

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 14th April 2014

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from S Molsom and Borough Cllr P Andrews.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 10th March 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

No issues related to Matters Arising were discussed at this stage of the meeting.

5.0 Lengthsman scheme update

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support and begin to contribute towards this scheme. At this stage it was unclear if all five parishes in our cluster would agree to be part of the scheme for another year. Cllr Lewis will continue to co-ordinate on behalf of our Parish Council.

6.0 Ward Walk

Cllr Newton reported that the Ward Walk provided some interesting information. It was established that street cleaning is completed on a rota and should take place six times per year in the village. The contact for this work is Andrew Thornley from Parks. Linby was scheduled for street cleaning on the 21st April, which falls on a Bank Holiday. It was agreed the clerk would chase up Mr Thornley if this work does not take place. The Cllr's muted their dissatisfaction regarding the cleaning of leaves from the water course and weeds and moss growing on the pavements, it was agreed that this is something that should continue to be monitored. Cllr Brothwell pointed out that he had spoken to two Gedling Borough Council workers who were litter picking in Papplewick recently, asking if they would be moving up to cover Linby next. He was informed that they do not cover Linby, just clearing up to the border. Cllr Ireland was disappointed that a representative from Notts CC did not attend and informed the PC that once Tony Player, Conservation Officer, leaves, his position will not be filled but shared out within the Planning Department at GBC. Cllr Newton conclude her report by pointing out that Highways would be asked to cut back the overhanging branches on Church Lane and that Station House is currently being valued with a view to selling the property.

7.0 Greenwood tree planting scheme

Prior to the meeting Ms Cassidy circulated a letter of complaint regarding the storage container placed on the Heritage Centre site, which can be seen from her garden. Ms Cassidy was upset that neither she nor any of the neighbours had been consulted prior to the purchase of the container and felt the size of the container was too large. Cllr Brothwell introduced Ms Cassidy, referring to her letter and opened the meeting for debate. Cllr Lewis began by explaining the necessity for the container and how the double hedge would eventually screen the container completely. However, to speed up this process, conifers would be purchased and planted along the back of the container to screen it more quickly from Ms Cassidy's property. Cllr Lewis also assured Ms Cassidy that should access be required to her fence, the container could be moved forward if necessary. It will also be painted green shortly to further disguise its appearance. Cllr Lewis also advised that nothing flammable would be stored in the container. Cllr Lewis apologised unreservedly for not consulting Ms Cassidy and the neighbours of the site, which Ms Cassidy accepted and acknowledged she approved of the revised planting and the painting of the container.

Cllr Lewis suggested a work party could undertake the painting on Sunday 20th April once he had purchased the paint.

8.0 Footpath Repairs

The Clerk referred to a letter received from Notts CC advising that our bid to repair the stone footpaths through the L.I.S had been unsuccessful. The letter suggested that as funds have been cut so dramatically, levels of deprivation would be closely considered in the future. Cllr Ireland advised that she had spoken to Eamon Harrison from Highways and suggested a site visit to discuss this project, as without Highways approval we can not move forward. Cllr Ireland will try to progress this project and hoped to have a further update for our next meeting.

9.0 Open Gardens planning

Cllr Brothwell stated that the 29th June clashed with the Inter Village Cricket Match, therefore the cricket has been moved to a date in August. Cllr Lewis appealed for more help in preparing the village this year and asked for preferences in the planting scheme for the tubs. Yellow, orange and white were the preferred choice with a budget of approximately £350. It was also pointed out that the barrel near the entrance to Hall Farm is rotten and needs to be replaced. Cllr Lewis offered to speak with the Leisure and Enterprise Group to see if they may make a donation towards a replacement.

Hanson House is booked for the 29th June, preventing refreshments from being served there. Clerk asked to contact Mr Conidi to see if he would consider letting us use the school. The possibilities of using the church or Old Rectory were also suggested.

10.0 Heritage Lottery Funding

Cllr Ireland was pleased to report that the press release had been done in accordance with the grant rules and a photo shoot was booked for tomorrow with the Dispatch. The money should be in the PC account in approximately a week and once the project is completed, we will need to commemorate this with a wooden plaque or permanent structure. Cllr Ireland explained that Mr Shacklock would need a skip once work begins and that this could be put on her driveway. However, Cllr Ireland asked permission for the stone and mortar to be stored at Hall Farm. Cllr Ireland mentioned that for Health and Safety reasons, the area would need to be cordoned off once work begins. Details for the Heritage Workshop are taking shape, with Hanson House booked for £25, and the Conservation Officer happy to contribute as a speaker along with Mr Shacklock. Cllr Ireland pictured the presentations taking place during the morning session, with a break for lunch and then the practical stone carving and pointing taking place during the afternoon. Cllr Ireland has split the budget as follows: £3950 for work and materials, £360 hosting a community event and £50 advertising. Although we are unable to charge for attendance, funds can be raised through refreshments.

