

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 15th September 2014

Present: Councillor's B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, L Newton, J Parker, S Molsom and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr C Barnfather and Borough Cllr P Andrews.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in The Local Plan.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 14th July 2014

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Newton.

4.0 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Lengthsman

The Clerk confirmed that she had received a revised contract for the Lengthsman, allowing minor paving works to be completed in future. Cllr Lewis signed the amended contact as Lead Parish Representative. Clerk to return to Eamonn Harrison in Highways.

Storage Container

Cllr Lewis explained that he is currently awaiting a decision from Brooke Farm regarding their willingness to site the storage container on their land. Once a decision is made Cllr Lewis will liaise with the residents, but it was felt that moving the storage container was unlikely. If the container is to remain on the Heritage Centre, every attempt will be made to ensure each resident has access to their fences for maintenance and appropriate screening is planted.

5.0 Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Shacklock is unable to begin the work on the Docks this year, and therefore the grant has been extended to September 2015. The Training Day had also been cancelled and this will now take place in spring 2015. Hanson House is willing to move the booking and a revised date was agreed of Sunday 19th April 2015. Clerk to contact Hanson House to ensure this date is available. Cllr Ireland explained that The Friends of Moor Pond Woods are interested in attending this course, due to some work being undertaken by them in the woods. It was felt that due to some uncertainty regarding the completion of this work in the necessary timescale, alternative quotations should be considered.

6.0 Greenbelt Review

Cllr Ireland referred to the Draft Green Belt Assessment Framework Consultation, which needed to be responded to by the end of the month. Cllr Ireland pointed out that safeguarded land should revert back to Greenbelt, which is why it is important we comment.

Cllr Ireland voiced her concerns regarding the workload involved in responding to these consultations and asked what strategy the Parish Council could adopt to handle these types of reviews and large scale planning applications in the future.

A discussion ensued covering the Greenbelt Review, the Community Infrastructure Levy and the current Planning Application (2014/0950) for 38 four bedroom houses off Wighay Road. Cllr Ireland pointed out some obvious errors in the application, such as the land being referred to as 'Wighay Village; close to the re-generated village of Hucknall'. In addition, a report stating that flooding in the area is not a problem was challenged, as Ward Avenue has flooded on a couple of occasions. Cllr Brothwell pointed out that we do not have the money to continue to pay consultancy fees and that our Precept will be capped next year. Cllr Newton queried the effectiveness of a framework of standard replies taken from previous responses. It was agreed that Brownfield First would be reinstated and that fundraising would begin again to cover consultancy fees. Meetings with Ashfield District Council and Gedling Borough Council Planning Departments would also be sought to try and help improve communication and provide a coordinated response to the current Planning Application. Clerk to arrange meetings and request that the response date be pushed back, to allow an adequate timescale for reviewing all the documentation.

The Docks

The debate also focused on protecting the docks, should permission ever be sought to widen the road due to the increase in traffic arising from the new developments. It had been noted that Notts County Council had recently been observed taking photos of the Docks and therefore, Mr Ireland had kindly offered to try and get them listed. The Cllr's whole heartedly agreed with this course of action.

Cllr Hardstaff also suggested that the Docks be dammed up again to try and prevent weeds increasing. Cllr Lewis agreed and also pointed out that the Lengthsman would be weeding in the near future.

7.0 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to all Cllr's before the meeting:

