

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 18th November
2013

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 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 – 14th October 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 Storage Container for Heritage Centre site

The clerk advised that she had received information from Mr Wooddisse (Notts CC – Green Estates) regarding suitable planting to screen the container, along with details of trees available from a County Council run centre (linked to Brooke Farm) in Skegby, Notts. Cllr Lewis believed that only saplings looked to be available and therefore we should apply to the Greenwood Partnership for funding. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Lewis to complete the application form. The clerk explained that the public liability on the existing insurance would cover the container and that planning should not be required under permitted development rights. However, despite repeated attempts to get this in writing from GBC, the details had still not been received. Cllr Andrews kindly offered to chase this up.

5.0 Heritage Lottery Bid Update

Cllr Ireland explained that to try and improve our bid to repair the stone walls surrounding the Docks, we have been advised to take out the additional request for the church wall repairs and concentrate on the history of the docks. Cllr Hardstaff offered her assistance with this and it was also suggested that plenty of information was available on the Parish Map.

6.0 L.I.S contingency following reduction in funding

Cllr Ireland canvassed opinion on applying to the Gray Trust for funding for repairs to the pavements, as due to the huge reduction in funding for the L.I.S, it would seem extremely unlikely that we would be successful in our bid. Cllr Ireland suggested that if we approached this project as a going concern, completing small sections at a time, we could apply for smaller amounts of funding from the Gray Trust. Cllr Hardstaff believed that amounts of roughly £1,000 would be possible and this could be discussed at one of the future Gray Trust meetings. Cllr Brothwell suggested that before proceeding any further, we wait till our L.I.S bid is formally declined and then start to make alternative arrangements.

7.0 Feedback from Parish Liaison Meeting

Cllr Lewis reported that Calverton PC were quite vocal regarding various issues concerning their village. It was suggested that Highways become involved in these meetings and attend future parish walkabouts. Cllr Lewis mentioned that the precept will be capped and details are expected in the Autumn Statement. Cllr Brothwell pointed out that this would make things difficult when setting a budget for next year, but that the changes may not come into effect straight away.

8.0 Feedback from Conservation Issues Meeting

Cllr Lewis advised that he had asked for clarification of how the village is run and seen by both Notts CC and GBC. Cllr Ireland explained that we needed to draw up a Conservation Plan document detailing things that we would like/not like to see in the village. This will be submitted to Notts CC and GBC and while this is advisory only and not enforceable, it would provide a guideline to work within. Paula Darlington stated that cost would always be a factor but Cllr Ireland offered details of suitable materials being used which are comparative in cost

and will ultimately last much longer, saving money and conserving the village for future generations.

9.0 Feedback from Peer Review Meeting

Cllr Brothwell reported that this meeting felt as if all the parishes spoke with "one voice"; it was agreed unanimously that GBC do not listen and are not engaged with the villages. It was also felt that open discussion was not encouraged. Cllr Andrews advised that GBC is to be rated as 'outstanding', which was met with scepticism.

Cllr Molsom arrived at the meeting.

10.0 Feedback on CPRE presentation of Best Kept Village

Cllr Brothwell explained that he and Cllr Lewis had attended the CPRE meeting to collect the award for Best Kept Village (population under 300). However, Linby was also revealed as the Best Kept Village in Nottinghamshire, for which the Parish Council also received an additional £1000 prize. Cllr Brothwell thanked all involved who had contributed towards this wonderful achievement. A discussion ensued regarding how the prize money could be allocated towards the continuation of the Lengthsman's scheme, but further decisions will be made when the budget is set. Cllr Brothwell invited the Cllr's and their partners to attend a celebratory buffet on Wednesday 11th December at the Horse and Groom.

11.0 Carols around the Tree planning

The clerk advised that the marquee would be set up on Sunday morning (15th) and asked Cllr Lewis if he could ensure that the area was free from cars. Cllr Lewis asked the clerk to arrange first aid cover through SPS and enquired if Cllr Andrews would be able to secure the services of a couple of Neighbourhood Wardens for the evening. Cllr Lewis took details of those able to provide mince pies and biscuits and Cllr Brothwell offered to help with the mulled wine. Cllr Lewis advised that the tree had been delivered that evening and help would be required on Sunday morning to assist with trimming the tree and hanging lights as the cherry picker was booked for the weekend. The clerk was asked to contact the school to arrange the Christmas tree decorations.

