

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2009

PRESENT The Worshipful The Mayor Cllr. V.A. May. The Deputy Mayor Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth. Councillors D.A. Abbiss, Mrs. P. Jarrett, C.L. Jewels, Hon. Burgess M. Jones, 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 Mrs. L. Austen Town Clerk.

PRAYERS The meeting was led in prayer by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Philip Conway.

There were no apologies as all were present.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the new Mayor on behalf of the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor Cllr. May Agenda items 11.1 and 12

Cllr. Abbiss Agenda item 12

Cllr. Jewels Agenda item 11.1

The meeting was suspended to take questions from the public.

QUESTION TIME

Q. Do we know how many people use the website and therefore is it cost effective?

A. We do not have a counter on the site. It does not have to be cost effective, it is a necessity. The website will hopefully be updated later in the year.

Q. Playgroup would like to know when the fence by the play area is going to be repaired.

A. We are awaiting the contractor to carry out the necessary work. A temporary repair will be carried out in the meantime.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Ally Morton was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report.

Three reported crimes during the past month. Burglary (purse stolen from house).

Undetected. Assault. Detected. Theft of Wallet at Co-Op. Enquiries ongoing. There were also 39 incidents logged. Brilliant turn out at first Police Surgery at the Doctors' Surgery.

36/09 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2009 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Peareth. All in favour.

There were no matters arising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

37/09 Special Meeting of the Council 19th May. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Jones. All in favour.

38/09 Lands & Parks 19th May. There followed a non-agenda discussion about the condition of the Memorial in Grenville Road which has been damaged and the prospect of obtaining grant funding to cover the cost of repair. Investigations will be carried out to see what is available. It also needs cleaning which Cllr. Nicholls will do. It was pointed out that under minute 16/09.3 the Environment Agency is not responsible for cutting Coulson Park, just the grass at the edge of the river. The Minutes were then approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Watkins. All in favour.

MEETINGS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

39/09 Police Surgery attended by The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Peareth. It was very successful and the Deputy Mayor will attend the next meeting when it has been arranged.

40/09 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you letter from Oasis for the grant money.
2. Elliott Exhibition foundation requesting a donation. **It was resolved** to give a grant of £100. Proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

41/09 OTHER MATTERS

1. Rotary has requested four Councillors to act as Carnival Judges. Councillors Stead, Pegg, Jarrett and Warwick volunteered.
2. Committees. No changes.
It was asked if consideration could be given to co-opting non council members onto committees, particularly planning. Concern was expressed that this can give rise to a conflict of interests, also that such persons are not bound by any code of conduct. It was suggested that each committee considers this and makes a decision at its next meeting.
3. Office equipment. The Town Clerk requested the purchase of a Canon LiDE 100 Scanner to enable full use of the Page Plus software recently purchased. The cost is £39.99 + VAT. Also requested was a two-sided printing accessory for the recently purchased printer. The cost would be £98 including VAT. **Approved.** Proposed Cllr. Nicholls. Seconded Cllr. Mrs. Parsons. Voted 15 in favour 1 against. Motion carried.
4. Beating the Bounds (non agenda item). Cllr. Watkins said what a good even this had been under the organisation of Councillor Pegg, with an excellent turnout of walkers. It was well set up and enjoyed by all. He expressed his thanks to Councillor Pegg. The Mayor added his thanks to Councillor Pegg and also to Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Parsons for their help with the support car.

42/09 FINANCE

The Deputy Mayor took the chair.

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Prokill (moles)	£224.25
Restormel Lodge (Mayor's reception)	£926.00
Derek Heyward (tree surgery)	£820.00
L. Austen (travel expenses)	£36.39
K. Hards (grave digging)	£225.00
B.T.	£79.68
S.L.C.C. (book)	£11.60
B.E. White (accounting)	£300.00
D.A. Abbiss (Edg. Hse. Redecoration)	£463.10
Maggies (bouquets)	£40.00
Scouts (chairs)	£37.50
E.H, Veerman (grass cutting)	£1168.40
Clarity Copiers (photocopier)	£39.33
Eclipse Internet	£14.67
S. May	£48.00
Cash	£30.00
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£1056.24
Salaries as agreed.	

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

The Mayor resumed the chair.

Non agenda item:

The Mayor displayed a sculpture which has been given to the Town by the Twinning Association of Pleyber Christ. The Lostwithiel Twinning Association are holding a meeting to discuss what they would like to take to Pleyber Christ later in the year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8p.m.