11.0 Aligned Core Strategy

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in this agenda item.

Cllr Ireland had received donations of £430 towards the final invoice for Hughes Planning (£150 Newstead PC, £150 Papplewick PC, £30 cash donation and £100 Millennium Fund). Cllr Ireland explained that the final consultation is out; this closes on the 30th April and is then passed onto the Inspector, at which point nothing further can be done. Hughes Planning had prepared our final response and we would receive an invoice of £500 shortly. Cllr Ireland explained that the proposed development for land north of Papplewick Lane is currently being held up due to various issues with the application. There are issues over flooding, highlighted by the Environmental Agency as well as access issues to the site.

12.0 Correspondence

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

<u>12.1</u>	Notts CC Highways – Road closure Wighay Road
<u>12.2</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>12.3</u>	GBC – Agenda for Audit Committee
<u>12.4</u>	GBC – Mayor of Gedling spring charity concert RCAN - Newsletter
<u>12.5</u>	NALC – RBL fundraiser performance
<u>12.6</u>	NALC – repeal of 2 signature rule
<u>12.7</u>	NALC – proposed transparency code
<u>12.8</u>	NALC – News Bulletin
<u>12.9</u>	GBC – Agenda Planning Committee
<u>12.10</u>	Mark Spencer MP – Newsletter
<u>12.11</u>	GBC – Council Agenda
<u>12.12</u>	Two Little Fishes – Newsletter
<u>12.13</u>	GBC – Good neighbour award launched in Netherfield
<u>12.14</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin

12.15	GBC – Mayor of Gedling charity
12.16	GBC – New skate park in Arnold
12.17	GBC – 2 more car parks in Arnold
12.18	JR Webster – letter of complaint regarding storage container
12.19	B Young – letter of complaint regarding storage container

13.0 Planning Applications Received

No planning applications had been received

14.0 Finance

14.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
14.04.14	300776	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
14.04.14	300777	£276.60	Mr K Holmes (<i>Wages and expenses</i>)
	Total	£301.60	

14.1 a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

14.2 New bank account

The clerk had received the application forms back from Barclays as further sections needed to be filled in. This was completed during the meeting by Cllr Brothwell and Cllr Hardstaff so that the clerk could drop back into Barclays bank.

14.3 Any other business relating to Finance

None

15.0 Any other business

15.1 Comments from Linby cum Papplewick Primary School

The clerk read out comments from Mr Conidi, which confirmed that the school would be happy to get involved with dressing the crosses to commemorate WW1. Mr Conidi asked the PC to confirm the date and arrangements. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hardstaff to plan the event further.

Mr Conidi also wanted to convey his thanks to the PC for arranging the cutting back of the roundabout on Waterloo Road, this has made crossing the road much safer for the children.

It was also reported that the notice board on Quarry Lane is rotting and the hinges had broken, resulting in the doors opening. The clerk pointed out that this was also a problem with the notice boards on the bus stops and it was agreed that repairs for all three notice boards should be quoted for initially through the Lengthsman.

Cllr Lewis mentioned that he had recently attended a police meeting and it was pointed out that the school had not asked for help with the parking issues at school collection times. Clerk to contact Mr Conidi and mention that the police would be happy to help if required. Cllr Lewis also mentioned that a Community Speed Watch group had been established in some villages, with data being passed onto the police. It was agreed that this is not something the PC would like to pursue at this stage.

15.2 Picnic Table at the Heritage Centre

Cllr Newton advised that the chain securing the picnic table at the Heritage Centre has been pulled out of the concrete. Cllr Newton also queried if the lights still worked on the roundabout following the foliage being cut back. Cllr Brothwell confirmed he had tested them and they are fine.

15.3 AGM

Cllr Brothwell advised that our next meeting on the 12th May would include the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM and would therefore start at 6.30pm_

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

The next meeting will commence at 6.30pm on 12th May 2014.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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