

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 12th October 2015

Present: Councillor's D Ireland (Chairman) C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman) W Lewis, J Parker, E Tunstall, N Clark, C Barnfather (Gedling Borough and County Cllr), C Hesketh (Papplewick Cllr), Roberta Norris (Parishioner) and the Clerk

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Molsom
Gedling Cllr's C Powell, B Andrew
Papplewick Cllr's S Walker, N Penlington, T Savage

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in the Local Plan

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 13th July 2015

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

4.0 Matters Arising from previous meeting

This item was moved to after the discussion with Dharmista Patel

5.0 Neighbourhood Plan with Planning Consultant Dharmista Patel

Dharmista advised she would be able to assist the Parish Council with the writing of policies and the more strategic elements involved and help go through the different stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was advised that in the first instance the Parish Council would need to clarify why a plan was needed, what the boundaries are and then look to publicise their intention to produce a plan. If the Parish Council wish to receive the CIL payments, the boundaries on the Neighbourhood Plan would need to include the two new developments.

Dharmista advised setting up a steering group to work on the Neighbourhood Plan to include the local community and representatives from the village school and church. The Parish Council agreed to consult with the local community by way of flyers through doors, emails to residents, a public meeting and information on the Linby website. Cllr Ireland, Cllr Lewis and Roberta Norris agreed to head up the Steering Group.

The Parish Council could apply for up to £8,000 funding however they would need to finance some of the Neighbourhood Plan themselves. At this stage, it is unclear what the total cost would be, however from the previous meeting with Peter Baguley it was suggested that it could cost around £13,000. Cllr Ireland advised there is potentially £4.3 million in CIL from the Top Wighay development and £1.6 million from the development on the land north of Papplewick Lane, with the Parish Council receiving 25% of that CIL providing a Neighbourhood Plan is in place. Since CIL has only just been adopted, the Parish Council would not be able to claim CIL on the Strata homes development. The Cllr's agreed to move forward with the Neighbourhood Plan in order to protect the village by influencing the developments and minimizing the impact.

4.0 Matters arising from previous meeting

None received.

6.0 Top Wighay Development Brief

Cllr Ireland was disappointed with the Brief which included many unanswered questions. Concerns had been raised regarding the primary school which is not to be developed until after the houses are built. This would mean that the children will need to take places in other schools, and unlikely to want to move to the newly built school once they have already settled in and made friends. Families from the new development taking their children to schools such as Leen Mills will again have an impact on the traffic in and around the village. Concerns were also raised regarding the capacity at Holgate and National Academy. There was no strategic thought about the drainage on the site or inclusion of a health centre. Cllr Ireland and Cllr Molsom will look to formulate a document to comment on these issues.

7.0 Heritage Lottery Fund – Replacing the Footpaths

Cllr Ireland suggested a phased approach to the replacement of footpaths in the village. Details of each phase will be announced in due course.

8.0 Update on Lengthsman Scheme

The Councillor's were pleased with the work completed on the Island.

The Councillor's advised that during work carried out on the Docks the Lengthsman had hurt his back and could not continue with the work. The Clerk contacted the Parish Clerk at Ravenshead to make them aware of the injury and to ensure any necessary paperwork was completed, to which the Ravenshead Parish Clerk agreed to pursue. The Clerk was asked by the Councillor's to contact Ravenshead Parish Clerk to confirm the hours worked by the Lengthsman.

A resident of Linby contacted Cllr Ireland to raise concerns that her dockside hadn't been cleared. This was due to the lengthsman's injury and the Parish Council would look at alternatives to complete the work as soon as possible.

9.0 Linby Docks

Following on from last month's discussion concerning the attention required to the Docks, Cllr Lewis advised he is due to meet with someone next week from the Biodiversity Department at the Environmental Agency to discuss further.

Cllr Hardstaff queried whether Brooke Farm could get involved in a project to clear the Docks next year alongside the Lengthsman. Cllr Lewis agreed to speak to the Lengthsman regarding his health.

10. Focus Group – Gedling Conversation

A Focus Group was held recently for residents to offer feedback to Gedling Borough Council regarding their services. The Clerk received correspondence inviting representatives from Parish Councils to join in with the “Gedling Conversation”. The Clerk to forward details to Cllr’s Ireland and Molsom to discuss a suitable date.

11. Planning – Retainer for a Barrister

The Terms of Business were passed to Cllr Ireland for signing, and a cheque for £500 was raised.

12. Correspondence received

All correspondence received had been forwarded to the Councillor’s prior to the meeting.

