of achieving their aim. Proposed Cllr. Jarrett. Seconded Cllr. May. All in favour.

140/07 OTHER MATTERS

1. Skate Ramp Agreement was given its annual review and it was agreed that all is in order and it should continue. Proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Watkins. All in favour.
2. Councillors were reminded that budget requirements for 2008-09 are needed by the third week in November.
3. A meeting of the Lands and Parks Committee was arranged for 23rd October at 7.30p.m. in the Town Clerk's office.

141/07 FINANCE

1. The following schedule was approved for payment

K. Hards (grave)	£18.50
Clarity Copiers (software)	£70.50
Wicksteed Leisure (swing)	£3,787.03
Duchy Timber (hardware)	£5.03
Western Web (computer)	£569.88
Maggies Flowers (bouquet)	£15.00
E.H. Veerman (grass)	£232.65
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£851.58
Inland Revenue	£713.18
Cash	£30.00
Salaries as agreed	
Eclipse Internet (D/D)	£14.99
S.W. Water (D/D)	£20.00

Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Abbiss. All in favour.

2. **Internet Banking.** The Town Clerk requested permission to use internet banking to access statements and transfer monies between accounts. The necessary form had been obtained from Barclays. **Approved.** Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Abbiss. All in favour. This will be set up as soon as possible.

Cllr. Nicholls arrived at 8.20p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. Jones 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. Seconded Cllr. Robson.

IN COMMITTEE

- 142/07 Affordable Housing.** Following from the meeting with Tony Lee on 17th September it was resolved that we wish to be included in the scheme. Proposed Cllr. Jones. Seconded Cllr. Stead. All in favour.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55p.m.