

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7P.M.
TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2011

PRESENT The Worshipful the Mayor Cllr. V.A. May. The Deputy Mayor Cllr. C.D. Robson. Councillors Mrs. P. Jarrett, C.L. Jewels, Hon. Burgess A.W. Nicholls, D.L. Parsons, Mrs. G.M. Parsons, Hon. Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth, J.H. Pegg, M. Stead, Mrs. S.M. Wilkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen. Cornwall Councillor G. Shakerley.

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

APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Councillors D.A. Abbiss, Hon. Burgess M. Jones, P. Sweet, R. Warwick.

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was suspended to take questions from the public.

Q. Lostfest. Mike Dobbie thanked Town Council for work being done at The Parade. He asked about The Mayor's Parlour and Guildhall being opened during the event.

A. This has already been arranged and confirmed.

Meeting reconvened.

There was no Police report available.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Shakerley gave a comprehensive report including

- Library now open until 6.30 on a Tuesday so surgery open until that time.
- Cornwall Council has made a decision to keep as many libraries as possible open and to improve their use.
- Flood Plan. On 12th May representatives of the Cabinet Office will be visiting the areas affected by last year's flooding and to see details of our flood plan which Whitehall are going to use as a template for a national plan.
- The action group which administers small business and community grants was part of the development agency and for the moment DEFRA has taken control. When it is all sorted out we will be informed so that we can inform local groups who may wish to make applications.
- There is Government reorganisation of planning departments to make it more streamlined and efficient and to make it easier for planning applications to go through, especially commercial ones. The Localism Bill will give emphasis to the local element which will hopefully have a bigger voice. In the Town Plan the Town Council needs to set out exactly what is wanted over the next ten years.

61/11 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2011 were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Pegg. Seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour.

62/11 MATTERS ARISING (for information only)

41/11 No further update.

55/11 There were no further comments submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

63/11 Planning 12th April. The Minutes were approved and adopted and signed by The Mayor. Proposed Cllr. Peareth. Seconded Cllr. Stead. All in favour.

There were no meetings attended on behalf of the Council.

64/11 Co-option update. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that there has not been much response at present, one definite and a couple of possible. The notice will appear in the Newsletter which will hopefully bring it to the attention of more people. She also informed the meeting that the reason it had not been advertised in the Cornish Guardian was because she could not justify the cost involved for something which only needed to be advertised within the parish, not county-wide.

65/11 Transfer of Assets. This has been ongoing since 2007. It was proposed by Cllr. Jewels and seconded by Cllr. Peareth that we wish to continue with our original requests. All in favour.

66/11 Insurance settlement. Payment has been received for items damaged during the flooding and it is up to the relevant committees to place orders for bark chippings and granite chippings and arrange delivery.

67/11 Mayor's Robe. The request for its use by the Floral Art Group had been refused at last month's Corporate Property meeting. Those minutes were adopted at last month's Council meeting and the Town Clerk confirmed that this is exactly the same as having passed a resolution and we cannot therefore consider reversing the decision for six months, even if the Council was minded to do so. It was then asked if the Deputy Mayor's Robe could be loaned to the group. It was pointed out that apart from the same concerns of something of great value being on display we need the robes in The Mayor's Parlour during Lostfest. Proposed Cllr. Peareth, seconded Cllr. Robson. All in favour with the exception of Cllr. Pegg who abstained.

There was no correspondence.

68/11 FINANCE

The following schedule was approved for payment.

Jefferys (valuation)	£240.00	Duchy Timber (hardware)	£55.19
Viking Direct (Stationery)	£217.52	D. Nottle (scaffolding)	£252.00
Western Web (website)	£420.00	Derek Heyward (trees)	£900.00

Vaughtons (ribbon)	£28.30	Town Man	£105.54
Salaries as agreed		Cash	£30.00
S.W. Water	£218.45	C.A.L.C. (subscription)	£558.99

Proposed Cllr. Peareth. Seconded Cllr. Jarrett. All in favour.

69/11 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Cllr. Mrs. Parsons thanked Cllr. Peareth for the handrail for disabled access into the Guildhall.
- Cllr. Mrs. Parsons and own Clerk in process of compiling the portfolio for Quality Status. During this process she had noted that it is suggested Councils hold monthly surgeries and wondered if Lostwithiel could do this. It will be put on the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting.
- Rubbish by Scout Hut is being dealt with.
- Picnic table on The Quay has been damaged. We will see if Brian can repair it. Also on of the benches by the bridge needs attention. Cllr. Peareth will deal.
- Cllr. Nicholls has found an interesting piece of stone at The Parade which looks like a Boundary Stone without the inscription.
- War memorial end of the remembrance garden needs some attention.
- The Mayor thanked everyone for their help during the past two years.

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

.....Mayor

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