

## LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Present:** Cllrs D Ireland, C Hardstaff, E Tunstall, S Molsom, W Lewis, N Clark, J Parker and the Clerk.  
Cllr's C Barnfather and M Smith and Mrs C Harrison (parishioner)

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

None

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

None

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

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed by Cllr's D Ireland and C Hardstaff

#### **4.0 Matters Arising**

##### 4.1 Lamp Posts

Cllr Lewis advised Highways have stated that all lights will eventually be replaced with the white bulbs.

##### 4.2 Telephone box signs

Carried forward to next meeting

##### 4.3 Update from Mike Avery re: Wall inspection

No updates. The Clerk to pursue.

#### **5.0 Open Forum**

None

#### **6.0 Traffic & Road Safety**

##### Damage to the Docks

Cllr Ireland advised the posts have been installed by Highways and Mr Ireland has cleared the stone. She advised more copings will need to be purchased. The stone mason Robert Shacklock to provide a quote for the repairs, and the Clerk to forward to the Insurance Company. The Parish Council discussed installing the sacrificial post, but commented that if a vehicle hit it, it could cause consequential damage. The PC agreed not to pursue.

#### **7.0 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Ireland advised the Plan will go to cabinet on 27<sup>th</sup> June where it will hopefully be adopted. She advised the Parish Council should start to consider projects for the CIL contributions and arrange a consultation with the Parish. Once a list has been compiled, the PC can then work with GBC to ensure that the projects put forward meet the CIL criteria.

#### **8.0 Lengthsman Scheme**

Cllr Lewis advised all going well. Jobs to do include cleaning all the signs and installing the rubber in the noticeboards.

Cllr Lewis advised that the tree branches and overgrowth on the footpath between Linby and Papplewick need cutting back and asked the Clerk to contact Highways and to request a site-meeting before carrying out the works. The Clerk to pursue.

#### **9.0 Green Spaces Maintenance Programme**

Cllr Ireland advised Roger Stillwell of RS Lawns has mowed and applied weed killer to the grassed area near Strata. He advised he is available to mow the area around the entrance to Strata, in front of the railings and the grassed area to the right, once a fortnight for £30.00. The PC agreed.

Cllr Ireland suggested the green space on the right hand side to the entrance of Strata would be a good position to site a noticeboard and bench. Mrs Harrison raised concerns of vehicles parking on the grass verge which is on top of the drainage ditch. Cllr Hardstaff recommended installing a wooden fence to prevent vehicles parking. Cllr Ireland advised she will contact Stuart Ashton at Harworth Estate.

Mrs Harrison advised of a pile of what looked like tar had been dumped next to the gate to the field. She agreed to take photographs and forward to the Clerk.

Cllr Ireland advised Mr Stillwell has cut the grass bank. The cost for each cut will be £50. The PC agreed to the bank being cut once a month.

The PC also discussed Mr Stillwell cutting the green spaces throughout the village on a regular basis next year. Cllr Lewis advised he will cut the grass near the football field and from Linby House to Papplewick. The PC agreed for Mr Stillwell to take the next mow and assess how long it takes and how much it will cost. Cllr Ireland to contact Mr Stillwell.

Cllr Ireland commented that the budget this year for the Lengthsman Scheme is £500.00. The PC had budgeted £1,000.00 towards the Neighbourhood Plan, however, since the Plan is due to be adopted, this budget can be transferred to the Lengthsman Scheme. Therefore, the cost of the green space maintenance above will have no impact on the budget. The PC agreed to the transfer.

## **10.0 Highways Matters**

### **10.1 Street Lighting on footpath from Strata to Village**

Cllr Barnfather advised he had met with Highways Officers onsite. The Development Controller had advised that there is no legislation for Highways to install street lighting on the 30mph road. Cllr Barnfather advised that when Top Wighay is developed they will look again to see if street lighting is required.

### **10.2 Narrow Footpath, Wighay Road**

Cllr Barnfather advised the narrow footpath is a temporary measure until Top Wighay is developed. There are issues around flooding and the water cause is behind the hedge so the footpath cannot be extended further. He advised he has requested that Highways write to the tenant farmer to cut back the hedge as far as possible. Though there is the issue with nesting birds this time of year, he advised that road safety takes president, and the advice to the tenant farmer will be advising them not to use heavy equipment and to check if birds are nesting before cutting back the hedge.

Mrs Harrison expressed her frustration regarding the issues on Wighay Road, and advised problems of crossing the road, no street lighting and a footpath that is too narrow and dangerous to walk along. She advised this is not the situation the residents have made, but that GBC has made. Cllr Ireland advised her worry was that piecemeal applications on the Top Wighay site may cause further issues. She advised Mrs Harrison that Hannah Barter, Planning Consultant has agreed to represent the PC and will look at the sites as applications come through.

