

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 12th January 2014

Present: Councillor's B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, L Newton, S Molsom, J Parker, D Ireland, Borough Cllr P Andrews, one parishioner and the clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 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 – 8th December 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

Cllr Brothwell pointed out that the Heritage Lottery and Strata Homes planning application would both be discussed later in the meeting.

5.0 Heritage Lottery Funding

Cllr Brothwell explained that Mr Shacklock had confirmed he will begin work to repair the docks on Monday 20th April and expected the project to take approximately 4 weeks. Mr Shacklock also confirmed that he is happy to participate in the workshop on the 19th April 2015.

Cllr Ireland asked the clerk to contact Jason Morden, Notts CC Conservation Officer to ascertain if he would be happy to speak at the workshop. Once this is confirmed, clerk to proceed with the printing and distribution of new leaflets.

Cllr Hardstaff will contact Young Farmers, while clerk to notify the Friends of Moor Pond Woods and arrange a press release through GBC.

The Cllr's debated the practical content of the day, and there remains some uncertainty over this. Depending on the number of attendees, either a replacement bench or footpath repairs will be decided upon. Cllr Ireland advised that following her previous conversations with the Heritage Lottery Fund, it seemed that funding may be available to repair all the footpaths in the village as part of a rolling project.

Cllr Brothwell referred to the recent water leak on Main Street, which had occurred over the Christmas period. Severn Trent had fixed the problem, but had ripped up the York paving and replaced it with tarmac. Clerk asked to contact Severn Trent to arrange a suitable repair.

6.0 School parking issues

The clerk explained that she had been contacted by a parishioner who lives close to the primary school, raising concerns over the inconsiderate parking by parents picking up and collecting their children. On various occasions, vehicles had been parked wholly on the pavement in front of her home, blocking the pavement for pedestrians. Mrs Bingley also felt that the recently painted 'Keep Clear' road markings located in front of the village green were not in keeping with a Conservation Village. The Cllr's acknowledged the ongoing problem with parking and congestion in the village during term time. However, as this remains a 'Highways' issue, it was suggested that Mrs Bingley should contact them directly to raise her concerns. Cllr Brothwell reported various issues with parents parking inconsiderately in the Horse and Groom car park and it was decided that the clerk should liaise with Mr Conidi, to reiterate the school parking policy and to remind parents to consider local residents and businesses when collecting their children.

7.0 Correspondence

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

<u>7.1</u>	GBC - Agenda for Cabinet, Thursday 18 December 2014, 12.30 pm
<u>7.2</u>	NALC - Writing to MPs re Council Tax Support Grant
<u>7.3</u>	Mark Spencer MP - Invitation from your MP- Trade and Investment Event

<u>7.4</u>	NALC - S.137 figure for 2015/16 & LGPS Briefing
<u>7.5</u>	NALC - Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16
<u>7.6</u>	NALC - Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – <i>Cllr Brothwell reminded the council that external audits are no longer required for small councils with a turnover of less than £25,000. This will save the PC £150 per year in audit fees.</i>
<u>7.7</u>	Gedling Borough Council - Planning Policy
<u>7.8</u>	Mark Spencer MP – Catch up
<u>7.9</u>	GBC - Agenda for Planning Committee, Wednesday 7 January 2015, 6.00 pm
<u>7.10</u>	GBC - Agenda for Cabinet, Thursday 8 January 2015, 12.30 pm
<u>7.11</u>	NALC - Briefing on Transparency Code for Smaller Councils
<u>7.12</u>	GBC - Council offers a free clear out for New Year
<u>7.13</u>	NALC - Local Government Finance Settlement - Meetings with LGA and Kris Hopkins
<u>7.14</u>	NALC - Local Government Financial Settlement - Government Consultation
<u>7.15</u>	Notts CC - Tobacco Control Services Consultation on proposed changes
<u>7.16</u>	K Regan - Network of Village Action Groups against over development of village resources
<u>7.17</u>	NALC - Personnel Update
<u>7.18</u>	RCAN – 90 th AGM
<u>7.19</u>	GBC - Snow Action Plan
<u>7.20</u>	RCAN – E-petition
<u>7.21</u>	SLCC – News Bulletin
<u>7.22</u>	GBC - Agenda for Council, Wednesday 21 January 2015, 6.00 pm
<u>7.23</u>	GBC – Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Draft
<u>7.24</u>	Linby Primary School – Thank you for £50 donation towards Christmas tree decorations

8.0 Planning

8.1 2014/1168 Wind Turbine at Newstead and Annesley Country Park

There were no objections raised against this application. Cllr Andrews advised that Newstead Parish Council are strongly objecting. However, if the application does proceed the money generated will contribute towards the completion of the Country Park. The PC agreed to leave any comments and objections to be dealt with by Newstead PC.

8.2a) Town and Country Planning Order 2010 Notice under Article 13

Re. Proposed Developments: Vary cond. 2 &18 of the discontinuance order to allow the continuance of mineral extraction until 2035 and to amend the limit on transport movements from a daily to weekly figure

Location: Yellowstone Quarry, Quarry Lane, Quarry Banks, Linby

Applicant: Nottingham Bulwell Stone Ltd

Cllr Brothwell advised that over the Christmas period signs were put up on Quarry Lane regarding the above application to Highways. Comments objecting to the variation in transport limits had been submitted from both Linby cum Papplewick Primary School and the Parish Council. Objections included mess, noise and jeopardising the safety of school children and elderly residents from Sherwood House. Cllr Brothwell recalled that Notts CC had deemed the quarry to be exhausted, but now that road stone is required for so many local developments, the quarry will once more become active.