13. Finance

13.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq No.	Amount	Payable to
24/09/15	300849	£23.48	<i>Southern Electric (Approved prior to meeting)</i>
12/10/15	300850	£16.40	<i>HMRC – Tax due</i>
12/10/15	300851	£500.00	<i>Richard Buxton – Retainer</i>
12/10/15	300852	£180.00	<i>Grant Thornton - Accounts Audit</i>
12/10/15	300853	£45.65	<i>W Lewis – Expenses</i>
	TOTAL	£765.53	
20/09/15	S.Order	£242.86	<i>E Gretton – September Wages</i>
20/09/15	S.Order	£25.00	<i>Two Little Fishes</i>
	TOTAL	£267.86	

Current Bank Balance

Co-op - £13,781.76

HSBC - £154.19

13.2 Any other business relating to Finance

Cllr Ireland thanked the Clerk for her efforts concerning the recent audit.

14. Any other Business

14.1 Letter of support for Linby Colliery Welfare Football Club

The Parish Council had received correspondence from Alex Paterson of Linby CW Football Club asking if the Council would write a letter of support to support their funding applications for their project to improve the facilities at the Club. The Parish Council agreed to invite Mr Paterson along to a meeting to discuss this further and the implications it may have on the Village in respect of traffic and noise.

14.2 – Flood Advice Roadshow

Correspondence had been circulated by the Clerk regarding an advice roadshow from the Flood Advisory Service which is to be held on 22nd October in the car park of the Tesco Store in Hucknall. The roadshow will offer free advice to residents who are concerned with flooding. The Councillor's agreed it might be a good opportunity to discuss the recent issues concerning the Docks.

14.3 – Linby Docks Post

The Clerk has been in contact with Gedling Borough Council who confirmed the Docks was their responsibility and they would complete the work.

14.4 – Stone bench at The Heritage Centre

Cllr Ireland commented that the stone bench had been completed and a photograph will be placed on the website.

14.5 – Restoration work to Brooke Farm Walls

The Cllr's expressed their thanks to Cllr Barnfather for his £300 contribution to restoring the walls near the bus shelter.

14.6 – Roof repairs to bus shelter

Cllr Lewis received a quote of £280 from Peter Masterson at Aquarius Roofing for the repairs to the bus shelter roof which the Councillor's deemed acceptable.

14.7 – Motor Cycles on Linby Trail

Concerns have been raised by the Councillor's regarding youths on motorcycles churning up the grass on the footpaths on the Linby Trail. The Clerk agreed to update the website with these issues and to ask residents to contact the police on 101 should they witness this themselves. The Clerk to contact the police to make them aware of the problem.

14.8 Movement on Quarry Lane

No updates. The clerk agreed to follow this up.

14.9 Christmas Lights

Cllr Lewis again raised concerns about the length of time it would take for the girlguiding association at Hanson House to receive planning permission to crown lift their trees and the detrimental effect this could have on the Christmas displays should the lights in the trees not be reinstalled in time. The Clerk was asked to contact Helen Hutchinson at the Girlguiding Association for an update. The Council suggested that should the application not be sent through this week, then the Council would ask that work to the trees be postponed until after 6th January 2016. Reinstalling the Christmas lights has a financial implication for the Parish Council and therefore would seek recompense for this from the Girlguiding Association. The Clerk to pursue.

14.10 Bonfire Night

The bonfire night event will be held on Friday 6th November and will include entertainment from The Marshall Band, food to include hot peas, Barlow’s Butchers hog roast, sausages and burgers. Cllr Lewis asked for volunteers on the night.

14.11 Quiz Night

A quiz to raise funds for the village will be held on Friday 4th December. Teams required.

14.12 Lights at the Crosses

Cllr Lewis advised he was looking into purchasing new gentle lighting for both crosses.

14.13 Poppies for the Crosses

The Councillor’s all agreed the knitted poppies looked beautiful last year and would look to decorate both Crosses with these this year. The poppies from last year are in good condition, and the Parish Council welcome volunteers to knit more.

14.14 The Queens Birthday Celebrations 2016

The Parish Council discussed events to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday next year. A barn dance has been tentatively scheduled for 14th May 2016. Cllr Ireland suggested a vintage tea party in the summer, and a new bench near the bus shelter commemorating the Queen’s 90th birthday. Further discussions will be held at the next Parish Council meeting in November.

Cllr Ireland closed the meeting at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting Monday 9th November 2015

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council