

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 10th February 2014

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S Molsom.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 13th January 2014

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 Church Lane Hedge

Cllr Brothwell advised that following the hedge being cut back by contractors working for Cllr Hardstaff, a resident of Balliwicks Court had agreed to arrange with the Management Company to settle the invoice. Cllr Brothwell to liaise with Cllr Hardstaff to arrange.

4.2 Precept

Cllr Ireland raised the issue of the Precept, the clerk advised that the paperwork had been submitted to Gedling BC and she had made a first draft of the Newsletter to be distributed around the village. Cllr Andrews offered to confirm with Sue Healey (GBC) when the Parish Council would receive confirmation that the Precept had been approved. The Newsletter will then be finalised.

4.3 Speeding in the Village

Cllr Lewis advised that when the speed gun was recently used in the village, motorists flashed their lights in warning to other drivers, making it difficult to gauge normal behaviour. However, the fact that they slowed down can be seen as a positive result. Cllr Barnfather added that the purpose of speed cameras/guns is not for issuing tickets, but to educate motorists.

5.0 Lengthsman scheme update

Cllr Lewis reported that we have a few free hours left, which will be allocated in springtime. £500 has been budgeted towards continuing to employ Mr Newman's services, with part of his time being allocated towards maintenance of the paths between Linby and Papplewick. Cllr Lewis explained that he was also keen to ask Mr Newman to continue to maintain the grass bank. Cllr Barnfather concluded by stating how pleased he was to see Linby make full use of the Lengthsman. Funding questionnaires had recently been sent out to gain feedback on the scheme, and a meeting to discuss next year's budget would take place in a fortnight.

6.0 Ward Walk

The next 'Ward Walk' is scheduled to take place on the 19th March at 1pm, meeting in the Horse and Groom car park. Cllr Newton and Cllr Ireland are to represent Linby PC.

7.0 Greenwood tree planting scheme

The clerk advised that we had been successful in our bid and £250 has been made available for trees to screen the storage container on the Heritage Centre site. The clerk will email a list of approved plants and tree specimens to Cllr Lewis as copy invoices need to be provided to Greenwood as proof of purchase by 14th March 14.

8.0 Church Lane flats – Highway maintenance

Topic discussed under Matters Arising 4.1.

9.0 Defibrillator training

The clerk advised that since arranging the previous training, the gentleman from EMAS has now left and she had been unsuccessful in contacting his replacement to date. The clerk suggested that the training should take place on a Monday at 3.45pm, using the school hall as members of the teaching staff wish to attend. Cllr Brothwell kindly offered to run the training session if necessary, as he is now accredited to do so.

10.0 Correspondence

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

<u>10.1</u>	GBC – Scoop the poop or be fined
<u>10.2</u>	GBC – Agenda for Council
<u>10.3</u>	NALC – Council Tax benefit support grant
<u>10.4</u>	RCAN - Newsletter
<u>10.5</u>	GBC – Council Tax freeze for two years
<u>10.6</u>	GBC – Chinese New Year celebrations
<u>10.7</u>	GBC – Announcement of death of former Kingswell Ward Cllr
<u>10.8</u>	Mark Spencer MP - Newsletter
<u>10.9</u>	GBC – Agenda Planning Committee
<u>10.10</u>	Highways – Road closure Wighay Rd 13.04.14
<u>10.11</u>	Nottm Police – Refreshing Crime Plan 2014
<u>10.12</u>	NALC – e-petition for National Planning Policy Framework
<u>10.13</u>	GBC – Dementia friendly council
<u>10.14</u>	GBC – Community order for benefit fraudster
<u>10.15</u>	Notts CC – WW1 Hidden Treasurers
<u>10.16</u>	GBC – Work started on 1 million pound country park
<u>10.17</u>	Groundwork Newsletter
<u>10.18</u>	John Hewitt – Linby Heritage Trail – <i>Cllr Hardstaff providing information to Mr Hewitt</i>
<u>10.19</u>	GBC – Agenda for Cabinet
<u>10.20</u>	GBC – WW1 Commemoration events
<u>10.21</u>	NALC – Brandon Lewis MP, statement on Local Government Finance Settlement
<u>10.22</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin

11.0 Planning Applications Received

Linby House, Linby Lane, (2014/0004) New attached dwelling with double garage and associated landscaping

Details of this planning application had been circulated prior to the meeting. Comments had been returned to Gedling BC, which were broadly supportive of the materials and effort to blend in with the rest of the development. However, there is a feeling that the site is becoming over developed.

12.0 Finance

12.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
10.02.14	300765	£4.00	CPRE – BKV entry
10.02.14	300766	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
10.02.14	300767	£221.08	K Holmes (<i>wages/expenses</i>)
10.02.14	300768	£3.99	W Lewis (<i>expenses</i>)
	Total	£254.07	

12.1 a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

12.1 b) Current bank balances: Co-op £4290.25 and HSBC £116.94

12.2 New bank account

The clerk had received and filled in the necessary paperwork to open a new Community Account with Barclays Bank. The signatories were asked to complete their individual details and sign where necessary. Clerk asked to arrange a meeting at the bank w/c 24th February.

12.3 Any other business relating to Finance

Cllr Ireland asked that it be minuted that a cheque made payable to Brownfield First for £290 to cover a VAT claim from Hughes Planning was approved flowing last months meeting (cheque number 300763).

13.0 Any other business

13.1 LIS/Heritage Lottery Funding

Cllr Ireland reflected that follow the announcement of the LIS fund being cut so dramatically, our bid to repair the footpaths would probably be unsuccessful. Cllr Barnfather suggested that by using our status as 'Nottinghamshire's Best Kept Village', it would be a perfect time to apply for funding through other routes. Cllr Ireland mentioned our outstanding bid to the Heritage Lottery, and Cllr Barnfather suggested WREN, who offer money (raised via land fill taxes) for community projects. Some money is needed initially to begin the project, but then WREN will match bid. Clerk asked to investigate further.

13.2 Gedling Homes

Cllr Andrews referred to a brochure produced by Gedling Homes providing details of the homes they offer in Newstead Village and Linby. Cllr Andrews felt that Linby was unfairly portrayed, with almost the entire brochure listing issues and improvements to be made in Newstead Village. Cllr Andrews urged Cllr Brothwell to read the brochure and offer his comments to Gedling Homes.

13.3 Green Chain around Bottom Cross

Cllr Brothwell advised that he had received negative comments regarding the tape used to keep the school children/pedestrians off the grass at Bottom Cross while the snowdrops flower. It was proposed by Cllr Ireland and seconded by Cllr Lewis that green chain should be purchased to improve the appearance. _

13.4 Linby Trail

Cllr Ireland was pleased to report that the Linby Trail had been dredged and it was now draining really well. Cllr Hardstaff commented that since the culvert near Hall Farm had been cleared and propped up, it had vastly improved the flow of water. Cllr Brothwell mentioned two complaints he had received regarding horses cantering on the Linby Trail, making it dangerous for cyclists or pedestrians. It was agreed that quad bikes/motorbikes had once again been used on the trail and that car racing was once again taking place at J27. Clerk asked to email PC Westlake to make her aware of the situation.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 8.20pm.
The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 10th March 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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