### **10.3 Kerb stones (missing near Hanson House, broken near Top Cross)**

Cllr Lewis advised the kerb stone near Hanson House hasn't been replaced. The Clerk to chase.

Regarding the kerb stone near the Bottom Cross the Clerk advised she had received an email from Highways advising the damaged kerb does not fall within the adopted highway and is on the private access road. They will therefore not carry out the repairs. The PC agreed to pursue, and advised it could be funded using CIL monies.

### **10.4 Sherwood Gate Signs on Highways Signs**

Cllr Barnfather advised NCC will contact Bellway Homes and allow them 7 days to remove the signs, or NCC will remove them and charge Bellway Homes.

The PC thanked Cllr Barnfather for his assistance in all the issues above.

### **11.0 Installation of posts near Linby House – update**

Cllr Clark advised he has replaced the stone and advised the grass is now recovering. No further action required.

Cllr Tunstall advised she would like a metal fence erecting on the opposite side of the road to prevent people from walking along the path there as it is a trip hazard and unsafe to walk along due to falling into the road. The PC agreed to look into the cost of the metal work.

### **12.0 Christmas lights certificate – update**

Cllr Lewis advised of his recent meeting with Highways who advised the PC could no longer use the lamp post for the Christmas lights and had removed all the PC's equipment. Cllr Lewis advised the PC will require their own power supply for the Christmas Lights which could be installed on the Village Green and made available for all events. He advised that the PC will need to dig a trench for the cable but advised there is a high voltage cable that runs through the village so they will need details of where the cable is, and dig either side of it. Cllr's Lewis and Clark to liaise with the Electrician. Cllr Ireland advised getting an idea of all the costs before pursuing further and that it will need to be paid for through fundraising events.

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

Cllr Lewis advised the inspection has been carried out with no action required.

### **14.0 Heritage Centre Purchase**

No further updates on the purchase.

The Clerk advised she had received an email from NCC Debt Recovery requesting immediate payment for the rent on the Heritage Centre. She advised that Marie Glaister had waived the rent, and forwarded Marie's details to them to confirm.

### **15.0 Bottom Cross Repairs Update**

Cllr Ireland advised of the recent meeting with Hanna Good at Historic England, Ed Morton, Engineer and Skillington's. She advised they hoped to commence the work in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. The Clerk to contact the Head Teacher at Linby School to make the parents aware, as the works will take 6 weeks. She advised any posts taken out can be reused, but that Skillington's were aware that the PC want oak replacements if any are damaged. Cllr Ireland also stated that they would like the new turf instead of grass seed. Cllr Clark enquired whether the lights will need to be removed. Cllr Ireland to contact Skillington's.

### **16.0 LIS (Local Improvement Scheme)**

No updates.

### **17.0 Top Wighay, including update on land for sale**

Cllr Ireland advised the land has been sold, and will contact Stuart Ashton for further details.

### **18.0 Correspondence Received**

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

### **19.0 Planning**

None

### **20.0 Funding Update**

#### **20.1 Finance Report**

Current Account: £13,082.93

Savings Account: £15,010.35

Payments Made:

All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14/05/2019	W Lewis - Petrol for mower	£40.75
14/05/2019	A Sharpe - Strimmer part	£33.39
14/05/2019	W Lewis - Padlocks for garage door and lamp post	£30.50
21/05/2019	Best Kept Village Competition Entry	£5.00
01/06/2019	E Gretton - May 2019 wages and home office expenses	£456.58
21/05/2019	Geo Hanson & Sons - Repairs to bench at the meadow	£361.37
22/05/2019	W Lewis - Reimburse for Padlock	£30.50
22/05/2019	Nottingham Printing Limited - NP booklet	£22.00
24/05/2019	RS Lawn Care (Roger Stillwell) - Grass cutting Strata	£50.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,030.09</b>

Receipts:

None

20.2 Payments for approval

W Lewis Petrol for mower £14.21

20.3 CIL Update

Cllr Ireland commented on the PC's potential CIL of £4,360.43 and advised this could be allocated towards restoring the area around the Top Cross once the repairs have been made. It could include turfing the area and completing the footpath there. The kerb stones could also be repaired. Cllr Lewis to contact Natural Cut Stone Ltd in Calverton for a quote.

**21.0 Councillor's Reports**

21.1 Heritage Centre Open Day Update

Cllr Hardstaff thanked Cllr Lewis and Linda Newton for opening up the Heritage Centre.

Cllr Hardstaff advised she is opening up the Heritage Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> June for a local history group.

21.2 Motorbikes on Linby Trail

Cllr Hardstaff reported that it had been brought to her attention that there is an increase in motorbikes on the Linby Trail. The Clerk advised that if anyone witnesses the motorbikes or any anti-social behavior, to report the matter to the Police on telephone 101. Incidents can also be reported online via the Nottinghamshire Police website.

**22.0 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be brought forward to **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**The meeting ended at 21:10**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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