

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

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from J Parker.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in the Local Plan.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 10th February 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 Speeding in the village

Cllr Brothwell was pleased to report that there had been a regular police presence in the village monitoring speeding motorists and that the speed limit on Moor Road had now been reduced to 30mph.

4.2 Lengthsman update

Cllr Lewis advised that we have approximately 5 to 10 hours of work left till the end of the pilot scheme and asked for suggestions on where the Lengthsman's time would be best spent. Suggestions included, helping to prepare the base for delivery of the storage container, strimming around the pavements and coping stones at top cross, raking the leaves from the bank outside the church and to begin removing the moss and ivy from the church wall, as this is damaging the stone and mortar. Cllr Hardstaff queried who should strim the walk way on Quarry Lane. Cllr Lewis stated that he was reluctant clear and maintain this area, as the gardener from Sherwood House should take responsibility for this.

4.3 Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllr Brothwell referred to information circulated by the clerk advising that funding for the pavements would not be possible through WREN. However, Cllr Brothwell sincerely thanked Cllr Barnfather for his £500 donation towards this cause.

Cllr Ireland explained that our HLF bid had been successful, and the village had been awarded £4,300 towards repairing the docks. The grant would also be used to cover the cost in hosting a community event, highlighting the traditional building methods being used to restore the docks and pavements, and the benefits of working with lime mortar. Cllr Ireland envisaged that as well as a presentation by Mr Shacklock, members of the public would have the opportunity to point some of the paving slabs outside Hanson House and for the children a possibility of stone carving was also discussed. Cllr Lewis offered to speak with Hanson House with a view to hiring the venue for hosting the presentation and offering teas and coffees, by way of raising funds for the Parish Council. The possibility of using marquees on the village green was also suggested, should Hanson House not be available.

After discussing a suitable date, it was agreed Sunday 21st September would work well as the school holidays are over, hopefully resulting in a well supported event.

4.4 Open Gardens

Cllr Lewis asked if the PC would be interested in hosting 'Open Gardens' this year as the Papplewick and Linby Leisure and Enterprise Group (PLLEG) had declined. It was agreed that Linby would host the event as it had not been run in the village for 3 years. Cllr Lewis explained that PLLEG would be prepared to help on the day, but would not help with any preparation of maps and signs etc, so this would need to all be organised through the PC. Cllr Lewis planned to contact a brass band, London bus and classic cars, along with approaching Hanson House to see if we could use their kitchen to serve tea and coffee. Cllr Lewis reminded the Cllr's that this was a valuable fund raising opportunity as £1,200 was raised during the last event. The date was set at Sunday 29th June.

4.5 Local Plan – Land North of Papplewick Lane

Cllr Ireland explained that amendments on transport, flooding and drainage issues had been included on the updated plan for land North of Papplewick Lane. The revised plan will be opened up for a 6 week public consultation period beginning on the 17th March 14. Errors with the data regarding travel times and bus availability had been highlighted, along with distances to local schools. Cllr Ireland reflected on how helpful certain local residents had been in providing knowledge and information on problems with flooding and drainage, but it was agreed that at this stage there was nothing further to be done while we await the decision of the Inspector. Cllr Brothwell stated that we may be seen as reckless by an auditor if we continue to pay towards consultancy fees, and we must just wait now for any further developments.

A discussion took place querying why Bestwood Village PC did not join in with the fight against these large housing developments. Various views were expressed, concluding that the housing allocations may be moved closer to Bestwood Village should they be unsuccessful in Linby.

5.0 Defibrillator Training

The clerk had been unsuccessful in contacting EMAS to arrange this training; it was agreed that Cllr Brothwell would carry out the training if the clerk could secure the training equipment.

6.0 Greenwood tree planting scheme

Cllr Lewis advised that the base had been prepared and the container ordered (preferably in green), so once our cheque had cleared a delivery date could be set. The trees would then be planted at the front of the container, circling around the corners to further soften the impact. Clerk to keep Greenwood updated as scheme needs to be completed by the end of March to get the funding.

7.0 Community Led and Neighbourhood Planning

The clerk referred to a request from RCAN for this topic to be discussed at our meeting; with a view to a presentation from RCAN at a future meeting. The clerk referred to an email detailing the benefits of these plans and asked if the Cllr's would be interested in taking this any further. Cllr Barnfather offered advice on these types of plans, having seen them implemented in other parishes. It was felt that as these documents take a very long time to prepare and are not legally binding, the benefits to such a small village would be negligible. Clerk to contact RCAN to thank them for the offer of assistance, but to decline at this stage.

8.0 WW1 Commemoration

The clerk referred to an email from Mrs Lewis (RBL), asking about our plans for the village. Mrs Lewis advised that WW1 began on the 4th August; therefore, many schools are marking the event prior to breaking up for the summer holidays. It was agreed rather than ask the school children to make poppies for the tubs, the crosses could be decorated with the children's poppy designs. Clerk to liaise with Mr Conidi to discuss further details. Cllr Lewis also offered to sprinkle poppy seeds inside the docks.

