

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2009**

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, D.L. Parsons, Mrs. G.M. Parsons, J.H. Pegg, M. Stead, R. Warwick, P. Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen, PCSO Neil Renowden, Sgt John Capp, Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Martin Turner.

PRAYERS The meeting was led in prayer by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Martin Turner

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillors C.L. Jewels, Hon. Burgess A.W. Nicholls, C.D. Robson, P. Sweet

Councillors V.A. May and Mrs. S.M. Wilkinson were absent.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs. G.M. Parsons Agenda item 13.3 – personal

The meeting was suspended for a presentation by Richard White of Vision regarding Lowenna House and to take questions from the public.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Neil Renowden reported that there had been 6 reported crimes during December compared to 17 for the same month in 2007. This is a good result as it is usually the time of year where there is a high level of crime. PCSO Renowden announced that he is leaving on 30th January and is joining the force as a Police Constable. The Mayor thanked him for all he has done for the Town and wished him every success for the future. The Mayor introduced Sgt. Capp who said he is trying to find a suitable replacement PCSO. Sgt. Capp was asked by a Councillor if consideration could be given to holding a surgery in the Town on a regular basis and this will be looked into.

The meeting was reconvened.

There were no reports from the County Councillor or District Councillors.

01/09 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2008 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Abbiss. Seconded Cllr. Mrs. Parsons. All in favour.

There were no matters arising

COMMITTEE REPORTS

02/09 Planning 9th December 2008. The minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Jones. All in favour.

MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

03/09 Cornwall Buildings Preservation Trust re Old Duchy Palace attended by The Mayor and The Town Clerk on 7th January. Notes on the meeting had been previously circulated and the only additional information is that we now hold the keys.

04/09 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Duke of Edinburgh's Award seeking funding as in previous years. **It was resolved** to give a grant of £100. Proposed Cllr. Jones. Seconded Cllr. Mrs. Jarrett. All in favour.
2. S.E. Coast Community Consultative Meeting. The date has had to be changed and we await the revised details.
3. Museum Association has written to thank the Council for allowing it to use the Guildhall for meetings.
4. Lostwithiel Festival will take place on Sunday 10th May 2009 and **it was resolved** to agree to their requests for usage of The Parade but to seek clarification of what events they wish to hold on KGV. Proposed Cllr. Jones. Seconded Cllr. Stead. All in favour.

05/09 OTHER MATTERS

1. The Mayor announced that he proposed to confer the title and status of Honoured Burgess upon Councillor Mervyn Jones. Councillor Abbiss seconded the proposal which was voted unanimously in favour. Councillor Jones accepted the nomination. The ceremony will be held on 20th March by invitation.
2. Mayor 2009-10. The Deputy Mayor explained how the Mayor Elect has been chosen in the past. Councillors were asked if they wished the procedure to be changed and after considerable discussion **it was resolved** that the procedure should change to a democratic election by ballot. Nomination papers will be sent to all Councillors within the next few days and if more than one nomination is received there will be an election by ballot at the February meeting. If only one nomination is received that person will be Mayor Elect for 2009-10.

Cllr. Warwick left the meeting at 8.05p.m.

3. The Doctors' Surgery wish to have a Diabetic Screening Van in the car park for one week from 9th-13th February. This will necessitate taking up approximately three parking spaces

4. Audit Report 2007-08. We have a clear Audit and a notice of completion and copy of the report has been displayed on the notice board for the statutory period of at least 14 days. The Mayor thanked Cllr. Sweet, The Town Clerk and Cllr. Jones for their hard work in connection with the Council's accounts and budgets.

06/09 FINANCE

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Inland Revenue (PAYE & NI)	£804.58
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£784.40
Duchy Timber (Road Broom)	£11.33
EDF (D/D re Car Park)	£29.02
Ruralnet UK (Subscription)	£14.38
K. Hards (Grave digging)	£225.00
Scribe 2000 (Annual licence fee re accounts software)	£281.75
Eclipse Internet (D/D)	£14.67
BTE Services (Toilet tissue)	£63.83
R.B.C. (Car Park annual rent)	£822.00
Cash	£30.00
Salaries as agreed	
EDF (Guildhall)	£40.43

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25p.m.