

Linby Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 14th October 2013

Present: Councillors B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, S Molsom, L Newton, County Cllr C Barnfather, 1 parishioner, PC Westlake and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Borough Cllr P Andrews and J Parker.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 16th September 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 noted that no further repairs are required to the culvert at this time and that the water was flowing well after recent heavy rain.

5.0 Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S)

Cllr Ireland confirmed that our bid to repair the footpaths had been submitted with a quotation from Mr Shacklock of £10,500. Cllr Ireland did suggest that if the bid is unsuccessful, we may be able to reduce the amount of money we apply for in future by shopping around for materials and completing some of the preparation work ourselves. Cllr Ireland also queried if help could be sort from the Gray Trust if necessary. Cllr Hardstaff believed that this type of work could certainly be considered. Clerk asked to confirm with Cllr Parker if the application for additional lighting had also been submitted to L.I.S.

6.0 Heritage Lottery Bid

Cllr Ireland advised that unfortunately our bid had been unsuccessful in its present format. The H.L.F did not see why the repairs for the docks should be linked on the same application as the church wall repairs and would like to have more information on the history of the docks. However, they were complimentary on the proposed workshops and suggested that with slight alteration, a revised application would be looked at favourably. Cllr Newton queried if it may be better to reapply at the beginning of the new tax year once the new budgets are set

7.0 Correspondence

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

- 7.1** Gedling Conversation 2013 - 22nd November 3pm till 5pm. *Cllr Molsom and Cllr Ireland to attend.*
- 7.2** Parish Liaison Meeting 4th November 5.30pm Civic Centre – *Cllr Brothwell and Cllr Lewis to attend.*
- 7.3** Conservation Issues – *meeting with Paula Darlington and Peter Baguley. Clerk to suggest Monday mornings, meeting in the village, Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Brothwell to attend.*
- 7.4** Valerie Gillespir Cup (CPRE)
- 7.5** SLCC Bulletin
- 7.6** Mark Spencer Newsletter
- 7.7** Notts CC Budget Challenge
- 7.8** A.S.C examination, hearing agenda's and explanatory note
- 7.9** GBC Planning Agenda
- 7.10** Nick Bramwell, Small Business Website Newsletter
- 7.11** NALC, Community Rights for Parish and Town Councils
- 7.12** RCAN, Alternative service models for rural areas
- 7.13** NALC, Openness and Transparency Guide – *Cllr Brothwell confirmed that all Cllr's had read this document and pointed out that as we do not provide comments on other Cllr's Planning Applications and are managing such a small budget, this is not something we need take further action on but just to be aware of.*

- 7.13** GBC Cabinet agenda
- 7.14** GBC Consultation on 3 Planning documents - *flyers requested to be distributed around village*
- 7.15** NALC – Standing for election in the UK
- 7.16** Healthwatch promotional material
- 7.17** Pictures from Mr Stones of Linby Colliery sign to be transported down from Inverness
- 7.18** SSE electricity price increase
- 7.19** NALC AGM, 13th November 7.30pm at Epperstone Village Hall
- 7.20** Dan Foster MP – Letter on 'Our Place' programme
- 7.21** Heritage Centre Storage Container (email from Tim, Slater Notts CC) - *conditions from Notts CC received prior to container being allowed onto site. Clerk to obtain further information on insurance, planning and plants to screen container*

PC Westlake Beat Officer

PC Westlake introduced herself as the new Beat Manager for Linby, Papplewick, Newstead, Bestwood and Ravenshead. PC Westlake advised that crime in the village is very low with only one theft of a car to report from Papplewick, which was subsequently found to have taken part in a robbery. The main issue is speeding and PC Westlake had been in contact with Mr Worrall about the problems he had experienced and was aware that the Parish Council had requested speeding statistics through the Freedom of Information Act. PC Westlake advised that she had managed to secure 100 hours of overtime and would be dedicating this to speeding related issues along with spotting drivers on mobile phones and not wearing seatbelts etc. This would commence shortly and it is hoped that increased visibility would also help reduce speeding in the village. Cllr Lewis queried with Cllr Barnfather if one of the new sign 50mph signs could be moved slightly as it is sited just before entering the village and seeming to enforce the 50mph speed limit, when drivers should be reducing their speed to 30mph. Cllr Barnfather agreed and offered to contact Gareth Coats to alter this.

