

## **LINBY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at St Michael's Church, Linby commencing 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs D Ireland (Chair), S Molsom, E Tunstall, C Harrison and the Clerk.  
Cllr C Barnfather (GBC/NCC), Reverend Raaff, Joanna Gray (GBC), Mark Wilkinson (GBC)

#### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's C Hardstaff, W Lewis, J Parker  
Cllr's S Murray (GBC), M Smith (GBC)

#### **2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None

#### **3.0 Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair D Ireland and Cllr E Tunstall.

#### **4.0 Matters arising**

None

#### **5.0 Presentation on the Linby Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Review**

Joanna Gray and Mark Wilkinson from Gedling Borough Council gave a presentation on the Linby Conservation Area Appraisal following the recent public consultation. They propose the Horse and Groom Pub and the Linby Docks become non-designated Heritage Assets. They advise they have updated the Appraisal to include additional key views. They haven't changed the boundary but will keep it under review. Cllr Ireland advised the quarries have SSI's (sites of special scientific interest) and would've liked them to be included within the boundary. J Gray advised the conservation area relates to historic merit rather than scientific. The quarries already have a national level designation to them and adding them to the conservation area would not add to that protection.

J Gray reported the consultation comments were received from Linby Parish Council and one local resident. Noted comments included that building materials should be consistent and there was a cluster of comments regarding speed restrictions, the impact of noise and air pollution and a better entrance into Linby coming from Papplewick. J Gray advised transport and adherence to speed limits is not within the appraisal as it's Notts County Council who implement this, but it is recognised within the appraisal as having an impact on the conservation area. Cllr Ireland advised of the work carried out on traffic mitigation measures within the Neighbourhood Plan including installation of a crossing in the centre of the village which is sympathetic to the conservation area. She added it would be good to work alongside Mark Wilkinson to move some of these ideas forward with Nottinghamshire County Council. Cllr Barnfather advised the gateway into Linby from Papplewick has no obvious entry point into the Village. Cllr Ireland advised the gateways were looked at as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council would like to implement some of these as and when CIL monies are received. One comment was received regarding an Access Road to the north of Linby and Papplewick. J Gray advised this requires consideration to the SSSI's, protected open space and wildlife sites in the area and is not a scheme that is in the pipeline.

J Gray advised details on 'Pointing' will be included in the bibliography which will include a link to the Nottinghamshire County Council document and the Historic England document on pointing. M Wilkinson commented that where planning permission is required to build, they always recommend using lime.

J Gray advised the Appraisal will go to the next cabinet meeting. The final document will be available on the website.

Cllr Barnfather requested information from J Gray regarding the Top Wighay planning application. She commented that the Section 106 is progressing well and a decision notice will be signed imminently. Regarding the Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan she advised they are working through the 5000 comments they have received. She advised they are in discussions with other authorities regarding their housing needs and working through the site identification process. The next consultation is expected February 2022.

Cllr Barnfather advised whether GBC will be responding to Ashfield District Council's current proposals to build 3,000 houses on Whyburn Farm in Hucknall which will have a huge impact on Gedling being so close to the boundary. J Gray advised they have recently received the Plan and will be submitted comments.

## **6.0 Open Forum**

None

## **7.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish**

None

## **8.0 Traffic & Road Safety**

Cllr Harrison advised of the car cruising restriction which has been issued at Junction 27.

## **9.0 CIL Projects**

Cllr Ireland reported the CIL Working Group met to discuss projects in the parish. They agreed to making improvements to the footpath in front of the Horse & Groom pub and advised they would like to complete this section within this financial year. She advised all footpaths in the village require attention due to their poor state. Some will need replacing completely but other areas they can utilise the good stone that has been lifted from other areas. Cllr Molsom advised contacting Via for guidance on specification. Cllr Ireland advised they will need to consider installing bollards to prevent vehicles from parking and damaging the newly laid footpaths. The Clerk to write to Via to request a site meeting with representatives from Linby PC, Via and Cllr Barnfather to discuss safety measures and to request Via's approval. The Clerk to contact GBC to request approval to spend CIL monies on this project.

## **10.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance**

Cllr Lewis forwarded a report to the Clerk prior to the meeting:

- Lengthsman Scheme all going well. The PC requested the lengthsman purchases the post holders near Hanson House. The PC advised the flagpole can be painted in the next financial year.
- Green Spaces – He advised he has treated the area for planting and Nic Wort has marked the land. The PC agreed for Cllr Lewis to hire a mini digger at £150.00. Cllr Lewis reported they intend to plant in November using volunteers, and then continue planting again in the new year with the School. He asked for assistance from the Young Farmers. The PC agreed for Cllr Lewis to purchase the autumn/winter feed for the grassed areas. The flowers need stripping from the barrels. The PC agreed to meet on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.

Cllr Ireland advised she has spoken to Ben at Ellies Wellies regarding wildflowers at the Heritage Centre. She agreed to discuss further with Cllr Lewis and arrange a site visit.

## **11.0 Regular Weed Treatment on Service Roads – Update**

Cllr Lewis advised within his report that he has met with CGM and received a quote for £80.00 per visit. The PC agreed.

