

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 8th December 2014

Present: Councillor's B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, L Newton, S Molsom, J Parker, County Cllr C Barnfather and the clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from D Ireland 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 – 3rd November 2014

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

4.0 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

No topics were raised regarding matters from the previous meeting.

5.0 Carols around the Tree

Cllr Brothwell was pleased to report that the majority of the Christmas lighting had now been hung around the village. Highways are due to fix the damaged lighting cable prior to Christmas 'switch on' 15/12/14, on the Waterloo Road roundabout. Highways have suggested that the cable was severed by the Lengthsman when strimming the vegetation back, however the Cllr's were doubtful if a strimmer could damage armoured cable.

Cllr Brothwell and Cllr Hardstaff to arrange for payments from the Millennium Fund to cover the Brass Band, First Aid, Marquees and school costs for the decorations. The clerk advised that the marquee will be erected on Sunday night and asked if Cllr Lewis could ensure that the area was clear of cars. Cllr Lewis to arrange play list with Reverend Turner and then pass this to the brass band. Cllr Brothwell to organise the PA system and flood lights.

Cllr Lewis took a note of cakes and biscuits being provided and asked for them to be dropped off at 6pm on the evening.

Cllr Brothwell echoed the Parish Council's disappointment at the poor state of the Christmas tree this year. After an increasing amount of pressure being applied to GBC, three additional branches had been screwed into the tree, but the Cllr's remain unhappy with the result. Cllr Brothwell felt a discussion with GBC over the £250 being charged for the tree will need to take place once the invoice arrives. Cllr Brothwell also voiced his strong disapproval for the recent donation by GBC of a Christmas tree along with metered electricity supply and decorations to Gedling village, based on a written request from a local teenager. Cllr Barnfather agreed with this sentiment and has already asked for a written response from GBC, detailing a breakdown of costs involved in the project.

It was noted that the fork lift truck had made deep rivets in the village green; Cllr Brothwell offered to roll out with the assistance of Cllr Lewis to avoid a trip hazard prior to Carols around the Tree.

Clerk asked to write letters of thanks to Mr Mills and Mr Walker for their help in decorating the village in preparation for Christmas.

6.0 Heritage Lottery Funding

Cllr Brothwell advised that there had been some concerns raised about the reliability of Mr Shacklock when it came to attending and completing projects he has undertaken. With this in mind, the clerk had asked Mr Shacklock to provide a timetable of works to confirm both the start date and expected duration of work to repair the docks. The deadline for this information was our December meeting, but to date the clerk had received no response. With this in mind Cllr Brothwell felt that alternative quotations should be sought. However, the opinion voiced by the other Cllr's was that the quotation was good value for money and we should not rush to cancel this contract and then face problems in matching the quote. It was suggested that this should be looked into further upon Cllr Ireland's return.

7.0 Review of Brownfield Fundraiser

The clerk confirmed that the necessary funds to clear the Hughes Planning invoice had been raised by the quiz night. The event raised £470, with a donation on the evening from Papplewick and Linby Leisure and Enterprise Group of £750 (completing the £2,000, donation allocated to BFF). After expenses and a VAT reclaim of the Hughes Planning invoice, a surplus of £164.22 remains.

Cllr Molsom expressed his thanks to Mr and Mrs Holmes for organising the evening.

8.0 Correspondence

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

<u>8.1</u>	Notts CC – Consultation on spending proposals 2015/2016
<u>8.2</u>	GBC – Council Agenda
<u>8.3</u>	NALC – News from Paddy Tipping
<u>8.4</u>	NALC – Government Transparency Code
<u>8.5</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>8.6</u>	GBC – Cabinet Agenda
<u>8.7</u>	NALC – Measurements of Allotments
<u>8.8</u>	Notts CC – Boundary Review
<u>8.9</u>	Mark Spencer MP – Rolls Royce Debate
<u>8.10</u>	GBC – Planning Committee Agenda
<u>8.11</u>	NALC – Nominations for smaller councils committee
<u>8.12</u>	Channel 4 – Documentary on dispute resolution
<u>8.13</u>	GBC – Planning Policy
<u>8.14</u>	GBC – Dental patient recall
<u>8.15</u>	NALC – AGM Agenda
<u>8.16</u>	RCAN – Death of Carola Jones
<u>8.17</u>	GBC – Planning Agenda
<u>8.18</u>	GBC – Planning meeting regarding Gedling access road
<u>8.19</u>	GBC – Mayor launches tin and toy appeal
<u>8.20</u>	GBC – Gedling road gets green light
<u>8.21</u>	NALC – Annual report
<u>8.22</u>	GBC – Planning Agenda
<u>8.23</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>8.24</u>	GBC – Gedling teenager brings Christmas tree to village
<u>8.25</u>	GBC – Audit agenda
<u>8.26</u>	Notts CC – Appointment of new Chief Executive
<u>8.27</u>	Groundwork - Newsletter

9.0 Planning

9.1 Planning Applications Received

9.1a) Strata Homes Ltd - (2014/0950) – Erection of 38 dwellings and associated works at Top Wighay/Annesley Road

Cllr Brothwell advised that he had been through the application, and whilst most of our previous submitted comments still stand, there is now a Flood Risk Assessment which is a cause for concern. The application suggests installing pumps to filter off access water into the docks, which are already prone to flooding. The report also suggests that the area is at an extremely low risk of flooding, which is incorrect due to the recent floods experienced on Ward Avenue. Cllr Molsom advised that without the Transport Assessment, we can not be expected to make informed comments on the application. This report was deemed vital by the Planning Inspector when making her recommendations. However, as the site is now to be carved up and sold off in small lots; there is a risk that the Transport Assessment will be avoided completely. Cllr Molsom advised that he and Cllr Ireland are seeking an urgent meeting with GBC Planning Department to address these concerns and that advice from a new consultant is being sought to see if a change of approach may be necessary. Further information will be brought back to the Parish Council meeting in January to discuss. Cllr Lewis recalled that on the original plans, a clear promise of 2 new islands onto the bypass were agreed, preventing traffic from spilling directly onto Wighay Road.

It was agreed that Cllr Brothwell would liaise with the clerk to submit comments by the 12th December. Cllr Molsom would also review the plans and pass any further comments onto the clerk to be included in our response.

10.0 Finance

10.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
08.12.14	300808	£1338.29	Geo Hanson & Son (<i>Fence repair</i>)
08.12.14	300809	£13.80	Southern Electricity
08.12.14	300810	£12.99	K Holmes (<i>expenses</i>)
08.12.14	300811	£65.00	J Brothwell (<i>expenses - Christmas lights</i>)
	Total	£1,430.08	
<i>20.11.14</i>	<i>Standing order</i>	<i>£25.00</i>	<i>Two Little Fishes</i>
<i>20.11.14</i>	<i>Standing order</i>	<i>£237.92</i>	<i>K Holmes</i>
	Total	£262.92	

10.2 Any other business relating to Finance

- Cheque for £50.00 has been received from CPRE as runner up prize in the Best Kept Village competition.

Current bank balances

Co-op - £13,899.42 (HLF of £4,300 included in balance)

HSBC - £39.19

11.0 Any other business

None

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 12th January 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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