<u>7.1</u>	RCAN – Membership Form
<u>7.2</u>	GBC – Cabinet Meeting, response to Inspectors report on ACS
<u>7.3</u>	NALC – Consultation on Audit Provisions
<u>7.4</u>	GBC – Jubilee Park and Arnot Hill Park awarded Green Flag
<u>7.5</u>	GBC – Planning Committee Agenda
<u>7.6</u>	GBC – Planning Policy Consultations
<u>7.7</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>7.8</u>	GBC – Mayor Charity Golf Day
<u>7.9</u>	ADC – Withdrawal of Plan from Examination
<u>7.10</u>	RCAN – Newsletter
<u>7.11</u>	RCAN – Community Energy Renewal Fund
<u>7.12</u>	Broxtowe BC – Greenbelt Review
<u>7.13</u>	NALC – AGN notification
<u>7.14</u>	GBC – Plans for 300 homes in Hucknall
<u>7.15</u>	NALC – Open and Accountable Local Government
<u>7.16</u>	NALC – Consultation Outcome Transparency Code
<u>7.17</u>	Notts CC – Seasonal Decorations
<u>7.18</u>	Groundwork – Newsletter
<u>7.19</u>	GBC – Gedling Access Road
<u>7.20</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>7.21</u>	NALC – Planning Consultation
<u>7.22</u>	NALC – Legal Briefing regarding amendment to 2013 model Standing Orders
<u>7.23</u>	Notts CC – Wighay Road closure
<u>7.24</u>	GBC – Mayor has own market stall in Arnold
<u>7.25</u>	GBC – Council Agenda
<u>7.26</u>	GBC – Cabinet Agenda
<u>7.27</u>	GBC – Lord Mayor and GBC Mayor to visit WW1 grave
<u>7.28</u>	Notts CC – Road Closure for Western Power
<u>7.29</u>	GBC – Gedling Conversation back
<u>7.30</u>	GBC – Planning Committee Agenda
<u>7.31</u>	SLCC – The Clerk
<u>7.32</u>	SLCC – AGM Notice
<u>7.33</u>	GBC – Audit Committee Agenda
<u>7.34</u>	GBC – Future Plans get Go Ahead
<u>7.35</u>	GBC – Special PC Liaison Meeting Agenda

8.0 Planning

8.1 Planning Applications Received

8.1a) Top Wighay (2014/0950) – 38 4 bedroom detached houses

Planning application discussed earlier in the meeting.

9.0 Finance - 9.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
15.09.14	300798	£50.00	Two Little Fishes
15.09.14	300799	£45.00	C Hardstaff (<i>expenses for barrel</i>)
15.09.14	300800	£23.75	Southern Electricity
15.09.14	300802	£88.65	W Lewis (<i>expenses</i>)
15.09.14	300803	£531.07	K Holmes (<i>Aug & Sept wages & expenses</i>)
15.09.14	300804	£30.00	P Newman (<i>weed killer</i>)
	Total	£768.47	

9.2 Any other business relating to Finance

Current bank balances

Co-op - £14,050.76

HSBC - £39.19

10.0 Any other business

10.1 Lengthsman

Cllr Lewis asked for ideas to use our allotted time with the Lengthsman. Suggestions included; strimming paths, weed killer pavements, strim and clear path to school, clear grass cuttings from Quarry Lane, clear debris from streams near footpath on Linby Lane to help avoid flooding and cut back vegetation on traffic island. Clerk to ensure Highways are in agreement, before the work on the traffic island can take place.

10.2 Storage Container

Cllr Lewis asked for some assistance in filling the storage container once the current dispute is settled.

10.3 Bonfire Night

Cllr Lewis advised that the annual Bonfire Night would take place on Friday 7th November in conjunction with the Leisure and Enterprise Group. Any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated. However, help with preparing and selling food this year may not be required, as the possibility of selling pitches is currently being investigated.

10.4 Carols around the Tree

The annual concert has been set for Monday 15th December. Clerk to try and order the Christmas tree through GBC and book the band. Clerk also asked to mention to loss adjuster that the fence needs to be fixed prior to this date for safety reasons (fence damaged through driver losing control of his vehicle while driving through the village; claim number 8000 849 726).

10.5 Heritage Centre

Cllr Hardstaff advised that there had been a very good turnout for the September opening and that a new visitor book is required. Overall donations were down to 50p this year, from an average of £20.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 13th October 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Signed.....
Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council