## **12.0 Bus Shelter Roof Repairs – Update**

The Lengthsman suggested the timber is treated with a wood stain. The PC agreed.

## **13.0 Culverts Inspection Survey - Update**

Cllr Barnfather reported he met onsite with a Drainage Engineer and walked the length from Strata all the way down to the Papplewick boundary. He advised the Engineer has suggested there is no issue with the ditches near Strata and is happy that the water is flowing well through the overgrowth. The problem occurs when it reaches the field as the drainage tunnels are completely blocked which means if there is torrential rain, the water will back up and flow onto the road. NCC will write to the riparian owner re: clearing the blockage. There is still a repair to be done in the village and they have photographs of the location. He confirmed to the engineer that since clearing the debris there has been no further flooding. There are several points where rocks and branches have fallen into the culverts and Cllr Barnfather recommended asking the Young Farmers to help remove the debris. There are issues at the houses where the drives go over the drains, where the round culverts are, which require attention. There is also an issue where the culvert has been diverted into a garden. The Engineer advised NCC will write to the householder regarding this. He added that in relation to the Docks, the engineer advised the PC do not clear out the reed growth as this helps with the water flow. There is a large blockage in the tunnel, Brooke Farm side, just behind the grill. The Engineer advised he will arrange for this to be removed.

## **14.0 Council Plan Development Engagement Workshop – Update on event**

Cllr Ireland advised she attended the workshop and reported that most PC's feedback was the poor level of communication with the county council and that they were unhappy with the service received from Via and questioned value for money and the quality of the work carried out. She advised the PC's felt it was difficult to get through to anyone at Via and they seem to use Covid as an ongoing excuse. She advised that Linby PC are proactive and have a lot to contribute and would like to be included around the table when some of the decisions are being made. Cllr Barnfather advised he was a little disappointed that more parishes didn't attend. He advised he had spoken with the chief executive after the meeting and recommends holding two meetings a year with parishes; one of them should include all Services on display at County Hall, i.e. Via, Inspire etc, to give the PC's an opportunity to engage with them.

## **15.0 Top Wighay Update**

Discussed in 5.0 – J Gray advised the Section 106 is progressing well and a decision notice will be signed imminently.

## **16.0 Correspondence**

*All correspondence has been circulated to the PC prior to the meeting*

## **17.0 Planning**

### **17.1 Update from Planning Working Party**

None

### **17.2 Applications**

2021/1101TCA, The Retreat, Linby Lane. Proposal: T1 – Holly, fell to near ground level. T2 – Viburnum, fell to near ground level. PC Comments: No comment

2021/1032, 121 Wighay Road, Linby. Proposal: Rear extension for conservatory. PC Comments: No objection

### **Linby Kennels application**

Cllr Ireland commented she was disappointed that the application has been granted planning permission. It was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny, Leader of the Ashfield Council and seconded by Andy Meakin that: the Planning Officer's recommendation contained within the report be rejected and planning consent be granted subject to a satisfactory S106. The PC agreed to

employ Planning Consultant Hannah Barter at Urban Vision to investigate the justification for it being overturned and commented that this decision must be scrutinised. Cllr Ireland to pursue.

#### Ashfield Local Plan – 3000 homes at Whyburn Farm

The PC reported that the proposal within the Ashfield Plan to build 3,000 houses on Whyburn Farm will have a massive impact on Linby Parish. The PC agreed to employ Hannah Barter at Urban Vision to respond on behalf of Linby PC. Cllr Ireland to pursue.

### **18.0 Funding Update**

#### **18.1 Finance Report**

Current account: £15,891.46

Savings account: £23,596.52

CIL account: £5,915.44

#### **Payments Made:**

*All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.*

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Details</u></b>                           | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 09/09/2021         | Howard Marshall Engineering – Tyre for mower    | £74.99               |
| 09/09/2021         | W Lewis – Reimburse for petrol for mower        | £25.00               |
| 09/09/2021         | Gedling Borough Council – Road sweep (Aug)      | £33.22               |
| 16/09/2021         | Malfords – Cut grass on banks                   | £120.00              |
| 23/09/2021         | E Gretton – Reimburse or Microsoft Subscription | £29.99               |
| 01/10/2021         | E Gretton – Sept wages & home office expenses   | £496.36              |
|                    | <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>                             | <b>£779.56</b>       |

#### Receipts:

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Details</u></b> | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 20/09/2021         | HMRC – VAT Reclaim    | £627.55              |

#### **18.2 Payments for approval**

None

### **19.0 Mid-Year Budget Review**

The Mid-Year Budget Review was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting.

### **20.0 Councillor's Reports**

#### **20.1 Cutting back vegetation on Waterloo Island**

The Clerk advised this has been requested with Via.

#### **20.2 Royal British Legion Wreath**

The Clerk advised she will order the wreath.

#### **20.3 Lights around Top Cross**

Cllr Lewis reported prior to the meeting that he has been in contact with the Electrician. Cllr Lewis to pursue.

#### **20.4 Christmas Tree**

Cllr Lewis reported prior to the meeting that he has requested a quote from Marshalls to replace the plastic tube in the Christmas tree hole for a metal tube.

**21.0 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7:30pm at St Michael's Church, Linby.

**The meeting ended at 21:00**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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