Cllr Barnfather mentioned a scheme which has begun in Ravenshead whereby a group of residents are providing information to the police on speeding drivers. The locations they are to use have now been approved and while they will not give tickets, letters will be sent to drivers seen speeding to hopefully make them more aware and discourage dangerous driving in the village.

Cllr Brothwell mentioned an increase in large vehicles entering the village; PC Westlake agreed to also monitor this.

Mr Worrall asked PC Westlake if she was aware of the ambulance quad bike that had been dispatched to the Linby Trail recently. A discussion over the damage that had occurred to the metal gate took place, with speculation that the quad bike could have caused it. Clerk to report damage to Notts CC.

Cllr Brothwell thanked PC Westlake for her attendance and she left the meeting.

8.0 Planning Applications Received

2013/1051TPO – The Woodlands, Linby Lane

Request to pollard sycamore tree to 8 meters following damage to tree in recent storm.

Application details circulated prior to meeting, no objections.

9.0 Finance

9.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
14.10.13	300745	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
14.10.13	300746	£1,201.69	B.F.F (VAT transfer)
14.10.13	300747	£187.40	K Holmes (wages/expenses)
14.10.13	300748	£27.56	P Newman (Lenghtsman)
16.09.13	300749	£151.45	Cllr W Lewis
	Total	£1,596.10	

9.2 Any other business relating to Finance

a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

b) Current bank balances: Co-op £6,306.37 and HSBC £1,279.10

c) Clerk circulated a projection of expenses and receipts to the end of the tax year estimating costs of £3,803 with payments of £2,032, leaving an estimated balance of £4,536.

10.0 Any other business

10.1 Lengthsman

Cllr Lewis reported that the Lengthsman continues to be extremely useful, but recently after moving the large stones to the edges of the top green, they had been subsequently moved. Cllr Lewis explained that the stones are in their new locations to assist with mowing and after also explaining this to a local resident, asked that they are not moved again. Cllr Barnfather pointed out that there had been no decision taken regarding the budget for the Lengthsman scheme next year. Cllr Brothwell felt that we should continue with the Lengthsman scheme, even if this meant an increase in the precept, as the villagers are able to see the improvements and maintenance to the village and therefore it is right that the village pays rather than relying on individuals. Cllr Barnfather queried the number of households in the village, Clerk to confirm with GBC.

10.2 Church Lane

Cllr Lewis asked if Clerk had made progress in reporting the overgrown hedging and large branch that is dangerously overhanging the road. Clerk had not been able to contact Taylor Wimpey and it was decided that Highways would be the best option.

10.3 Bonfire Night – Friday 8th November

Cllr Lewis asked that as many Cllr's as possible helped on this event as the Leisure and Enterprise Group had donated generously to the Parish Council and we should offer our support by way of a thank you.

10.4 Heritage Centre

Cllr Lewis advised that he had been asked by a local resident if the PC would consider letting her sell drinks and cakes from a mobile stall at the Heritage Centre. Cllr Lewis pointed out that Borough Cllr Andrews had been keen to promote the Linby Trail and this would enhance the route, but the drawback was having no water or toilets on site. The PC was broadly supportive to the suggestion but, Cllr Brothwell asked the clerk to investigate the lease regarding sub letting and public liability insurance.

10.5 Defibrillator Training

Following the last training session being poorly attended, Cllr Brothwell has asked Mr Conidi (Headmaster) for a list of contacts from the school who would also like to attend the training. Once this is received a new date can be arranged.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 18th November 2013.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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