

Linby Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 8th June 2015

Present: Councillor's D Ireland (Chairman) C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, S Molsom, J Parker, Mrs E Tunstall, Mr N Clark, Mrs L Gretton and the clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

None received.

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in The Local Plan and Mr Clark advised that he is a resident of Linby House (relating to agenda item 10.1).

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 11th May 2015

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

4.0 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Heritage Lottery Workshop

Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Whitbread (stonemason) and Mr Morden (Conservation Officer) had both submitted their invoices for payment, leaving £50 for an additional website page on the project and £419 for the HLF commemorative plaque. Cllr Hardstaff queried if the HLF actually produce plaques themselves; other suggestions included brass and stone. Cllr Ireland agreed to investigate further.

5.0 Open Gardens

Cllr Lewis advised that the plans for the day were coming together, however, a list of residents prepared to open their gardens still needed to be compiled. Cllr Lewis asked for all Cllr's to be available to help on the day. In the meantime as judging for Best Kept Village was imminent, it was important to ensure the village remained looking neat and tidy. Cllr Lewis pointed out that up to date notice boards carry a lot of marks when being judged, therefore, it is a priority to ensure they are re-hung in the bus shelters as quickly as possible. Cllr Lewis recalled the jobs that had been completed to date, including painting of the maypole, docks, phone box and benches and planting the barrels. The Lengthsman is to apply weed killer to the pavements and Cllr Ireland offered to tidy the Heritage Centre. Cllr Lewis advised that the ticket price is still to be set, but further discussion regarding the planning of the day will take place at the PLLEG meeting next week. Cllr Ireland queried the arrangement for the Lengthsman scheme this year; Cllr Lewis advised that it will be run on a 50/50 match fund basis, with Linby being entitled to 64.5 hours before beginning to pay £11 per hour.

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ireland explained that the Parish Council had not agreed with the Local Plan and therefore prior to its' adoption it had not been appropriate to create a Neighbourhood Plan. However, now that the housing developments are approved, the PC needed to revisit this decision to ensure the best outcome for the village. Cllr Ireland advised that she had been in touch with Papplewick PC to explore the possibility of the parishes working together on this project. Papplewick PC are due to discuss this matter at their next meeting and feedback the outcome. Cllr Ireland explained that PC's could gain up to 25% of the CIL payment by having a Neighbourhood Plan, which would equate to a large sum based on the size of developments around the village. Cllr Ireland explained that the 'Master Plan' for the Top Wighay site had still to be produced and she would once again contact GBC to discuss. The clerk explained that she had again contacted RCAN to try and arrange a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning, but had been unsuccessful in arranging a date. Cllr Ireland offered to chase this up and also contact Mark Spencer MP to seek further assistance.

7.0 Highways - School Crossing Improvements

Cllr Lewis was pleased to report that following his meeting with Highways on the 1st June, anti-slip stone had been ordered for the school crossing, which would be delivered and installed in approximately 12 weeks. During the meeting, Cllr Lewis also took the opportunity to point out

overgrown trees on Linby Lane, which have subsequently been cut back and express his disappointment at the installation of large galvanised posts being installed for the school signs. Mrs Johnson (Highways) did apologise that the posts were not black; this had been an error on the job sheet which would be corrected shortly. Cllr Hardstaff was pleased to note that the railings around the Docks had been repaired and it was broadly agreed that Highways had provided an excellent service.

8.0 Appointment of new Cllr's

This item was moved till the end of the meeting.

9.0 Correspondence

<u>9.1</u>	CPRE – AGM and Newsletter
<u>9.2</u>	GBC – Agenda for the Council 20.05.15
<u>9.3</u>	Nott's CC – Replacement Waste Local Plan
<u>9.4</u>	RCAN – Newsletter
<u>9.5</u>	CPRE – Acknowledgement of entry to BKV
<u>9.6</u>	NALC – Local Council Award Scheme – free workshop – No attendees
<u>9.7</u>	NALC – Prayers at Council Meetings
<u>9.8</u>	GBC – Agenda for Planning Committee 03.06.15
<u>9.9</u>	GBC – Vacancies for Co-opted Members
<u>9.10</u>	GBC – Code of Conduct and Register of Interests - Respond to GBC, Cllr's interested in attending training session
<u>9.11</u>	Mark Spencer MP Newsletter
<u>9.12</u>	Paddy Tipping – Press Release on Rural Crime
<u>9.13</u>	Mrs Taylor – Village Verges
<u>9.14</u>	Ravenshead PC – Lengthsman Hours Allocation
<u>9.15</u>	GBC – Carlton Skate Park - Graffiti Artist
<u>9.16</u>	GBC – New Powers to Ban Noisy Neighbours

10.0 Planning

10.1 Withdrawal and resubmission: Linby House, Refuse Store 2014/1282

The clerk had circulated correspondence from Mr Bell outlining his intention to move and reduce the size of the refuse store, and relocate the cycle store back to its original position. The Cllr's were supportive of the change and Mr Clark advised that from a resident's perspective, the new arrangements were an improvement.

10.2 Strata Homes; Variation of Condition 2 Planning Application 2014/0950

Cllr Ireland pointed out that having reviewed the paperwork, the only alteration seemed to be a change of house name from Naples to Montreux and the use of stone rather than brick. The Cllr's voiced their concerns over the landscaping and questioned if some of the mature trees on site had been cut down in error. Cllr Ireland advised that she would review the plans again. No comments for this submission.

