

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 13th January 2014

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Borough Cllr P Andrews.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared a personal interest in the Local Plan.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 18th November 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 School Donation

Cllr Hardstaff mentioned that the £50 donation (Millennium Fund) for the school towards the cost of materials used to make the Christmas tree decorations had not been cashed. Clerk to speak to the Headmaster.

4.2 Heritage Lottery Bid Update

Cllr Ireland advised that a decision on our Lottery Bid for the repairs and restoration to the docks will be decided on the 12th February 14, but that funding from the L.I.S fund to repair the footpaths was extremely unlikely due to the budget being slashed dramatically.

5.0 Correspondence

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

<u>5.1</u>	GBC – National award received for street cleaning
<u>5.2</u>	GBC – Struggling residents urged to seek help with bill payments
<u>5.3</u>	NALC – Neighbourhood and Local Plans
<u>5.4</u>	The Beat Newsletter
<u>5.5</u>	GBC – Change to council plan for homes in Gedling
<u>5.6</u>	NALC – PC and Local Council Tax Support
<u>5.7</u>	NALC – Quality Council Scheme review update
<u>5.8</u>	Mr D Hankey – email of support regarding fight against 300 new homes off Papplewick Lane
<u>5.9</u>	NALC – Local Government Finance Statement
<u>5.10</u>	GBC – Council's solar energy boost
<u>5.11</u>	Nick Bramwell – small business newsletter
<u>5.12</u>	Claire James – GBC Heritage Trail Website
<u>5.13</u>	GBC – Cabinet Meeting agenda
<u>5.14</u>	CPRE – entry form for Best Kept Village – <i>Clerk to complete entry form</i>
<u>5.15</u>	RCAN – Community Spirit and Good Neighbour Scheme
<u>5.16</u>	Notts CC – Invite to Broadband update session
<u>5.17</u>	SLCC – The Clerk magazine

6.0 Planning Applications Received

Linwood – Linby Lane (2013/1325) Garage Conversion

There above planning application was received in December. Information had been circulated to the Cllr’s and no objections or comments had been received.

6.1 Update on outline planning application received from the Co-op for land north of Papplewick Lane

Cllr Ireland brought in the paperwork relating to the outline planning permission for this proposed 300 house development. Issues with possible flooding had been highlighted as a problem should suitable drainage solutions not be adequately enforced. Access to the site is also an issue, as one entrance is normally required per 150 homes, but the Papplewick Lane development has 300 homes with only one entrance/exit point. Ashfield DC, have reported that they are unhappy with this arrangement and have queried the number of houses to be demolished to make way for the entrance due to a discrepancy on the application. Cllr Ireland explained that the proposed infrastructure for the site is very vague, but Mr Hughes (Planning Consultant) has put together a robust response on our behalf and Ashfield DC are also compiling their response, detailing why they are opposed to this development.

Cllr Ireland reflected that this proposal had been submitted at an odd time, when approval for the ACS is still in the process of being reviewed. However, gains have been made with GBC allocating homes to the Gedling Colliery site and increasing the allocation for Teal Close. With this in mind, it is important that we are able to fight both the Papplewick Lane and Top Wighay developments through to their conclusion.

Cllr Ireland explained that the funds left in the Brownfield First account are not sufficient to pay Mr Hughes for the work he has completed. Therefore, she proposed that the VAT against invoice 110281 (£152.43) be transferred to the BFF HSBC account, along with the £300 donation from the Parish Council, which had previously been agreed by the Cllr’s.

Cllr Lewis seconded this proposal and the council agreed unanimously. Cheque 300762 for £452.43 signed accordingly.

7.0 Finance

7.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
13.01.14	300758	£50.00	Two Little Fishes
13.01.14	300759	£28.35	Cllr D Ireland (<i>Expenses</i>)
13.01.14	300760	£888.00	Leisure Lites
13.01.14	300761	£323.87	K Holmes (<i>wages/expenses</i>)
13.01.14	300762	£452.43	BFF donation and VAT transfer
13.01.14	300764	£5.00	P Newman (<i>Lengthsman – grass seed</i>)
	Total	£1,747.65	

7.1 a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

7.1 b) Current bank balances: Co-op £6322.40 and HSBC £714.51.

