

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2008**

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, D.L. Parsons, Mrs. G.M. Parsons, J.H. Pegg, C.D. Robson, M. Stead, 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 Hon. Burgess Cllr. A.W. Nicholls and Cllr. P. Sweet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Jewels Agenda item 14 and the adoption of the Minutes of the Planning Committee
Cllr. Abbiss Agenda item 14

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

Q. Is there any possibility of the footbridge over the railway being replaced?

A. This is the responsibility of Network Rail. Perhaps a petition would be a good idea.

Q. Could a store for kayaks be built on the river bank?

A. Cannot build on the river bank.

Q. Would there be Council support to a proposal to employ a youth worker for Oasis?

A. Good idea. We would be happy to assist in any way. Two Councillors indicated that they would be willing to help.

Q. Could a speed limit be introduced in Coulson Park and possible speed bumps.

A. There is a 20mph limit in place. There were speed bumps but they had to be removed. The road through the Park is highway.

POLICE REPORT

There were 22 reported crimes in December compared to 9 last year. 2 other burglary, 1 theft of vehicle, 9 other vehicle crimes (8 criminal damage and 1 theft from), 1 other theft 1 drink/drugs/public order, 7 criminal damage. PCSO Neil Renowden said that the increases are disappointing as over the past months police have identified offenders in a number of other crimes and offenders have been charged to court and been on evening/night time curfews. Enquiries are being made into all of the reports of damage and a number of them have been linked. A pub and licensed premises watch scheme has been set up involving all public houses and clubs and shops that have an off-license facility. A number of bans have already been put in place and photographs will soon be provided to each of the members to assist staff in identifying the banned persons.

The meeting was reconvened.

1/08 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Due to the Christmas and New Year break Mrs. Bain had nothing to report as the Implementation Group has yet again had its meeting postponed.

2/08 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Jewels reported that also due to Christmas and New Year there has not been much happening at Restormel.

- Joint implementation team meets re unitary and are discussing visions of what they think should be done.
- New Leader is Dame Anette Egerton DBE
- Chief Executive, Gareth Pinwell, is leaving next month.

3/08 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2007 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Jarrett. Seconded Cllr. Jewels. All in favour.

4/08 MATTERS ARISING

Lighting in Guildhall and heating in Edgcumbe House have been looked at and we await a quote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5/08 Corporate Property 5th December. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson. All in favour.

6/08 Planning 11th December. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. May. All in favour.

7/08 Finance 4th January 2008. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor, **including the re-adoption of Financial Regulations** with one amendment. 11 b) (i) to read £2,000 instead of £1,000. proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Abbiss. All in favour.

8/08 OTHER MATTERS

1. **Standing Orders.** Amendments as circulated were discussed and approved with the addition to Appendix A, Corporate Property Inspect and advise on maintenance of the Church Clock. Review annually all Council assets. It was proposed by Cllr. Robson and seconded by Cllr. Jewels that subject to the amendments as discussed **Standing Orders are re-adopted for the current year.** All in favour.
2. Road closure Duke Street 19th February for the replacement of overhead cables.
3. Road Closure Bodmin Hill 4th February for not more than 2 weeks for resurfacing.

4. Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Details in the office if any Councillor wishes to attend.
5. **Precept 2008-2009.** Cllr. Jones explained the calculations showing that the requirement is £50,512 which is an increase of 12.01% or £5.20 per annum on a Band D property. Proposed Cllr. Pegg and seconded Cllr. Mrs. Parsons. All in favour. The Mayor expressed thanks to Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Sweet for their hard work in setting the precept.

Non Agenda items for information only.

6. SE Coast meeting to be held Tuesday 29th January at Golant Village Hall at 7pm.
7. A member of the public called at the office today to congratulate the Council on the cleanliness of the Town on New Year's Day and to thank The Town Man, Brian Chapman, for doing an excellent job.
8. **Annual Audit.** The Audit for 2006-07 has been completed and we have a clear report.
9. Car Park potholes. The Mayor gave an update. Town Man will fill them in once again this week, weather permitting, and we have a sign in place showing it is a temporary surface. A contractor has been contacted and we are awaiting an estimate for the cost of resurfacing the area. Photographs have been taken for our records.

9/08 **FINANCE**

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Cornwall & Devon Media (advertising)	£61.39
BTE Services (towels etc. annual charge)	£358.67 (not £394.23)
RBC (Annual rent on car park)	£822.00
Schoolscapes Ltd. (play equipment)	£498.02
Inland Revenue	£624.07
Cash	£30.00
Brian Chapman	£634.48
Salaries as agreed	

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05p.m.