The Cllr's felt that details of this application should have been received in writing as the notification would have been easy to miss resulting in the PC being unable to submit comments. Clerk to raise this issue with Cllr Barnfather.

8.2b) 2014/1282 Linby House – Retention of site office and secure store

Cllr Brothwell referred Mr and Mrs Clarke who live at Linby House and had sent a copy of their objection letter through to the clerk. It was understood that this planning application has been submitted retrospectively, as the work to convert this building into another apartment has already taken place. Cllr Andrews pointed out that as there have been more than two objections to the application, the case will need to be referred to GBC Planning Committee, where the residents will get an opportunity to speak. It was also noted that Mr Bell was advised that planning permission was required to install a new bin store; however, this work has also been completed with no application having been submitted. Cllr Brothwell advised that the Parish Council had submitted our objections based on the over development of the site.

8.2c) 2014/0950 Strata Homes Ltd - Erection of 38 dwellings and associated works at Top Wighay/Annesley Road

Cllr Ireland advised that our response had not yet been submitted as the application is not due to go before the Planning Committee until the 28th January 2015. Cllr Ireland reported that after numerous emails and a meeting with Vince Mandier from Notts CC Highways Department; it has been established that neither the Environment Agency nor Highways will offer their support to GBC on this application. Cllr Ireland recalled that both Peter Baguley and John Robinson (GBC) agreed that a Strategic Transport Plan would be part of the Top Wighay development; an assurance also given to the Inspector during the ACS hearings. However, with small piecemeal developments, this would no longer be required. Cllr Ireland explained that Highways have developed a 'Greater Nottingham Transport Model' which all new developments should be fed into, allowing them to consider the overall impact of new developments. With this in mind, Highways will request Strata Homes consider the transport implications, taking into account the Rolls Royce and Papplewick Lane developments. Going forward, this requirement will apply to all proposed developers on the Top Wighay site. Cllr Brothwell pointed out that our response should also include a request to GBC that they take responsibility for any flooding in the village, should they ignore the advice of the Environment Agency. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Molsom to put forward a response from the Parish Council and arrange another meeting with Peter Baguley and John Robinson to discuss the current developments.

9.0 Finance

9.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
12.01.15	1 0 0 0 1 4 (HSBC)	£950.00	Linby Parish Council (<i>repayment of Hughes Planning Invoice</i>)
	Total	£950.00	
20.01.15	<i>S. order</i>	£25.00	<i>Two Little Fishes</i>
20.01.15	<i>S. order</i>	£242.86	<i>K Holmes</i>
	Total	£267.86	

Current bank balances

Co-op - £12,285.68 (HLF of £4,300 included in balance)

HSBC - £1,201.19

9.2 Precept 2015/2016

Cllr Brothwell opened the debate by reminding the Cllr's that there are a number of homes in the parish who are on a fixed income and that following such a large increase in the precept last year, it would not be morally right to approve another above inflation increase. Cllr Brothwell recalled that a cap on the precept was expected this year and with this in mind, we expected no increase at all. Collectively the Cllr's prepared a list of income and projected

expenditure; deducting the £2,000, which had been allocated towards the footpath repairs last year, but not yet spent. Cllr Brothwell repeatedly re-iterated that we have accrued funds of £7,985, which already covered the required reserves, and that a large increase would be disproportionate to our requirements. The Cllr's debated the necessity of paying for the Lengthsman, servicing the mower, purchasing new Christmas lights, hosting Open Gardens and footpath repairs. Cllr Ireland queried if a donation from the Parish Council would be possible towards continuing to fight the local plan. Cllr Brothwell stated that it is legally and morally wrong for us to stand the cost without the combined support of other Parish Councils. Following a debate over the required percentage increase, Cllr Lewis proposed a 9% increase; this was seconded by Cllr Parker with all in agreement except Cllr Brothwell who abstained from voting. The new precept will be £68.37 per household based on a Band D property and a Base Rate of 109.38. Clerk to complete and return Form A to GBC and also put together a newsletter explaining the increase to parishioners.

9.3 Any other business relating to Finance

None

10.0 Any other business

Heritage and Design

Cllr Lewis referred to a meeting at GBC, he had attended earlier in the day to discuss Heritage and Design for future building projects. Cllr Lewis read through parts of the proposed policy document, drawing attention to the requirements for Conservation villages. Cllr Lewis advised that GBC needed a robust framework, to allow guidelines to be stuck to in the future and had offered the Parish Council's assistance if required.

Speeding

Cllr Ireland asked the clerk to write to Chief Superintendent, Mark Holland to draw his attention to numerous vehicles travelling through the village at high speed on Sunday evenings.

Planning Consultant

Cllr Ireland explained that she had spoken to Mr Ken Maffham, a Planning Consultant working with various Parish Council's undertaking judicial reviews and objecting to housing developments in their parishes. Going forward, Cllr Ireland felt that a more co-ordinated response may be beneficial and carry more weight. For example, it is believed that there are enough brown field sites available to soak up the housing need for the whole of Nottinghamshire. This is something that could be explored through another consultancy firm. Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Maffham is currently assisting Calverton Parish Council with a judicial review; the results of which are expected on the 18th March. Cllr Ireland also explained that the outcome of this case will be awaited with interest and will determine our decisions on how to proceed with fighting the local plan. Cllr Ireland concluded by advising that Mr Maffham had been instructed to compile the Parish Council's response to the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation, using the remaining funds in the Brownfield First bank account.

Cllr Brothwell closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on 9th February 2015.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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