

## **Linby Parish Council**

Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

**Present: Councillor's B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland, Borough Cllr P Andrews, and the Clerk.**

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from L Newton, S Molsom 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> September 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**

#### **Lengthsman**

Cllr Lewis confirmed that the new contract is in place, and the Lengthsman is completing a number of jobs in the village.

#### **Storage Container**

Cllr Lewis explained that he had not received a response from Brooke Farm regarding moving the storage container onto their premises. Cllr Lewis agreed to chase up and bring the matter to a conclusion.

#### **Bonfire Night**

Cllr Ireland and Cllr Lewis volunteered to assist with Bonfire Night, Cllr Brothwell advised that he would be working but agreed to drop off the flood lights to Richard Hull. Cllr Ireland also mentioned that Mrs Helen Cannon had offered her assistance on the evening.

### **5.0 Update on Top Wighay Development**

Cllr Ireland reflected on her recent meeting with GBC, attended by Cllr Molsom, Peter Baguley and John Robinson. The meeting proved to be positive, with Mr Baguley agreeing that the design and lay out of the 38 proposed houses on Wighay Road were not visually pleasing and that traffic flow out of the site would be of great concern, should this site be linked to further developments. Cllr Ireland highlighted that the initial traffic assessment had been undertaken by a firm in Birmingham with no site visit to gain accurate information of traffic flow etc. Mr Robinson and Mr Baguley agreed that further investigation is required in this area, with the roundabout on Waterloo Road having been highlighted as a 'Red Zone'. Cllr Ireland will continue to liaise with both GBC, Cllr Barnfather and Cllr Andrews regarding the current planning application and Cllr Molsom had also met with Mark Spencer MP to draw attention to these issues. To date planning application (2014/0950) had not yet been referred to the Planning Committee as the Environment Agency's report remains outstanding.

Cllr Ireland reported that Ashfield DC, have yet to hear anything further from the Co-op since the refusal of the planning application for the land north of Papplewick Lane. Mrs Kerr (a member of Brownfield First) had also written to Mr Robinson and Mr Baguley to highlight how concerning it is to receive large planning applications, where a lot of basic information about the site and local area is incorrect.

Cllr Ireland agreed to keep the Parish Council informed as this matter progresses.

### **6.0 Update from GBC Planning Meeting**

Topic covered under agenda item 5.0.

### **7.0 Carols around the Tree**

The Clerk confirmed that the Christmas tree has been ordered through GBC, the brass band and marquee are also booked.

Cllr Brothwell suggested that Rev Turner should switch on the Christmas lights this year as he is retiring in the near future and that the collection should go to the Scouts, who provide us with the marquee. Clerk to contact Scouts to arrange the collection. Cllr Brothwell and Cllr Lewis agreed to test the lights, and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December was suggested to dress the tree and hang the lights etc. Clerk to contact school to ask for the children's Christmas decorations to be completed by the end of November. The Cllr's agreed £200 could be spent on repairs or new Christmas lights in the village. Cllr Lewis also confirmed that Hanson's have ordered the timber; therefore the fence will be repaired around the middle of November.

Cllr Lewis also asked for contributions of mince pies and biscuits by the next PC meeting. It was pointed out that over the last couple of years, there has been far too many, resulting in a waste of food.

### 8.0 Brownfield First Fundraiser

The Clerk reported that 5 teams had entered the quiz to date. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Lewis to arrange a leaflet drop around the Vaughn Estate to advertise.

Cllr Ireland also advised that we now have a couple of good raffle prizes, with more to be donated.

### 9.0 Proposed 20mph School Speed Limit

Cllr Brothwell explained that Notts CC are introducing a 20mph speed limit around all schools in the county. The Cllr's were supportive of this proposal, however, Cllr Lewis felt that the 20mph zone should be extended to Brooke Farm, as this is also an educational facility. Clerk to contact Highways to put forward this suggestion.