10.3 Any other business relating to Planning

Cllr Lewis referred back to the original plans for the site, which allowed for a field strip around the site. The Cllr's raised concerns that the balancing ponds are not being taking into account and as there is no 'Master Plan' it will prove difficult to co-ordinate each phase. Cllr Molsom advised that he had contacted Mr Vince Mandeer (GBC) to again push for a 'live' transport review, not a laptop based exercise. Cllr Molsom was disappointed to report that the Highways department will soon be outsourced to a company based in the South West of England as part

of ongoing financial cuts at Nott's CC. Cllr Molsom referred to a recent meeting he attended with Cllr Ireland and a Barrister to discuss how best to proceed with GBC and David Wilson Homes (who will develop the next parcel of land). Cllr Molsom felt that the meeting was positive and by quoting case law to GBC and future developers, it may gain the necessary attention to ensure all parties work with and consult the PC in future. Cllr Molsom explained that to draft an initial letter, the cost would be £750 plus VAT, which Cllr Molsom felt would be money well spent. The clerk did point out that before spending such a large sum of money, it may be prudent to canvass residents opinions to ensure we are serving the village in the best possible way and to help protect the PC against possible complaints; stressing that any further employment of Planning Consultants and Barristers etc. should be done so with extreme caution.

Cllr Ireland pointed out that £14,000 had been spent fighting the housing developments to date, which included over three years of fundraising and donations. During this period a vast amount of knowledge had been gained, but we needed to provide a robust response to ensure the PC is not ignored. The Cllr's agreed to put this topic back on the agenda for next month's meeting.

11.0 Finance

11.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq. no	Amount	Payable to:
08.06.15	300826	£6.39	Mrs C Hardstaff (Cllr expenses)
08.06.15	300827	£13.01	Mr W Lewis (petrol expenses)
08.06.15	300828	£350.00	Nott's CC (J Morden attendance at HLF workshop)
08.06.15	300829	£20.59	Southern Elec
08.06.15	300830	£254.50	Mr W Lewis (expenses)
08.06.15	Total	£644.49	
13.06.15	<i>S. order</i>	<i>£25.00</i>	<i>Two Little Fishes</i>
13.06.15	<i>S. order</i>	<i>£242.86</i>	<i>K Holmes</i>
	Total	£267.86	

Current bank balances

Co-op - £15,477.58

HSBC - £154.19

11.2 Any other business relating to Finance

Foot Path – Hanson House

Cllr Ireland referred to a recent quotation from Whitbread Restoration for £6,000 to restore the foot path in front of Hanson House. Cllr Ireland has arranged for a further 2 quotations and will feedback at the next meeting. Cllr Lewis suggested employing a local contractor rather than a stonemason, as once the materials are purchased we could pay for the work on an hourly rate. Cllr Ireland advised that the HLF have plenty of funding to allocate within the East Midlands, so another bid may be worthwhile. It was agreed that Cllr Molsom would seek an alternative quotation from a civil contractor and that Highways would be asked to give the stone removed from the school crossing to the PC, to replace other broken slabs.

12.0 Any other business

12.1 Docks

Cllr Ireland advised that Mr Ireland had begun to investigate listing the Docks through English Heritage. Mr Morden (Conservation Officer) has also offered his support of the application. The Cllr's discussed the recent car crash on Main Street, with a car driving through the railings and ending up in the Docks. It was agreed that both the volume and speed of traffic through the village will only result in more incidents of this nature. The Cllr's supported the new 20mph limit due to the school and would also like to see Wighay Road reduced to 30mph. Cllr Ireland asked for radical thinking when approaching this problem and had sought advice from

Mr Morden with regards to sympathetic traffic calming solutions, such as road narrowing or speed bumps. The Cllr's were keen to see pictures and possibly visit the Lincolnshire villages where such schemes are in place to gain a better insight of how the traffic calming measures have impacted both the volume and speed of motorists.

12.2 Clerk Position

Cllr Hardstaff took the opportunity to thank Mrs Holmes for the work she had undertaken for the PC over the last couple of years. Cllr Ireland welcomed Mrs Gretton as the new clerk, who will take over the position from the end of June.

Cllr Ireland also extended her thanks to Cllr Lewis for the painting of the street lamps, docks and signs etc.

12.3 Village Clean Up

Cllr Lewis suggested a village clean up on Saturday 19th July in preparation for the Open Gardens event, requesting that all Cllr's attend if possible.

Cllr Lewis also offered to chase up Gedling Homes regarding the Japanese Knotweed in the garden of Station House. The clerk confirmed that she had written to Gedling Homes asking them to take action to address the problem.

8.0 Appointment of new Cllr's

Agenda item moved from earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Ireland asked if Mrs Tunstall and Mr Clark would be interested in joining the PC after getting a flavour of what issues and projects the PC are currently involved with; pointing out that the housing developments will continue to be one of the greatest issues facing the village and this will be the PC's main focus for the foreseeable future. Both Mrs Tunstall and Mr Clark were keen to become Cllr's and were asked to write letters of confirmation to the PC and complete an Election Form for GBC records.

Cllr Ireland closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 13th July 2015.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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