

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 9th November 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 Powell (Gedling Borough Cllr) and the Clerk

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Mr Alex Paterson (Linby Colliery Welfare Football Club)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Hardstaff declared an interest in the Local Plan

3.0 Approval of the Minutes – 12th October 2015

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

4.0 Letter of Support for Linby Colliery Welfare Football Club

Upgrading of the facilities at the football club was discussed at length. Planning permission was granted in 2013 to update the Clubhouse, moving of the football pitch, the stand, the dugouts, flood lights and increasing the car parking space. Cllr Ireland queried whether the planning application for 60 car parking spaces would be sufficient. Mr Elson responded that parking would not be an issue as the club currently hold 30 spaces and have use of an overspill car park. Mr Elson believes that this land was handed over to the football club and the parish council by the Coal board however he didn't have any documentation to confirm this, but agreed to look into it and forward any findings onto the PC. Cllr Ireland was particularly concerned with the visual impact the floodlights would have on the village and wanted to ensure the village retained its rural character. Mr Elson advised the floodlights would be considerably higher than the current lights which are 7 meters high, and likely to be the height of the church roof. Cllr Ireland was concerned that this would block out the view of the church which would not be aesthetically pleasing and asked as a compromise whether it would be possible to install retractable floodlights. Mr Elson advised the retractable lights were costly and funding for such may not be available. Cllr Clark queried whether there was an option to use collapsible floodlights, which could be dropped to half their length when not in use. Mr Elson agreed to look into this and keep the PC informed. Cllr Ireland advised Mr Elson of the Neighbourhood Plan, which the PC are starting in January, and advised it would be worth the FC committee and/or club members being involved in this, as it will shape the future for the village. Mr Elson agreed to report back to the Committee and in the mean time would draft a letter of support to forward to the Clerk, for the PC to adapt. Cllr Lewis was in favour of the PC offering their support, and Cllr Ireland reiterated the PC would particularly be in support of retractable floodlights. Mr Elson advised the PC of issues concerning the fences and trees which needed to be cut. There is a dispute over whose responsibility this is, Mr Elson to forward the correspondence to Cllr Barnfather to look into this. Regarding fencing around the football pitch, Mr Elson advised that the fence at the top of the pitch is metal however there's nothing to say they couldn't be wooden in order to maintain the beauty of the area. Mr Elson expressed his passion for the Football Club and his desire to work in partnership with Linby PC.

5.0 Matters arising from previous meeting

5.1 Linby Docks Posts

Four posts have been marked. The Clerk had been in contact with GBC who have confirmed the works have been ordered.

5.2 Restoration work to Brooke Farm walls

This has been postponed until the spring.

5.3 Bonfire Night

Everyone agreed it was a great success.

5.4 Poppies for the Crosses

Cllr Ireland thanked Cllr Hardstaff for her contribution.

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The PC received draft costs from Dharmista Patel for her assistance in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The initial draft suggests a cost of £8k. Dharmista would also provide support and assistance with submitting the grant application. Cllr Ireland advised this could be one of the most important things the PC will do for the village, and the potential financial gain will be of great benefit to Linby. The Cllr's were in agreement to keep the parish boundary as the Neighbourhood Area. Cllr Ireland to contact Dharmista to confirm the Neighbourhood Area and will look to submit the proposed Neighbourhood Area to Gedling for the area to be adopted. It was agreed to start looking at the Neighbourhood Plan development from January and it was suggested a steering group be formed. Cllr Ireland advised all Cllr's to make stakeholders aware – The School, the PCC, the Football Club and Brooke Farm. The Clerk has arranged for the information on the Neighbourhood Plan to go on the website to make the community aware, and Cllr Ireland to put a document together to leaflet drop around the village.

7.0 Top Wighay Development Brief

Cllr Ireland and Cllr Molsom formulated and sent off a document to comment on the issues raised at the last PC meeting. No further action to be taken at this time.

8.0 Heritage Lottery Fund – Replacing the Footpaths

It was agreed by the PC that replacing the footpaths would be put on hold whilst the PC concentrate on the neighbourhood plan, since realistically the PC haven't got the funds within their budget, and this project could be a possibility once CIL is received from the new Top Wighay developments.

9.0 Update on Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Lewis advised there was one more job to undertake, the trimming of the Cherry trees.

Mr Ireland had commented that the leaves on the footpaths on Church Lane need clearing, however this would need to be completed using a street cleaner and would be Gedling's responsibility. Cllr

Barnfather commented that unfortunately Gedling have similar jobs to do all over the borough and due to workload, this is unlikely to be done. Cllr Lewis advised he may be able to borrow a sweeper, in which case he would do it.

