

**Linby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 2013**

**Present:** Councillors B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland J Parker, S Molsom, Dennis Robinson (press) and the Clerk.

**1.0 Apologies for Absence:** Borough Cllr P Andrews, County Cllr C Barnfather, L Newton.

**2.0 Election of Chair:**

It was proposed by Cllr Hardstaff and seconded by Cllr Ireland that Cllr Brothwell should be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council.

**3.0 Election of Vice Chair:**

It was suggested by Cllr Brothwell that Cllr Hardstaff should continue as Vice Chair. Cllr Lewis agreed and proposed this motion, which was seconded by Cllr Molsom.

**4.0 Election of Delegates:**

**4.1 Village Hall**

It was proposed that the Clerk should report any updates on the Village Hall back to the Council.

**4.2 Sir Julian Cahn:**

Cllr Hardstaff confirmed that she was happy to remain as the representative for the Sir Julian Cahn Trust. Cllr Hardstaff pointed out that a local resident on Byron Street had made a complaint regarding the noise created by the clock chimes at the Arms Houses. Investigations were being made to see if a solution could be found by switching off the chimes at night.

**4.3 Moor Pond Woods:**

Cllr Hardstaff confirmed that she was happy to remain as the representative for The Friends of Moor Pond Woods. Cllr Hardstaff mentioned that Bishop Paul had recently completed a walk through the deanery.

**4.4 Others:**

None

**5.0 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Ireland mentioned that she currently has a planning application outstanding, and Cllr Hardstaff referred to the Local Plan.

**6.0 Approval of the Minutes – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013:**

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

**7.0 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:**

**Expenses Policy:**

Cllr Ireland confirmed that the Expenses Policy is complete.

**The Docks:**

Cllr Lewis advised that the company investigating the blockage in the docks is to re-visit. The dam had been lifted to let water over the top and leave the silt at the bottom, which seems to be working. Cllr Lewis has also been raking the silt and will continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Hardstaff mentioned that the Young Farmers were scheduled to help clear the docks on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. However, this would now not be necessary due to the work that had already been completed.

The clerk suggested that assistance at the Village Hall would be most welcome as the outside space had become very overgrown.

**Heritage Centre:**

Cllr Brothwell referred to a talk he had given recently to the Hucknall Heritage Group. As part of the talk Cllr Brothwell muted the idea of the Heritage Group becoming involved with running the Heritage Centre, Linby. This idea did not really gain any momentum as the Hucknall Heritage Group also struggle with securing the volunteers they require to run events. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Heritage Centre should be opened less often, but with

larger events to attract more visitors. Stone Wall demonstrations and a Linby Treasure Hunt were suggested. It was agreed that the Heritage Centre would not be opened in June, but a larger event would be planned for July and discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Quarry:**

Nigel Baxter has now left the Quarry and ceased trading and it has been suggested that the Nottinghamshire police may start to use the quarry as a training site. Cllr Hardstaff pointed out that huge slabs of stone have been left everywhere and that the lime kiln has been knocked down, which was an historic monument. The Cllr's discussed the responsibility of the site owners to return the quarry to its original state and that the site is listed as an SSI. It was agreed that if the council decide to inspect the site then Mr Grice (neighbour) should be notified beforehand.

#### **Village Walkabout:**

The Village Walk has been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am and is being co-ordinated by Borough Cllr P Andrews. Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council will be in attendance. The Parish Council will be represented by Cllr Ireland, Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Newton if possible. Cllr Ireland asked that any issues be forwarded to her prior to the meeting.

#### **Lengthsman Scheme:**

Cllr Lewis advised that the applications were now in and the interview date would be 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Thirteen applicants had applied and this will be narrowed down to 4 for interview. Once the successful applicant is appointed then they will receive training through Notts CC on Health and Safety.

#### **Village Sweeping:**

Cllr Lewis stated that the village should be swept every 6 weeks but this is not happening. It was suggested that the clerk contact Terry Ball from Gedling BC who may be of assistance.