12.0 Local Planning Consultation by GBC

Cllr Ireland gave an overview of the 8 Hearing Sessions held with the Inspector, which had commenced week commencing 15th October 13. Cllr Ireland recalled the various members of the Parish Council and other supporting bodies that had attended to offer expertise in the various topics covered by the hearing. Cllr Ireland was pleased to note that Ashfield DC had been extremely helpful in pointing out their concerns relating to Hucknall's infrastructure, along with Mrs Johnson and Mr Walker, who offered vital information regarding the history of the housing development along with environmental and educational gaps in the proposals. Cllr Ireland mentioned the mixed use development at Top Wighay and referred to the empty warehouses and office units on Sherwood Park, asking if there was really any need for further industrial development when existing sites are not full to capacity. Cllr Molsom gave details of the discussion regarding transport and felt that although this session went reasonably well, Notts CC were better equipped with statistics. Cllr Ireland explained that the ideal outcome would see Teal Close, Neatherfield allocated as a strategic site (with 830 houses) and that Gedling Colliery (300 houses) would also be included as funding is now available to deliver the access road. Cllr Ireland concluded by reporting that the Inspector had asked GBC to go back and look at Teal Close and Gedling Colliery in more detail and then report back in 2/3 weeks (also offering a 6 week consultation period flowing this report). At this stage it was unclear if a new hearing would then be convened.

Cllr Brothwell thanked Cllr Ireland and all those involved for the amount of time and hard work put into fighting the housing developments in the village.

Finally, it was agreed that the clerk should look into moving the bank account away from the Co-op in light of recent events and the Co-op's involvement in the proposed housing development North of Papplewick Lane.

13.0 Correspondence

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

13.1 NALC – Sustainable communities Act

13.2 GBC – Return Electoral Forms

13.3 GBC Energy Van Display

- 13.4** Mark Spencer MP Newsletter
- 13.5** Notts CC – Nottingham Mineral Local Plan
- 13.6** GBC – Evict Rogue Landlords Campaign
- 13.7** Royal British Legion – 100th Anniversary of Great War, poppy display appeal
It was felt that poppies would not be suitable for the planters or Heritage Centre and seeds would already have needed to be sown. It was agreed that poppies may be planted on the approach to church and that if the children from school would be interested in making poppies, then we could add to the planters. Clerk to speak to Mr Conidi.
- 13.8** NALC – Personal Advice and Solutions Letter
- 13.9** SLCC News Bulletin
- 13.10** Peter Baguley – Number of households in Linby
- 13.11** GBC Planning Consultation
- 13.12** Cllr Richard Butler, Notts CC – Reduction to £500,000 in LIS Funding
- 13.13** GBC – Invitation to PC Liaison and Peer Review
- 13.14** NALC – Greenwood Partnerships Grants for Trees
Clerk to apply for this funding
- 13.15** GBC – Commitment to paying the living wage
- 13.16** GBC – Agenda Cabinet Meeting, Planning Meeting and Council Meeting
- 13.15** The Beat
- 13.16** Groundwork Update
- 13.17** Mark Spencer – Flooding Review Meeting
- 13.18** GBC – Memorial Concert/Netherfield Market Growth/Christmas Crafts for Children
- 13.19** Notts CC – Speed reduction to 30mph on Moor Road
- 13.20** SLCC – Clerk magazine

14.0 Planning Applications Received

There were no planning applications received.

15.0 Finance

15.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
18.11.13	300750	£2.34	Southern Elec
18.11.13	300751	£120.00	Grant Thornton (<i>Annual Audit Fee</i>)
18.11.13	300752	£22.81	Mr R Hull (<i>Lighting equipment for Xmas</i>)
18.11.13	300753	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
18.11.13	300754	£121.80	Cllr D Ireland (<i>Expenses from attending ACS Hearing</i>)
18.11.13	300755	£14.48	Cllr W Lewis (<i>Expenses – petrol for mower</i>)
18.11.13	300756	£212.66	K Holmes (<i>wages/expenses</i>)
	Total	£519.09	

15.2 Any other business relating to Finance

- a) The above cheques were approved for payment.
- b) Current bank balances: Co-op £5893.58 and HSBC £1,279.

16.0 Any other business

16.1 Sub-let business on Heritage Centre

Following the last PC meeting, where a business proposal to run a light refreshments business from the Heritage Centre site was discussed; the clerk confirmed she had investigated the terms of the lease and no profit can be made from the site.

16.2 Church Lane

The clerk was asked to chase up Highways again to cut back the trees and hedges on Church Lane, as no progress had been made with establishing who should be maintaining this from the flats.

16.3 Defibrillator Training

The clerk has received confirmation that a number of staff from the school would like to attend this training. Cllr Lewis asked if the date could be set in the New Year. Clerk to arrange training accordingly.

16.4 Attempted Break In

Cllr Brothwell advised that an attempted break in took place recently at 'The Spinney'. Whereby the perpetrators used a chair to try and gain access through the bay window.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 13th January 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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