

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 16th September 2013

Present: Councillors B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, J Parker, S Molsom, L Newton, 1 parishioner and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Borough Cllr P Andrews and County Cllr C Barnfather.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 8th July 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 Culvert

It was agreed that no further repairs are required to the culvert at this time.

4.2 Heritage Lottery Bid

Cllr Ireland advised that we should hopefully receive a decision from the Heritage Lottery on our bid within the next week.

4.3 Heritage Centre

Cllr Hardstaff reported that numbers were low again for the September opening and believes that the idea of opening for 2 dates only next year would be time better spent. Cllr Ireland referred to Mr Shacklock (stonemason) being happy to do some demonstrations and training in the village in April and September, which could be linked to the Heritage Centre openings.

5.0 Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S)

Cllr Ireland suggested that we apply for the footpaths to be re-pointed and broken slabs replaced, which would cost in the region of £10,000. This project would fit in with the scheme criteria and after contacting Cllr Barnfather, he confirmed that he would be supportive of the bid.

Cllr Lewis suggested lighting up the Top and Bottom Cross; it was agreed that only 2 bids would be put forward for the footpaths and lighting as any further bids may be detrimental. Cllr Brothwell to investigate costs for lighting (2 lights per cross) and liaise with Cllr Parker, who offered to complete the paperwork for this bid.

6.0 Correspondence

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

6.1 Examination of soundness for Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottinghamshire City's aligned core strategies.

6.2 Guidance on Personal Interest and Probity in Planning

6.3 SLCC Clerk magazine

6.4 NALC Local Councils explained

6.5 The Beat

6.6 RCAN Newsletter

6.7 Groundwork Newsletter

6.8 L.I.S Application and Information

6.9 GBC Cabinet Agenda

6.10 Notts CC Winter Assistance to Parish Councils

6.11 SLCC AGM 18th October

6.12 Railway artefacts – (email from Mr Stones). *A Signal box name board and small cast iron 'Private' sign have been offered to the Parish Council from Mr Stones (who used to work on the railway). The PC agreed that this would be of interest to the village, clerk to look into the cost of a courier service, as Mr Stones now lives in Inverness.*

7.0 Planning Applications Received

None

8.0 Finance

8.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
24.07.13	300738	£266.40	TBL (Midland) Ltd (<i>chq approved in between meetings</i>)
16.09.13	300739	£50.00	Two Little Fishes
16.09.13	300740	£2.34	Southern Elec
16.09.13	300741	£134.65	Cllr Lewis Expenses
16.09.13	300742	£30.00	B.F.F (VAT transfer)
16.09.13	300743	£374.80	K Holmes (wages/expenses Aug & Sept)
16.09.13	300744	£58.05	P Newman (Lenghtsman)
	Total	£916.24	

8.2 Any other business relating to Finance

- a) The above cheques were approved for payment.
- b) Current bank balances: Co-op £6,905.59 and HSBC £2,766.19
 - VAT refund of £289.90 received into Co-op account.

9.0 Any other business

9.1 Linby Trail

Cllr Ireland asked that the clerk contacts Mark Guy from Notts CC again regarding the removal of the bench and flooding issues.

9.2 Speeding

Cllr Brothwell invited Mr Worrall to speak about the issues he wished to raise with the Parish Council. Mr Worrall explained that he and his wife are becoming extremely frustrated by speeding traffic through the village. Mr Worrall is finding it difficult to pull out of his drive safely, and feels that a serious accident will happen. Mr Worrall attended a meeting held by Paddy Tipping (Police and Crime Commissioner), where a survey was mentioned regarding a speed and vehicle count completed in the village in July 13. Since the meeting Mr Worrall has been trying to obtain the information contained in this report, but has been unsuccessful in gaining a response. Cllr Brothwell asked the clerk to request the statistics on the Parish Council's behalf. Mr Worrall explained that he would like the village to be included in the rota for the speed camera once a month, and he strongly feels that any sort of regular police presence in the village would help with the problem.

9.3 Station House

Cllr Ireland mentioned the large tree which had been pushing out the wall at the front of Station House has now been cut down. Cllr Brothwell advised that the roots had also been drilled and the tree will rot down over time. Cllr Ireland also mentioned that cement had been used on the repairs to the wall and this is not in keeping with the village. However, Cllr Brothwell referred to previous repairs on the wall carried out by the Parish Council, which too were in cement.

9.4 Lamp Post

Clerk asked to contact Ashfield DC or Highways to see if the top of the lamppost by the docks could be set straight. Cllr Brothwell advised that Ashfield DC have the contract to maintain the lighting in the village, but this has been an ongoing problem whenever it is windy.

9.5 Lengthsman

Cllr Lewis advised that all benches in the village are now sanded and stained, along with the docks and the flagpole having been painted. Cllr Lewis has filled in pot holes on Quarry Lane with tarmac he had been given, and re-pointed the docks. Cllr Lewis reported that an agreement with Papplewick PC had been struck to allocate 10 hours of their time and 10 of Linby's to allow Mr Newman to clear and cut back the lane between Linby and Papplewick.

Cllr Lewis explained that he is using the Lengthsman Scheme to complete all the jobs that Notts CC used to do and if we can get the village in good order, some of these jobs will not need to be done again for years. Whilst discussing the improvements in the village, Cllr Brothwell asked the clerk to contact Taylor Wimpey regarding the overgrown hedges on Church Lane and Cllr Lewis also asked the clerk to prepare a Thank You letter for a local resident who had done a litter pick between Linby and Papplewick and cleared 8 bags of rubbish.

9.6 Miscellaneous

Clerk asked to contact Lee Scudder and arrange for the mowing of the Heritage Centre.

Clerk also asked to chase up a response to the proposed container on the Heritage Centre site.

Cllr Lewis advised that he is to purchase one more string of lights for the tree on the traffic island and has a cherry picker available to hang them. Cllr Lewis advised that the money (approximately £200) for the lights would come from the Millennium Fund.

9.7 Carols around the Tree

The date has been set as Monday 16th December 13. Clerk to contact Mr Conidi (school Head teacher) and Rev K Turner to confirm. Cllr Brothwell suggested that the November PC meeting be moved slightly closer to this date to assist with planning the event. November Parish Council meeting set for 18th November at 7.15pm. Clerk asked to contact the brass band and Denis Robinson from the Dispatch to invite him to switch on the lights. It was agreed that any money raised would go to the Millennium Fund this year.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 14th October 2013.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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