#### **Heritage Lottery Fund Bid:**

Cllr Ireland read out Mr Shacklock's quotation for the restoration of the docks, which totals £3,950. Cllr Ireland explained that this work would take a month to complete and as part of our bid we would need to demonstrate an educational element. Mr Shacklock has confirmed that he is happy to do talks and demonstrations to local groups.

The clerk to liaise with Cllr Newton to begin the bidding process with Heritage Lottery.

#### **Website:**

Cllr Ireland advised that the website would be live from 21<sup>st</sup> May. Cllr Ireland asked the clerk to contact all local groups to advise of the launch and to encourage them to send through details of fundraisers etc. Cllr Ireland would also like the website advertised in the Parish News.

#### **Planning Consultant:**

Cllr Ireland confirmed that the fundraising event had to unfortunately be cancelled. To make up the shortfall Linby Parish Council, Newstead Parish Council, Papplewick Parish Council, the Millennium Fund and the Leisure and Enterprise Group will all be contributing £300. This was proposed by Cllr Ireland and seconded by Cllr Lewis.

#### **8.0 Correspondence:**

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

**8.1** Notts CC, proposed changes to speed limits on Forest Lane and Moor Lane, Papplewick. *Clerk asked to convey the council's support when speed limits are reduced to protect road users and pedestrians.*

**8.2** SLCC Newsletter

**8.3** RCAN Newsletter

**8.4** OPUN, Fully inclusive Neighbourhood Planning support for Local Councils.

**8.5** NALC, Independent Audit and Scrutiny Panel

**8.6** NALC, Employment Seminar

**8.7** CPRE, Best Kept Village Competition 2013.

*The judging is to take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> June onwards, therefore it was agreed that the Young Farmers could weed and tidy village in preparation for this visit, rather than tidy the Village Hall on this occasion.*

**8.8** NALC, Putting Communities First Conference

**8.9** Groundwork Newsletter

**8.10** Gedling BC Planning Committee Minutes May 2013

#### **9.0 Planning Applications received:**

Cllr Ireland mentioned that she had submitted a planning application

**10.0 Finance:**

**10.1 Cheques for approval**

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
20.05.13	300720	£455.24	A.on Insurance renewal
20.05.13	300721	£50.00	P Robinson, Internal audit
20.05.13	300722	£70.19	Howard Marshall, lawn mower repairs
20.05.13	300723	£2.34	Southern Electric
20.05.13	300724	£210.08	Kathryn Holmes, Clerk wages
20.05.13	300725	£12.00	C Hardstaff, Village Ladies Quiz entry
20.05.13	300726	£33.90	W Lewis, expenses
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£833.75</b>	

**10.2 Any other business relating to Finance**

- a) The above cheques were approved for payment.
- b) The clerk reported that the Internal Audit of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 had been completed by Philip Robinson and that no issues or concerns were raised. The opening balance for the year was £3,922 and the closing balance was £4,175.
- c) The Annual Return and Governance Statement (Audit Commission) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**11.0 Any other business:**

**11.1** Cllr Brothwell advised that the defibrillator training would take place 21<sup>st</sup> May at Brooke Farm, beginning at 6pm.

**11.2** Cllr Lewis reported that the Leisure and Enterprise Group would not be hosting the Open Gardens event on Moor Road this year due to a lack of gardens being ready to show. The Play Day is set for 24<sup>th</sup> July and the L&E Group are also planning a Family Fun day on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. A BBQ, skittles and rounders match are planned with further details to follow.

**11.3** Cllr Lewis mentioned that the Jubilee Cricket Match was a real success, with suggestions that this should become an annual event. Cllr Brothwell suggested that the Parish Council leave to the village pubs to arrange.

**11.4** Cllr Lewis mentioned the lack of storage for the villages and that neither the Village Hall or local farmers were able to help with this. It was suggested that the Heritage Centre could be used as an alternative site. A discussion took place regarding possible planning permission, approval from Notts CC and the best location on the site. It was agreed that a site visit would be beneficial, which would take place following the meeting.

**11.5** At the upcoming Church Fete (15/06/13), the Parish Council has been offered a stand. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Molsom to look at printing up posters and leaflets with topics such as the Jubilee event, Heritage Centre and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Best Kept Village Competition.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Signed.....  
Chairman of the Parish Council

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