9.0 Heritage Centre Planning

It was agreed that the Heritage Centre should be opened on the following dates:

6th April - Cllr Lewis and Cllr Brothwell

1st June – Cllr Lewis and Cllr Newton

7th September – Cllr Lewis Cllr Hardstaff

It was also agreed that the date in April will be used to clean the Heritage Centre and a further date would be allocated to Railway history/memorabilia. Advertising will be placed once themes are decided to encourage visitor numbers.

10.0 Correspondence

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

<u>10.1</u>	GBC – Cabinet Agenda
<u>10.2</u>	GBC – Walking football for over 50's
<u>10.3</u>	NALC – Employment Newsletter
<u>10.4</u>	NALC – Briefing on cheques

<u>10.5</u>	RCAN – Neighbourhood Planning (<i>agenda item 7.0</i>)
<u>10.6</u>	NALC – Local councils sell electricity
<u>10.7</u>	NALC – Custody volunteer scheme
<u>10.8</u>	Paddy Tipping – Relocation details
<u>10.9</u>	Highways – Road closure Wighay Rd
<u>10.10</u>	GBC – Fly tipper convictions
<u>10.11</u>	SLCC – News bulletin
<u>10.12</u>	Mark Spencer MP - Newsletter
<u>10.13</u>	GBC – Council Agenda
<u>10.14</u>	GBC – Ward by-election 27/3/14
<u>10.15</u>	GBC – Armed Forces community event
<u>10.16</u>	GBC – WW1 commemorative events
<u>10.17</u>	Marie Curie – Free will scheme
<u>10.18</u>	Paddy Tipping – The Beat
<u>10.19</u>	GBC – Agenda for Planning Meeting
<u>10.20</u>	GBC – Nottingham Credit Union offers advice to Gedling residents
<u>10.21</u>	GBC – 2014/2015 budget approved
<u>10.22</u>	GBC – Arnold residents receive free cavity wall insulation from E.ON
<u>10.23</u>	SLCC – Clerk magazine
<u>10.24</u>	The Village Ladies Quiz Night – (<i>£15 entrance Linby PC team to be entered</i>)
<u>10.25</u>	Papplewick Pre-school Group - Donation request towards materials and IT equipment for children. After discussing, (<i>Cllr's declined this request on this occasion</i>)
<u>10.26</u>	Co-operative Bank – Thank you for custom, bank update

11.0 Planning Applications Received

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

Clerk confirmed that this application had been granted permission.

12.0 Finance

12.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
05.03.14	300769	£2022.00	Lion Containers (storage container)
10.03.14	300770	£15.00	Cllr Ireland (expenses)
10.03.14	300771	£250.00	Gedling Borough Council (Xmas tree)
10.03.14	300772	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
10.03.14	300773	£24.24	Southern Electric
10.03.14	300774	£221.08	K Holmes (<i>wages/expenses</i>)
10.03.14	300775	£15.00	The Village Ladies
	Total	£2,572.32	

12.1 a) The above cheques were approved for payment

Cheques were also received from Papplewick and Linby Leisure and Enterprise Group total: £1685 payment towards the storage container, and £200 donation towards Christmas lighting.

12.1 b) Current bank balances: Co-op £4,540.68 and HSBC £116.94

12.2 New bank account

Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Brothwell confirmed that they had been into Barclays to sign paperwork and take in identification. Cllr Newton advised that she has struggled to contact the branch and would pop in to try and make an appointment. Cllr Brothwell also to return to re-sign a document.

12.3 Any other business relating to Finance

None

13.0 Any other business

13.1 Waterloo Road roundabout

Cllr Lewis stated that he was pleased with the finished result of the bushes being cut back on the traffic island. However, it would probably be wise to check if the cables for the Christmas lights had been damaged. Cllr Brothwell offered to do this.

13.2 Bus shelters

Cllr Newton referred to the litter and cigarette butts accumulating in the bus shelters and asked if they were still being cleaned. Cllr Brothwell advised that the contract had been passed to Shelton Maintenance, who he had never seen clean the bus stops yet. However, Mr Mayes had been seen litter picking in the village, which was greatly appreciated.

13.3 Woman's Institute

Cllr Hardstaff referred to a meeting of the WI being held at at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th March at 10am. If there is enough interest they will look to form a Papplewick and Linby branch. Cllr Hardstaff encouraged any interested parties to spread the word.

13.4 Ward Walk

Cllr Andrews confirmed that the Ward Walk would take place on the 19th March at 1pm meeting at the Horse and Groom car park. Cllr Newton and Cllr Ireland confirmed their attendance.

13.5 Commemorative Plaque

Cllr Brothwell suggested that it may be an idea to commission a plaque recording our 2013 win for best kept village in Nottinghamshire. It was agreed to discuss this further at a later date.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will commence at 7.15pm on 14th April 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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