7.2 Precept 2014/2015

Cllr Brothwell advised that while there is no cap applied to our precept increase, should any complaints be received from parishioners, a referendum would be required at the Parish Council’s expense. With this in mind, we should proceed with caution. Cllr Brothwell recalled being approached by three parishioners, urging the council to refrain from any large increase this year. Cllr Lewis pointed out that as the precept had not been capped this year, there is a possibility that this may happen next year and if we do not make a reasonable increase now, we may regret it later. Cllr Brothwell explained that according to the GBC website, Linby has the most expensive precept in the borough, where as six years ago we were the second

lowest. Following a debate between the Cllr's, regarding running costs and future projects, a 19.75% increase was agreed, taking the total precept to £6,860.47 (an increase of £1,131.47). Cllr Ireland suggested the clerk should contact the Linby Kennels to see if they would like to advertise on the PC website, as this would raise additional income.

Cllr Parker stated that residents will just see the percentage increase and not realise that the actual increase equates to under £10 per year. It was agreed that a flyer should be produced detailing the work the Parish Council have undertaken over the last year and explaining how the precept will be spent in the year to come.

Cllr Brothwell raised the issue of the clerks hours being insufficient to cover the amount of work required each week. It was agreed that 6 hour per week would adequately reflect the position and Cllr Brothwell proposed a £100 ex-gratia payment to cover the hours the clerk has worked unpaid; this was agreed unanimously by the council.

Cllr Brothwell, Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Newton signed the precept request for GBC accordingly.

7.3 New Bank Account

The clerk advised she had recently received the paperwork for changing the current account from the Co-op to Barclays bank. Unfortunately, there were not enough copies for all the signatories; therefore, we would be unable to proceed any further during the meeting. It was agreed the new bank account will be discussed at February's meeting and the clerk is to arrange for the necessary paperwork to be dispatched. Cllr Lewis will also be added as a signatory.

7.4 Any other business relating to Finance

The clerk referred to the successful application of the Greenwood Trust, who will pay up to £250 towards tree planting at the Heritage Centre. This will be used to screen the storage container, which will be purchased by the Leisure and Enterprise Group. The clerk explained further details of the grant would follow in the post.

8.0 Any other business

8.1 Housing Development at Top Wighay Farm

Cllr Ireland referred to a 'Position Statement' from Nottinghamshire County Council, which had been submitted to the Inspector for her consideration. Cllr Ireland pointed out that this seemed unfair, when representation from the PC had been refused. Cllr Ireland also pointed out that detail being displayed on the internet by a representative of Notts CC, was out of date. The NET Tram extension was referred to, along with incorrect land owner details. Cllr Ireland will continue to monitor the situation and feed back to the council.

8.2 Speeding in village

Cllr Lewis recalled a meeting with PC Westlake, and was pleased to report that the police are doing well with monitoring the speeding traffic through the village. PC Westlake is hampered by not having her own vehicle and is looking for a company sponsor to hopefully assist in obtaining a car in the future. Cllr Lewis asked the council for approval to display signs provided by the police asking cars to slow down to 30mph. The signs would not be permanent fixtures as they are more successful when used periodically. The council was unanimous in its agreement.

Mr Worrall referred to a drink drive initiative using unmarked police cars, which has also been taking place recently at the Horse and Groom.

A discussion ensued regarding inconsiderate parking in the village, which included parents parking on Main Street to pick their children up from school. It was agreed this was an ongoing problem, but that double yellow lines were not something the council would like to see in the village.

Cllr Brothwell concluded by advising that after a conversation with the landlord of the Horse and Groom, it has been established that the P.C do have ownership of the front car park at the pub, even though maintenance has been carried out by the Horse and Groom in recent years.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 10th February 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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