

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 9th June 2014

Present: C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, L Newton, J Parker, S Molsom, Borough Cllr P Andrews, Mr Worrall (parishioner) and the clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor B Brothwell (Chairman) and County Cllr C Barnfather.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in the Local Plan.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 12th May 2014

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Hardstaff.

4.0 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllr Ireland reminded the Cllr's that Mr Shacklock would be assisting with the HLF stall at the Church Fete on the 21st June, to help raise awareness of the workshop being held on the 21st September. Cllr Ireland advised that any help on the day would be appreciated.

Lengthsman

Cllr Lewis confirmed that all five cluster parishes would now proceed with the Lengthsman scheme on a 50% contribution basis. Cllr Lewis welcomed any suggestions on how Mr Newman's allocation of hours should be best spent in the village.

Cllr Ireland advised that she was still awaiting confirmation from Eamon Harrison from Highways regarding the Parish Council being allowed to repair and maintain the pavements, with a view to the Lengthsman also becoming involved in this work. Cllr Ireland pointed out that this lack to confirmation would impact the HLF workshop, as the pavement outside Hanson House could not be used for the practical part of the workshop. After discussing various alternatives, it was agreed that the Cllr's would walk around the village and find another suitable spot.

Best Kept Village

Cllr Hardstaff thanked Cllr Andrews for the provision of litter picking equipment and the Young Farmers for their help with cleaning the docks and washing the post box and lamp posts.

Clerk to send letter of thanks. Cllr Hardstaff also extended her thanks to Cllr Lewis for planting the tubs throughout the village. Cllr Lewis advised that the Leisure and Enterprise Group had kindly purchased 3 new barrels for the villages. One for Linby and 2 for Papplewick.

5.0 Greenwood Planting Scheme

Cllr Lewis confirmed that the container is now painted and the hedge had been double planted, however, he had yet to purchase the conifers to screen against Ms Cassidy's property. Cllr Lewis pointed out that following complaints regarding the location of the container, it had been moved slightly, which had created issues with another neighbour. The project remains ongoing and Cllr Lewis will liaise with the clerk to confirm once it is completed. At this stage the container is still to be filled, Cllr Lewis asked for assistance with collecting and filling the storage container once a date is set.

6.0 Correspondence

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

<u>6.1</u>	Notts Fire and Rescue – strategic planning (<i>circulated in meeting</i>)
<u>6.2</u>	GBC – Artists celebrate voluntary arts week
<u>6.3</u>	GBC – Carlton Play Day
<u>6.4</u>	NALC – How pensions will effect your council
<u>6.5</u>	GBC – Launch pledge as part of Dementia awareness week
<u>6.6</u>	NALC – Employment letter
<u>6.7</u>	NALC – Funding Bulletin
<u>6.8</u>	Framework – Do it for Framework 27 th June
<u>6.9</u>	GBC – Planning Committee Meeting cancelled
<u>6.10</u>	Mark Spencer MP – Newsletter
<u>6.11</u>	GBC – Hot dogs and chips at Arnold Carnival
<u>6.12</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>6.13</u>	John Robinson GBC – Response to PC liaison and involvement

7.0 Planning Applications Received

7.1 Application 2013/1406 – The Co-op Estates: Land north of Papplewick Lane

Cllr Ireland confirmed she had the paperwork for the application and was currently pulling together a response on behalf of BFF with various members of the group. Issues regarding access, transport and flooding remained contentious along with a new suggestion for a large speed hump at the cross roads by the Griffins Head. The hump has been proposed by the developer to slow traffic, when BFF had been highlighting the volume of traffic as a problem rather than the speed at the junction. A public meeting is due to be held shortly by Papplewick PC to discuss residents concerns on both the speed hump and a proposed wind turbine in the village.

Cllr Ireland explained that a leaflet compiled by the Leisure and Enterprise Group, along with a contribution from BFF would be distributed shortly, which would explain to residents how they can voice their concerns and comments regarding the proposed planning application.

Cllr Ireland concluded that errors in the planning documents are not being picked up by GBC Planning Department due to the lack of staff and the volume of work they are dealing with.

Responses on this application are due by the 26th June and the final decision from the Inspector on the Top Wighay development is due in August.

8.0 Finance

8.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
26.05.14	300786	£225.00	Key Craft (<i>replacement barrels</i>)
09.06.14	300787	£50.12	W Lewis (<i>expenses</i>)
09.06.14	300788	£24.80	Southern Elec
09.06.14	300789	£25.00	Two Little Fishes
09.06.14	300790	£76.00	SLCC (<i>membership renewal</i>)
09.06.14	300791	£221.08	Mrs K Holmes (<i>wages and expenses</i>)
09.06.14	300792	£350.00	Floral Media (<i>bedding plants</i>)
	Total	£972.00	

8.1 a) The above cheques were approved for payment.

Cllr Hardstaff also took this opportunity to thank Cllr Andrews for her £400 donation towards the pavement repair in the village.

8.0 Any other business relating to Finance

8.2 New bank account

The clerk advised that the new bank account at Barclays had finally been set up, but the cheque book could take up to 6 weeks to arrive. Therefore, the Co-op bank account can not be closed in the near future. However, once all outstanding cheques have been cashed and we have received the new cheque book, a letter by all three signatories is required to confirm the closure and then the funds can be transferred directly to Barclays or refunded by cheque. This process takes approximately one week to complete.

8.2 a) Christmas Tree donation

Cllr Lewis offered to speak with Graham, (landlord at the Horse and Groom) to see if he will continue to contribute £250 towards the Christmas tree, as per the agreement with the previous landlord. Cllr Lewis noted that the pub are turning on the Christmas lights around the bus stop each evening. Cllr Lewis will also discuss with Graham as the lights have previously been used only at Christmas time, so additional replacement bulbs would need to be covered by the pub.

9.0 Any other business

9.1 Heritage Centre

Cllr Newton advised that at the last opening there were no visitors. It was broadly agreed that most of the locals had now visited the Heritage Centre, leaving visitors/walkers passing through the village to pop in, but this is weather dependent. Cllr Lewis mentioned themed openings being more successful and suggested that we could open when we host Open Gardens next year.

9.2 Broken bench

It was agreed that the broken bench beside the bus shelter could not be fixed and a replacement should be sought. Cllr Lewis and clerk to look into this and bring suggestions back to the next meeting.

9.3 Home improvement guidelines

Cllr Andrews advised that after speaking with Peter Baguley, he would be interested in drawing up a document in conjunction with the Parish Council detailing acceptable upgrades and permitted development in a Conservation Village. This would offer guidelines for residents when selecting windows, doors and roofing etc and while not an enforceable document, it would certainly be helpful for local residents when planning home improvements. It was agreed the Parish Council would like to be involved and Cllr Andrews offered to feed this back to Mr Baguley.

9.4 Parish Liaison Meeting

Cllr Ireland asked for any comments she could pass on at the Parish Liaison Meeting at GBC. It was suggested that any alterations to Planning Applications should be flagged up to PC's as a matter of course.

9.5 WW1 commemoration

The clerk advised that the school are happy to participate and will be making felt poppies, but she had been unable to establish a date for the service at this stage. Cllr Hardstaff advised that the newly established branch of the WI (Lapwings) are also hoping to knit and crochet poppies for the Top Cross. Cllr Hardstaff to speak to Mr Conidi to help coordinate.

Cllr Hardstaff closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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