

## LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 commencing at 7:30pm The meeting was held remotely via Zoom

**Present:** Cllrs D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), S Molsom, E Tunstall, W Lewis, J Parker and L Gretton (Clerk). Cllr C Barnfather (NCC, GBC), Cllr M Smith (GBC)

#### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Murray

#### **2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Cllr C Hardstaff – Top Wighay/Local Plan

#### **3.0 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by the Council. It was agreed the minutes will be signed at the next face-to-face meeting.

#### **4.0 Matters arising**

##### **4.1 Grid at the Docks**

The PC advised the grid at the docks will be shortened once the water levels go down. They thanked Mr Clarke for his help with the docks over the last 3 years.

#### **5.0 Open Forum**

None

#### **6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish**

Cllr Lewis advised he had been made aware of theft in the village, which happened in the early hours of the morning where lanterns had been stolen off two stone pillars.

Cllr Lewis advised he has liaised with the owner of the Horse & Groom Pub regarding taping off the middle benches outside of the Pub to ensure social distancing is observed. The owner advised that he didn't want to tape off the benches but would look at removing either some or all of them. The PC advised the benches haven't been removed and people continue to use them. Cllr Ireland advised people are also sitting around the back of the pub.

The PC advised litter continues to be an issue throughout the Parish.

#### **7.0 Traffic & Road Safety**

Due to the freezing weather conditions, the PC agreed to salt the footpaths and service roads in the village. Cllr Lewis and Molsom to pursue.

#### **8.0 CIL Update / Projects**

Cllr Ireland gave an overview of the recent CIL Working Group meeting which had been arranged to discuss the PC's wish list for CIL projects and the priorities. She advised the footpaths were the highest priority along with other projects such as a pedestrian crossing and a play area at the Horse & Groom pub, as the field is open green space within the Linby Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lewis commented that he has discussed this with the landlord of the pub who agreed to discuss this further with the brewery. Cllr Ireland advised liaising with Highways re: a restoration project for the footpaths since a lot of them are in a poor state. She advised the PC may have to look at repairs to some of the smaller footpaths as the CIL monies build up.

#### **9.0 Hay Feeders Update**

Cllr Lewis to continue to pursue.

#### **10.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance**

Cllr Lewis advised he has forwarded the list of jobs to the Lengthsman to be completed by the end of March. Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Stillwell of RS Lawn is no longer moving away and will be able to continue to maintain the grassed areas within the Parish. The PC agreed via email to include this cost within the budget.

Cllr Harrison advised the hedge at the front of the Strata Estate was planted by the developers. Cllr Lewis advised the Lengthsman will be able to cut the hedge back to create a thicker hedge and maintain it as required.

#### **11.0 Clearing blocked culverts – update**

Cllr Barnfather reported he has spoken to Via last week and they asked whether there have been any issues with flooding since they have cleared the debris from the culvert. Cllr Lewis reported there has been no issues. Cllr Barnfather advised Via are currently dealing with priority flooding and will look at mapping the culverts in the spring, when the water levels have dropped. The PC agreed they would look at possibly match funding this with CIL money.

#### **12.0 ADC Properties to clear ditch near Strata – Update**

Cllr Barnfather advised there has been no engagement between Via and the Landowner. He has asked Via to consider issuing a 14 day notice and asked for photographs showing the ditch flooding. Cllr Harrison agreed to take current photographs and forward to Cllr Barnfather.

#### **13.0 Bus Stop monthly inspection report**

Cllr Lewis reported the bus stop opposite Brooke Farm has paint flaking away from the ceiling. He advised there is asbestos in the roof. Cllr Molsom agreed to contact the company who came out to do the sampling a few years ago to advise how to proceed. Cllr Lewis asked whether the PC could look at removing the asbestos. Cllr Molsom agreed to organise a quote.

#### **14.0 Heritage Centre & Waterloo Island Tree Planting Project - Update**

Project on hold due to Covid-19.

#### **15.0 Gateway Sign, Church Lane - Update**

The PC were pleased to report the new gateway sign on Church Lane has been installed. Cllr Lewis advised he would like the other two Gateway Signs to be repainted, from the green background to cream. Cllr Lewis to obtain a quote.

The Clerk advised she has asked John Evens at Gedling Borough Council to organise the removal of the old sign on Church Lane.

#### **16.0 New Noticeboard at Sherwood Gate - Update**

Cllr Ireland was disappointed to report that Bellway has not responded to the request to fund a noticeboard on the new Sherwood Gate estate. She enquired whether the Local Improvement Scheme will continue next year, however, Cllr Barnfather advised it was unlikely. No further action at this time.