### 10.0 Correspondence

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

10.1	GBC - Mayor to host Autumn serenade charity dinner
10.2	Mark Spencer MP - Newsletter
10.3	Notts CC - SLC fund launch
10.4	SLCC - News Bulletin
10.5	Notts CC - 20mph school speed limit
10.6	GBC - Free first aid for carers
10.7	NALC - Pension information, auto enrolment
10.8	GBC - Agenda Planning Committee
10.9	Notts CC - Ticketing strategy consultation
10.10	Mark Spencer MP - Houses of Parliament invitation
10.11	SLCC - News Bulletin
10.12	2 Little Fishes - Website tips
10.13	GBC - Cabinet agenda
10.14	RCAN - Launch of Notts CC Grant Aid Programme 2015 - 2018
10.15	GBC - Netherfield's community safety week
10.16	GBC - Halloween event in Arnold
10.17	Notts CC - Minerals local plan consultation
10.18	GBC - Invitation to CVS AGM
10.19	GBC - Planning Committee agenda
10.20	SLCC - News Bulletin
10.21	Mark Spencer - Newsletter
10.22	NALC - Notts ALC AGM agenda
10.23	NALC - Press release from DCLG development of Brownfield sites
10.24	NALC - Electoral review of Notts CC
10.25	Mark Spencer MP - Thoresby colliery debate
10.26	Notts CC - Better Broadband
10.27	RCAN - Better shed than dead
10.28	NALC - Neighbourhood planning

### 11.0 Planning

#### 11.1 Planning Applications Received

11.1a) Barracks Farm, Forest Lane (2014/0556) - Erection of a 500kw wind turbine  
Cllr's have no objections or comments on this application

### 12.0 Finance - 9.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
13.10.14	300805	£150.00	Grant Thornton ( <i>audit</i> )
13.10.14	300806	£1140.00	Hughes Planning
03.11.14	300807	£45.50	W Lewis ( <i>expenses</i> )
	Total	£1335.50	
20.10.14	Standing order	£25.00	Two Little Fishes (see 12.2)
20.10.14	Standing order	£237.92	K Holmes (see 12.2)

12.2 Any other business relating to Finance

- Both standing order payments will be returned, as the standing order was back dated resulting in double payments for Two Little Fishes and Mrs K Holmes in October.
- Cheque for £1,800 has been received from LV in full and final settlement of the insurance claim.
- Cllr Lewis had brought and planted daffodil bulbs, hence his expenses claim.

Current bank balances

Co-op - £11,792.16 (HLF of £4,300 included in balance)

HSBC - £39.19

12.2 Cllr financial responsibilities

Cllr Brothwell pointed out that the Clerk had been questioned thoroughly over the last two audits regarding the increase in our income/expenditure and numerous VAT claims and transfers between accounts. Cllr Brothwell reminded the Cllr's that while everything is in order, other groups working in conjunction with our Parish Council must also take their share of financial responsibility.

12.3 Any other business relating to finance

None

13.0 Any other business

13.1 Sycamore trees, Church Lane

Cllr Brothwell advised that he had been approached by local residents, worried about the size of the sycamore trees in the church grounds. Clerk to contact Rev Turner to highlight the issue.

Cllr Lewis suggested that the cherry trees require trimming back to maintain a nice shape. Cllr Hardstaff agreed to arrange.

13.2 Heritage Centre Meadow

Cllr Hardstaff asked the Clerk to thank Lee Scudder and his volunteers for cutting the Heritage Centre meadow.

13.3 Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Shacklock's quotation provides best value for money for the Parish Council and therefore we will proceed on that basis. Clerk to contact Mr Shacklock to set a date in spring 2015 to begin work on the docks, and to confirm that Hanson House can host the workshop on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to arrange for new posters to be printed once the date and Mr Shacklock's attendance are secured.

13.4 The Docks

It was agreed that a sluice board is required to reduce the build up of weeds in the Docks. Cllr Lewis and Cllr Hardstaff to investigate a solution further.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Signed.....  
Chairman of the Parish Council

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