

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 8th July 2013

Present: Councillors B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, J Parker, Borough Cllr P Andrews, S Molsom, and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence: L Newton, and County Cllr C Barnfather.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

Cllr Hardstaff declared a personal interest in the Local Plan.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 20th May 2013:

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

4.0 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:

4.1 Feedback from the Parish Walk:

It was agreed by those who attended the walk that it went well and was worthwhile. Two representatives from Gedling BC and the local Beat Officer were in attendance with the walk beginning at the football ground on Church Lane. Concerns were raised regarding the amendment and subsequent approval of the improvement plans for the football ground, which include flood lights and a 60 seater stand. The Parish Council highlighted that they had only received notification of the original application and feel that any amended plans should also be sent to the Parish Council for discussion. Paula Darlington from Gedling BC agreed to look into this further. Cllr Brothwell offered to speak to the football club to establish if the new stand will be dismantled between games.

Maintenance of the Linby Trail, grass cutting and clearing of drainage were also discussed and a timetable of works has been requested. Gedling BC were under the impression that the Parish Council did not want the footpaths cleaned by the road sweeper, it was pointed out that this has never been the case and that going forward they should also be included.

A map of responsibility has also been requested to show the divide between Notts CC and Gedling throughout the village.

Cllr Brothwell pointed out that we must ensure all areas of the village are maintained to the same standard and the focus should not just be on Main Street.

Cllr Ireland asked the clerk to email Paula Darlington to thank her for her time and to clarify the points raised during the meeting.

4.2 Heritage Lottery Bid:

Cllr Ireland advised that the bid for restoring the docks and the wall in St Michael's church yard has been submitted and we must now wait till September for the outcome. Cllr Ireland feels it is a good bid backed up with plenty of educational support via Rob Shacklock, the stonemason. Cllr Brothwell thanked Cllr Ireland for her efforts so far in trying to gain this funding.

4.3: Camera in culvert

Cllr Hardstaff referred to a report from TBL (Midlands) Ltd following an investigation into the culvert that day. As CCTV was unsuccessful due to the amount of debris, a manual investigation was conducted. This uncovered compacted debris holding back the flow of water along with a roof slab which is cracked through and the next roof slab unsupported. The survey was unable to be fully completed due to the risk of collapse and it was recommended that to complete the survey, the roof would need to be supported with Acrow steel trench props at a cost of £150 plus VAT and £72 plus VAT for the steel supports. To clear the debris and repair the damaged roof would be in the region of £3,000 plus VAT.

The council discussed the findings and agreed that Acrow supports should be purchased to shore up the roof. There is a discrepancy over who should maintain and repair the culvert as it is believed that Severn Trent caused this damage. However, it would be difficult to get them to carry out this work; therefore, the Parish Council will take steps to make the culvert safe. Cllr Lewis to price up trench props and Cllr Hardstaff to contact TBL to revisit the site to complete the survey.

4.4 Lengthsman Scheme:

Cllr Lewis was pleased to report that this scheme is now underway with the training issue resolved. Cllr Lewis has submitted our initial job requests to Ravenshead PC and asked that the work is completed on Monday's.

The issue of the broken bench by the Brooke Farm bus stop was raised and Cllr Parker kindly agreed to look into repairing the rotten wood.

4.5 Heritage Centre:

Cllr Lewis reported that he had seen 6 people when the Heritage Centre opened last month. Two had come to visit the other four needed directions! It was agreed that the August date should be cancelled and that we will open again in September, which will be the last of the year. A new schedule will be planned for 2014, which may include craft fairs or farmers markets, along with educational days, should our funding bid be successful. Clerk to advertise last opening day on the website, Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Lewis to provide cover.

Cllr Andrews mentioned the possible introduction of a Heritage Trail, taking in sites such as the Pumping Station, Moor Pond Woods, the Mineral Railway and Heritage Centre. Interpretation Boards would be introduced along the route, but a coffee shop and toilets would also have to be considered.

The clerk confirmed that we do not require planning for the storage container on the Heritage Centre site and that we just need to provide a sketch. Cllr Parker to provide this for the clerk.

4.6 The Local Plan

It was agreed to discuss this item at the end of the meeting.

4.7 Nottingham Waste Core Strategy

Following the publication of the draft Waste Core Strategy by Nottinghamshire CC, one of the sections highlighted was the consideration of disused quarries for waste disposal in the future. The council discussed contacting Notts CC noting our interest in this area due to the closure of the quarry in the village. However, it was decided that this would draw unnecessary attention and as landfill is not a preferred option due to high taxes for the authority; the council will continue to monitor the strategy as it progresses.

5.0 Correspondence:

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

5.1 CPRE Best Kept Village – *Linby is through to the second round of judging.*

5.2 Gedling BC Cabinet and Committee Meeting minutes

5.3 SLCC Clerk magazine

5.4 SLCC welcome pack

5.5 Gedling BC, Press Release Gedling Country Park to be created

5.6 Free Trees from the Woodland Trust – *clerk to find out further information.*

6.0 Planning Applications Received:

Application: 2013/0526 – Variation of condition 3 (Application 2012/1295)

Location: Linby House, Linby Lane

Amendment to location of parking spaces as requested by residents.

No objections or concerns were raised.

Clerk to forward comments to GBC.

7.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
08.07.13	300735	£175.00	K Holmes
08.07.13	300736	£180.00	TBL (Midland) Ltd
08.07.13	300737	£37.99	Cllr Lewis Expenses
	Total	£392.99	

7.2 Any other business relating to Finance

a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

b) Current bank balances: Co-op £7,623.25 and HSBC £2706.19

- Donation of £300.00 received from the Millennium Fund towards Brownfield First to be paid into HSBC account.

8.0 Any other business:

8.1 Cllr Ireland asked that the clerk contact Mark Guy at Notts CC to ascertain when work will begin again on the Linby Trail to clear the paths and ditches and repair the drains.

4.6 The Local Plan

Cllr Hardstaff left the meeting at this point.

Cllr Ireland mentioned that a joint letter of support between Linby, Papplewick and Bestwood Village PC's for the development on Teal Close in Neatherfield (830 houses) will be submitted to Gedling BC. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Lewis had also met with Mark Spencer MP to discuss his thoughts on how best to tackle the proposed housing development to land North of Papplewick Lane. Mr Spencer MP advised that this was a grey area as it was not part of the local plan. The clerk confirmed that a Public Consultation day would be held at the Village Hall on Monday 22nd July and is being co-ordinated by NPL Consulting on behalf of the Co-op. Cllr Brothwell speculated that this work was being done now to gauge public opinion so that if planning permission is eventually granted, this will speed up the process. The discussion turned to the 'For Sale' board that has appeared on Wighay Road, the land is being marketed by Savills, but it is unclear who owns and was also thought to be the 'green belt buffer' and therefore exempt from housing.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 9th September 2013.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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