10.0 Linby Docks

Cllr Lewis advised on his meeting last month with the Environmental Agency. The PC is planning to develop a long-term maintenance programme in spring 2016 to make maintenance on an on-going basis much easier. Funds for this project will be included in the 2016/2017 budget.

11. Focus Group – Gedling Conversation

Cllr Molsom and Cllr Ireland met with Cllr Paine and Stephen Bray and voiced their concerns over the lack of co-operation and involvement. During the recent consultation of the development brief; letters were sent out to local people, but they didn't know what they were commenting on as the information given was far too technical and not geared at the general public. Cllr Molsom pointed out that the consultation process clearly isn't working. The Cllr's advised Cllr Paine of the PC's desire to adopt a neighbourhood plan. He suggested that in future he is proposing the parish council may possibly be able to get involved in the pre-application brief stage on some of the larger scale developments and planning applications.

12. Carols around the Christmas Tree – Moved to end of meeting

13. The Queen's Birthday Celebrations 2016

Cllr Hardstaff advised the band has been booked and the date set at 14th May 2016.

17.6 Yellow Stone Quarry Update (brought forward from AOB)

The Clerk had circulated a letter from NCC concerning the proposed development to allow the continuation of mineral extraction until 2035 and to amend the limit of transport movements from a daily to weekly figure.

The PC stated that it would be imperative that the HGV's avoid school start and end times due to safety of the children.

Cllr Barnfather confirmed that the weekly movement limit will remain in place, but removal of the daily limit allows more movements in a given day but there would be no increase on a weekly basis.

Cllr Barnfather advised the Council to accept the application but restrict the times to ensure that school opening/closing times are clear.

14. Planning

14.1 Retainer for a Barrister

Cllr Molsom to follow up.

14.2 Planning Application 2015/1220 Location: Horse & Groom, 12A Main Street

The Cllr's were supportive of the proposal to erect replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.

15. Correspondence received

All correspondence received had been forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

16. Finance

16.1 Cheques for approval

Date	Chq No.	Amount	Payable to
09/11/15	300854	£232.00	<i>National Heritage Memorial Fund (HLF)</i>
09/11/15	300855	£18.95	<i>D Ireland Expenses</i>
09/11/15	300856	£285.00	<i>Aquarius Roofing (Bus Shelter)</i>
	TOTAL	£535.95	
20/09/15	S.Order	£242.86	<i>E Gretton – October Wages & Expenses</i>
20/09/15	S.Order	£25.00	<i>Two Little Fishes</i>
	TOTAL	£267.86	

Current Bank Balance

Co-op - £12,771.85

HSBC - £154.19

16.2 Any other business relating to Finance

Online Banking – Co-op

The PC agreed to the Clerk becoming an authorised signatory on the account in order to have access to online banking and perform the financial duties that are required. Cllr Ireland, Cllr Hardstaff and Cllr Lewis completed and signed the relevant sections.

12. Carols around the Christmas Tree

Cllr Lewis advised St John's First Aid and the Band has been booked; the Choirs, Marquee and Service have all been confirmed. The PC agreed this year the money raised would go to the Papplewick & Linby Preschool and the Linby Toddler Group. The Clerk to contact the Preschool and Toddlers group to ask for their support with home made mince pies and biscuits for sale at the event. Cllr Lewis to confirm the date the tree will arrive. Two Linby residents have agreed to put lights up on their houses and have agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost, with Linby PC and the Enterprise Group each contributing a 1/3. It was agreed that should the residents leave in the future, the lights will remain with the PC.

17. Any other Business

17.1 Christmas Lights Application

The Clerk advised the application for Christmas Lights on the tree on the roundabout had been submitted and awaiting approval.

17.2 Pensions Auto-Enrolment

The Clerk had previously circulated information regarding a new law called Auto-enrolment where employers are required to automatically enroll workers into a workplace pension assuming they meet the requirements set out by government. The Clerk has contacted the Pensions Regulator and confirmed the first point of contact would be Cllr Ireland and the second contact would be the Clerk. The Clerk to advise the PC as and when further information is received.

17.3 Street Light replacement, outside of No. 7 Main Street, Linby

The Clerk advised it will take a further 5/6 weeks for the replacement lantern to be delivered, and has therefore requested the installation of a temporary light in the mean time.

17.4 Inspection for Survey and Valuation Purposes of Linby Heritage Centre for non-domestic rating

Cllr Hardstaff agreed to open up the Heritage Centre on Wednesday 11th November in order for the valuation to be carried out.

17.5 Lights around the Cross

Cllr Lewis to pursue.

Cllr Ireland closed the meeting at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting Monday 11th January 2016

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council