#### **17.0 New Noticeboard at Strata Estate - PC to discuss**

The PC advised there are currently no suitable locations for a noticeboard and will revisit in the future.

#### **18.0 Mowing grass at the Heritage Centre - Update**

Cllr Hardstaff reported she has spoken to Lee Scudder however, he is not able to help at the moment as he has no volunteers due to the current COVID-19 situation. She advised Mr Hardstaff has agreed to assist and will cut the grass when the weather is suitable. She advised she has also spoken to Nic Wort who said he will come along and help to tidy up the area. The PC thanked Cllr Hardstaff and Mr Hardstaff for their help.

#### **19.0 Top Wighay Updates**

Cllr Ireland reported she still hasn't received a reply from Nigel Bryan. No further updates. Cllr Barnfather advised he has no updates. He advised that working practices have changed during Covid lockdown so NCC are discussing their proposals to build offices and reviewing the whole of the County Council estate. Cllr Ireland enquired whether the Council will still need to build the new offices at Top Wighay. Cllr Barnfather advised the building at Sherwood Business Park is leased. The Council are looking to reduce their lease properties and utilise the land that they have to build new properties where they are needed. The department at Sherwood Business Park includes the MASH team which is a multi-agency team, including the police, social services and NCC call centre. These agencies work under one roof to provide cross information. She asked whether they could accommodate the staff without building the new property. Cllr Barnfather advised it was not whether they have enough property, but where the right location is.

Cllr Ireland reported she has noticed how slow the broadband is in the village with more people working from home and children working remotely. She advised that with more housing and businesses in the area, she hoped that improved broadband infrastructure will be installed in the village. Cllr Barnfather commented that broadband is installed on all new developments at the same time as the roads and other infrastructure. Cllr Ireland advised this would be something to consider when replacing the footpaths in the village.

## **20.0 Correspondence**

*All correspondence has been circulated to the PC prior to the meeting*

Census - March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. For further information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

*The Census will be mainly online. There are a full range of support services available for anyone who cannot complete the Census online. An invitation to complete the Census will be sent out in the post at the start of March. Full details of how to request a paper questionnaire via telephone will be clearly written on the invitation letter.*

## **21.0 Planning**

V/2020/0855 Linby Boarding Kennels. Outline application with some matters reserved for a maximum of 9 dwellings. Update: Cllr Ireland advised the PC engaged Hannah Barter, Planning Consultant at Urban Vision to respond to the application on behalf of Linby PC. Awaiting outcome.

2020/0935 The Limes, Main Street. Proposed Detached Garage. Awaiting outcome.

## **22.0 Funding Update**

### **22.1 Finance Report**

Current: £6,132.92  
 CIL: £5,914.98  
 Savings: £23,592.92

### **Payments Made:**

*All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.*

21/01/2021	E Gretton - Reimburse for stamps	£19.57
26/01/2021	Signs of the Times - Gateway Sign, Church Lane	£2,101.77
26/01/2021	Malfords - Install picnic tables & Gateway Sign	£978.00
26/01/2021	TSOhost - Website - Hosting	£17.99
01/02/2021	E Gretton - Jan wages and home office expenses	£487.00
02/02/2021	NALC - Subs	£112.41
02/02/2021	Urban Vision - Linby Boarding Kennels representations	£252.00
02/02/2021	D Ireland - Reimburse for Zoom subscription	£143.88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,112.62</b>

### **Receipts:**

21/01/2021	HMRC - VAT Reclaim	£498.99
08/02/2021	Gedling Borough Council - CIL	£1,816.85
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,315.85</b>

### **Unpresented Payment**

08/02/2021	Mr English - Reimburse for petrol for mower	£6.28
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### **22.2 Payments for Approval**

None

### **22.3 CIL Account update**

£1,816.85 CIL received and transferred to CIL Account.

22.4 Precept Update

The budget was updated and agreed by the Parish Council via Email prior to the meeting and is available to view on the website [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk)

The recommended precept for 2021/2022 is £18,438.00, a reduction of 8.91% on last year's precept.

**23.0 Councillor's Reports**

23.1 The Last Post for Captain Sir Tom Moore

The PC thanked Cllr Lewis for arranging for The Last Post to be played for Captain Sir Tom Moore, in the village last Wednesday.

23.2 Cutting back trees on Linby Lane

Cllr Hardstaff advised of a job well done by Via.

**24.0 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:30 pm and will be held via Zoom

**The meeting ended at 20:26**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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