

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2011**

PRESENT The Worshipful The Mayor Cllr. V.A. May. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. C.D. Robson. 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, Hon. Burgess R.H.T. Peareth, M. Stead, P. Sweet, R. Warwick (arrived late), P. Watkins, Mrs. S.M. Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen.

One minute's silence was held in memory of past Mayor Mrs. Jeanne Jones, past Mayoress Mrs. P. Furse and Mrs. M. Parkyn.

PRAYERS The Council was led in prayer by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Sam Denyer.

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillor J. Pegg and Cornwall Councillor G. Shakerley.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

There were no questions from the public.

No Police report had been received.

Simon Thorpe of The Prince's Regeneration Trust and Cornwall Buildings Preservation Trust gave a presentation on the Old Duchy Palace bringing the Council up to date regarding the proposed works, timing and future use of the building.

12/11 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2011 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr Robson. Seconded Cllr. Peareth. All in favour.

13/11 MATTERS ARISING

Flood Plan. A meeting was held on 17th January. Copy of notes circulated.

08/11.2 Lostwithiel Festival. A meeting was held with the organisers and it was established that they do not wish to use KGV this year. They would like to use The Parade on Saturday 14th for a music event and beer tent which would be finished by 10p.m. **It was resolved** to agree to the request. Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Mrs. Parsons. All in favour.

10/11.3 Parking Enforcement. The Town Clerk reported that she has spoken to Ken Polmounter at Parking Enforcement who has informed her that Lostwithiel receives a visit from a Parking Enforcement Officer once a week as a minimum. Cllr. Shakerley will be asked if he is able to help in getting more cover.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14/11 Lands & Parks 18th January. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Peareth. All in favour. Cllr. Jones commented on the memorial bush on Liddicoat Road which Highways have apparently written to the family about requesting that it be removed as it is obstructing visibility. The Mayor will speak to the son and offer the Council's services in removing the bush to another location if that is the family's wish. In the meantime if we can ascertain who at Highways has written to the family we will contact them to discuss the situation.

15/11 Town Plan 27th January. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Robson. Seconded Cllr. Stead. All in favour.

There were no meetings attended on behalf of the Council.

16/11 Election of Mayor 2011-12. It was proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Pegg by nomination form prior to the meeting, that Deputy Mayor Cllr. C.D. Robson be elected as Mayor for 2011-12. Voted unanimously in favour. Cllr. Robson accepted the nomination.

17/11 Election of Deputy Mayor 2011-12. It was proposed by Cllr. Pegg and Seconded by Cllr. Warwick and also proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Jones by nomination forms prior to the meeting that Cllr. Mrs. G.M. Parsons be elected as Deputy Mayor the 2011-12. Voted unanimously in favour. Cllr. Mrs. Parsons accepted the nomination.

18/11 Skate Ramp. There has been a request to move the skate ramp to the top corner of KGV. Cllr. Pegg has full information on the proposal but as he was unable to attend the meeting this will be referred to the Lands and Parks Committee for discussion at its next meeting and Cllr. Pegg will be asked to attend.

19/11 Sustrans has requested financial help with putting up direction signs to divert cyclists up Castle Hill instead of Edgcumbe Road. We do not have funding for this and signposts are the responsibility of Highways. Request refused. Proposed Cllr. Jewels. Seconded Cllr. Peareth. All in favour.

Councillor Warwick arrived at 7.57p.m. and joined the meeting.

20/11 Cornwall Council Public Convenience Review. Details were read to the meeting. It was agreed that we need to know if ours is likely to close. We also need to know what the current costs involved are.

21/11 Mobile Diabetic Screening Unit. Request to use part of the car park from 26th March to 4th April as in previous years. **Agreed.** Proposed Cllr. Peareth. Seconded Cllr. Watkins. All in favour. Cllr. Peareth will cone off the area.

22/11 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Short Mat Bowls Club thanking the Council for its grant.

2. Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme seeking funding. **It was agreed** to give a grant of £100. Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Parsons. Seconded Cllr. Stead. All in favour.

23/11 FINANCE

The following schedule was approved for payment

Eclipse Internet (D/D)	£14.99
SLCC (Conference fee)	£78.00
EDF (Edgumbe House – D/D)	£276.95
EDF (Guildhall – D/D)	£26.66
Brian Chapman (Town Man)	£770.06
Cash	£30.00
Country Flowers (Bouquet from Mayor's Allowance)	£15.00
Nottle Scaffolding (Guildhall & Edgumbe House)	£1474.50
SWW (Water rates)	£379.87
Salaries as agreed.	

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

24/11 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

1. Can Highways be contacted about the foliage growing out of the wall along Duke Street.
2. Problem with dog fouling in Victoria. Mayor will put something in the next LCA Newsletter article.
3. Household waste being left out on Sunday each week on the corner of Tanhouse Road and Queen Street.
4. As the Town Band will shortly no longer have anywhere to practice could thought be given to suitable alternatives.
5. Support for Saltash to remain in the Cornwall electoral boundaries. Enquiries should be made into what threat they are under. Town Clerk pointed out that this had been brought to the attention of the Council many months ago.
6. In view of the low EDF bill for Guildhall perhaps we could have the heating on prior to meetings!
7. Memorial Bush. As Highways gave the original approval for the location maybe they should have investigated it more at the time.
8. The Mayor commented that Fowey are arranging a street party to celebrate the Royal wedding. Should we also plan something. Cllr. Jarrett informed the meeting that the Community Centre is planning an event and it was suggested that the Council liaise with the LCA to see if we can assist in any way.

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Cllr. C.D. Robson that in view of the confidential 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.

IN COMMITTEE

25/11 Land Registration. Cllr. Jones explained the current situation. It was agreed to proceed and see what happens.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.52p.m.

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