



## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

**Linby Parish Council has been working on various projects and improvements over the last year. Here's an update on what has been happening in our village and our plans for 2016.**

### **Linby Docks**

After securing £4,300 through the Heritage Lottery Fund, The Parish Council restored the stone walls around the docks and ran a Conservation Workshop with speakers and practical sessions demonstrating the benefits of traditional building techniques. Thanks to everyone who got involved in this! For more information on the work carried out, please visit [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk)

### **Linby Wins Runner Up in Best Kept Village Competition**

Linby secured a runner up position in this year's competition and were awarded £50. Thank you to all those who help to keep our village clean and tidy!

### **Open Gardens**

This year Linby hosted the 'Open Gardens' event, which was a great success despite the weather! The Gardens looked wonderful and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to those who opened their gardens for the event and made the day so successful.

### **The Bus Shelter gets a revamp!**

Works on the bus shelter has been completed. The roof was repaired and the internal stone was re-pointed in lime. The wall in between the bus shelter and the pub will be repaired and re-pointed in lime later this year.

### **Carols around the Tree**

This Christmas, the village once again came together with the local schools and their families to enjoy our annual "Carols around the Tree". The village was festively decorated and the children sang wonderfully! £200 was raised which was donated to the Linby & Papplewick Toddler Group and the Papplewick Preschool. A big thank you to all those who came along to support this wonderful event and to the Horse & Groom pub for donating the Christmas tree.

### **Bite Sized Updates**

#### **The Lengthsman Scheme**

Linby has continued to benefit from the services of the Lengthsman, the village has certainly benefitted from the practical maintenance he has provided. The Parish Council would like to thank Paul for the work he has undertaken in and around the village this year, and would very much like to continue to employ these services in the future.

#### **Benches in the Village**

The Parish Council have recently removed two benches in the Village due to wear and tear, one from near Brooke Farm and the other from Quarry Lane, near the School. Unfortunately due to lack of funds, we are unable to replace the benches. If anyone would like to donate a bench in memory of a loved one from the Village, please contact the Clerk.

## **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Linby Parish Council, working with the community, aim to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan to ensure that future developments in and around the village are in line with the aspirations of the community and are sympathetic to local need. We feel now is the time to take action to ensure that Linby retains its character by influencing the developments and minimizing the impact. The Parish Council is keen for the community to get involved with this major project. If you are interested in joining the Steering Committee or wish to find out more information, please visit [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk) or contact the Clerk.

## **Coming up in 2016...**

### **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations!**

This year Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in celebration of this wonderful milestone Linby Parish Council is looking to hold a Barn Dance and a Vintage Tea Party! More details to follow!

The Parish Council would also like to look at funding a new bench for the village, to commemorate the occasion.

## **Finances & Precept for 2016**

Hopefully this newsletter has given you an insight into the work your Parish Council is undertaking on your behalf. The Parish Council remain committed to seeking external funding wherever possible, however the reality is that to run a productive Parish Council we need the income to do so. In order to meet our objectives for 2016/17, the Parish Council has decided to increase the precept by 10%, the equivalent of 36 pence per month for each household.

Your precept will help the Parish Council to:

- Employ a Planning Consultant to help produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan to shape the future of the Village
- Purchase and maintain floral displays throughout the village
- Employ the Lengthsman to keep our village looking well maintained
- Compete for the Best Kept Village competition
- Maintain the Linby website and provide up to date information on Parish Council activities and local events
- Host events throughout the year to include the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and Carols around the Tree

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month (excluding August and December) at Brooke Farm in Linby. These are public meetings and your involvement is encouraged.

We are always happy to receive your comments and suggestions on anything to do with the village, so please feel free to contact Liz Gretton, the Parish Clerk, on 07971700434 or [liz.linbypc@sky.com](mailto:liz.linbypc@sky.com)