

Linby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Brooke Farm on Monday 12th May 2014

Present: Councillors B Brothwell (Chairman), C Hardstaff (Vice Chairman), W Lewis, D Ireland S Molsom, L Newton, County Cllr C Barnfather, Mr A Wormall, Ms G Cassidy and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Borough Cllr P Andrews.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2013:

The minutes were approved and signed accordingly by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

3.0 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council:

Cllr Brothwell reflected on the achievements of the Parish Council over the last year; the highlight being winning the title of Best Kept Village in Nottinghamshire. Other projects included a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to repair the docks, along with the completion of the website and another well attended Carols around the Tree service, held at Christmas. Cllr Brothwell thanked his fellow Cllr's for their positivity and commitment to the village and also extended his thanks to Cllr Barnfather and Cllr Andrews for their continued support.

4.0 Reports from the Delegates

Sir Julian Cahn

Cllr Hardstaff reported that the Cahn Homes are full to capacity. There are a programme of works being planned to replace the roofs in stages over the next three years, governed by available funding. Two new Trustees had been appointed, Mr Kevin Rostance and Mr Chris Barron and Cllr Hardstaff was pleased to report all is going well.

Papplewick and Linby Village Hall

Mrs Holmes was pleased to report that the Village Hall is extremely well supported, with 19 regular hire groups and over 80 'one off' hirings currently booked for the rest of 2014.

The Village Hall turned a slight profit this year and therefore the Committee agreed to re-carpet the Bradbury Suite and also reseal the wooden floor in the main hall.

Cllr Hardstaff thanked Mr and Mrs Holmes for their input in ensuring the hall ran so smoothly.

Notts County Council

Cllr Barnfather explained that there are many changes taking place under the new administration at County Hall. This includes a dramatic cut to the LIS funding budget, which has been reduced to £500,000 and will target areas of social deprivation in future. Cllr Barnfather pointed out that LIS had been a productive scheme, which had helped various projects, but that he would still offer assistance to Linby PC where able and was pleased to have contributed to the restoration of our pavements. Cllr Barnfather noted that the divisional budget for the coming year has been halved to just £5,000.

Cllr Barnfather congratulated the Parish Council on the outstanding achievement of winning Best Kept Village in Nottinghamshire, and was also pleased to see how beneficial the Lengthsman scheme had been to the parish. Currently Ravenshead, Linby, Bestwood Village and Papplewick (with reduced hours) have agreed to continue with the scheme. However, Newstead have opted to discontinue the service now that 50 percent of the costs must be met. Cllr Barnfather noted that speeding in the village was an ongoing problem and mentioned the Community Speedwatch Group set up in Ravenshead, who are working in conjunction with the police. It was felt that this was just too much extra work for the Parish Council to take on at this point and the possibility of repercussions were also muted. Cllr Barnfather concluded his report by suggesting that should the housing developments for Top Wighay or Papplewick Lane proceed, there may be a possibility to 'Ward' the parish. This would be something to discuss with GBC to work out the details. However, at this stage of the consultation there is nothing that needs to be done, but is something we can apply for in the future if necessary.

5.0 Open forum

No issues were raised.

6.0 Any other business:

None.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

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