

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2007**

PRESENT The Worshipful The Mayor Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth.
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, P.
Sweet, R. Warwick, P. Watkins, Mrs. S.M. Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE The Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen

PRAYERS The Council was led in prayer by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Alison
Munro-Smith.

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Deputy Mayor Cllr. M. Jones.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Q. Is the Council aware of the large pot holes which have reappeared in the car park?

A. Yes. The matter is already in hand to be dealt with.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Neil Renowden reported that there had been 15 reported crimes during August,
4 assault, 4 vehicle crimes, 3 theft, 1 drink/drive, 3 criminal damage. This compared
to 9 in August 2006. It is not know if the rise in reported crimes is because more are
happening or because more are being reported. The issue with the pavement outside
Lostwithiel Antiques is being dealt with by Highways and if they fail to remove the
items from the pavement then Highways will take them away. Still trying to contact
the Fire Station re vehicles blocking roads.

The meeting was resumed.

123/07 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bain was unable to attend but had sent an email to the Town Clerk giving
her apologies as she was at a planning meeting at Restormel on which she
could not be substituted.

- An article for inclusion in the September Newsletter was read to the
meeting by The Town Clerk which set out the reasons why Mrs. Bain is
unable to attend meetings and why she feels it is in the interests of the
Town for her to be on both the County and Borough Councils.
- Notes on a briefing held at County hall on the Approach to Implementation
of Unified Council were read to the meeting. Town and Parish Councils
are to have further briefings. Additional work will not be put upon
Councils unless they want it. Election could take place in April 2008. It is
hoped the number of County Councillors will be increased from 82 to 164.

If the election is in 2008 82 Councillors will stand until 2013. If the election is in 2009 the Boundary Commission should have time to sort the Electoral Districts and the Unified Council can commence with 164 Councillors to serve a 4 year term. The decision will be made on 27th September.

124/07 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Jewels reported that

- August is a quiet month with many people on holiday and the number of meetings kept to a minimum
- Planning Training sessions are coming up (of which all Councillors have been sent details) and it would be useful if all members of the newly formed Planning Committee could attend as many as possible.
- Unitary is going to be interesting, particularly for planning and licensing as it is difficult to see how County will handle these for areas where the members have no local knowledge.

125/07 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th August 2007 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

126/07 Footpaths 28th August 2007. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

127/07 Playgrounds 28th August 2007. The Mayor queried minute 24/07 recommending the purchase of a “bouncy animal on a spring *after consultation with toddler group....*” It was agreed that the wording “after consultation with toddler group....” was incorrect and it was deleted from the minutes and signed by The Mayor and Town Clerk. The minutes were then approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. Watkins. All in favour.

MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

128/07 Forum 29th August attended by Cllr. Mrs. Parsons.

- The Community Regeneration Officer for Restormel spoke on her role to help the rural areas re community and parish planning. Also to unlock potential funding and opportunities via grant schemes.
- Funds for new play equipment in the offing.
- NPFA is now called Fields in Trust with the aim to improve children’s playgrounds and leisure areas for the elderly.
- No further news on Duchy Palace
- Station Building was started on 29th August and will take one month to complete. The shelter on the up platform will be brand new of stainless steel and perspex. Seats in the waiting room will be replaced. The project will be a 15 year lease with Network Rail.

- Shirehall Moor is well towards completion.
- There will be a Heritage Project meeting on September 24th at 7.30p.m. in the Church Hall.

129/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mrs. Barbara Fraser advising that a Characterisation Survey of Lostwithiel will be undertaken funding by the National Lottery. The purpose is to discover as much about the historic development of the town as possible. The first public meeting has been scheduled for Monday 24th September at 7.30p.m. in the Church Rooms and it is hoped that Councillors will be able to attend.
2. Camel Vale Motor Cycle Road Trial wish to use Tanhouse Lane leading to Pats Lane on 4th November 2007. This was **approved**. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. May. All in favour.
3. S.E. Coast Community Consultative Meeting will be held on 13th September at 7p.m. in Luxulyan Village Hall.
4. Police Liaison meeting will be at Fraddon Village Hall on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30p.m. Cllr. Jewels will try to attend.
5. Heritage Lottery Fund information day 18th September, St. John's Methodist Church, St. Austell, commencing 9.45a.m.

130/07 OTHER MATTERS

1. Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2007 was completed and approved. It will now be submitted to the Audit Commission by 10th September. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Sweet. All in favour.
2. The flag pole at the memorial needs a new lanyard. The Mayor will deal with it.
3. Environment Agency has now looked at the situation regarding flooding and everything will be cleaned out. They were called out recently to a property in Tanhouse Road which regularly floods and it was discovered that the reason for this problem has been that a broom head and plastic bag had been causing a blockage and thus causing the flooding of the property. This will be checked regularly but it is hoped that there will be no more problems.
4. St. Bartholomew's Church has launched an appeal for help in funding the necessary repairs to the church tower and spire. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Parsons and seconded by Cllr. Pegg that a donation of £100 be made. However an amendment was proposed by Cllr. Jewels and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that the donation should be £500. Voted 13 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried. This donation will be made under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. The next meeting of the Lands and Parks Committee will be on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30p.m. in Edgcumbe House.

Non agenda item for information only. The Planning Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m. in The Guildhall, not the second Monday as previously advised.

Councillor Nicholls arrived at 8.10p.m.

131/07 FINANCE

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Maggies Flower Shop (bouquet)	£18.50
Clarity Copiers (quarterly charge)	£35.21
Duchy Timber (hardware)	£45.01
B.E. White (accounting fee)	£275.00
Chubb (annual service)	£332.06
R.B.C. (rates)	£953.00
Ruralnet UK (annual fee)	£58.75
K. Hards (grave digging)	£450.00
R.H. & M.H. Truscott (fencing)	£910.63
Eclipse Internet (D/D)	£14.99
BT (D/D)	£73.00
E.H. Veerman (grass cutting)	£1552.18
E.H. Veerman (hedge trimming & weed spraying)	£1398.25
E.H. Veerman (tree removal)	£164.50
Cash	£30.00
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£885.33
Salaries as agreed	
Scribe 2000 (accounts software)	£20.00

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.