

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Brooke Farm, Linby on Monday 2nd September 2019

Present: Cllrs D Ireland, C Hardstaff, E Tunstall and the Clerk.
Cllr's C Barnfather, M Smith and 3 parishioners

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Molsom, Cllr Lewis

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3.0 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr's D Ireland and C Hardstaff

4.0 Matters Arising

None

5.0 Open Forum

Cllr Ireland commented on the planning proposal at Linby House and advised the PC have employed Urban Vision to represent them. She advised the Parish Council will object on grounds that it would lead to loss of mature trees in the conservation area, that the scheme is a standard suburban layout rather than site-specific, that the houses were standard and undistinguished in design, the loss of grounds to the front of Linby House and that it fails to meet the requirements of various policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Gedling's Local Plan. She also advised that the PC have received a number of concerns from local residents about the proposal. A Parishioner attending the meeting advised the proposal suggest up to 30 trees could be removed. Another Parishioner advised it is in fact 7 trees that will be removed and that an Architect and Tree Surgeon have been employed to ensure that the front of the grounds are untouched and advised there would be further landscaping. Cllr Ireland advised that as a parish, Linby are fulfilling a high quantity of housing for Gedling Borough Council mainly at the Top Wighay site and that the conservation area should be preserved. Cllr Ireland commented that the Parish Council clearly stated on the last planning application for Linby House that they did not want to see any further development here and advised they must follow the Neighbourhood Plan and the policies that are in place.

6.0 Telephone box signs – Update

No further action required.

7.0 Traffic & Road Safety

Damage to the Docks

Cllr Ireland advised the stone mason, Rob Shacklock has repaired the stone wall to a high standard. The Clerk advised she has contacted Via to complete the fencing.

8.0 Neighbourhood Plan

CIL Policy & Application

Cllr Ireland advised the Clerk has created a CIL Policy & Application Form which has been submitted to Lewis Widdowson, CIL Officer at GBC.

CIL Projects

Cllr Ireland advised once the CIL Policy has been adopted, the PC can submit potential projects to the Clerk.

9.0 Lengthsman Scheme

Jobs for the Lengthsman to include strimming in front of Red House and the layby near the railway crossing, strim underneath the bench near Brooke Farm, prune the roses in the Docks, strim Waterloo Island and cut back the larger tree branches between Linby and Papplewick. Also to include a regular litter pick throughout the village. The Clerk to submit jobs to Cllr Lewis.

Cllr Barnfather advised St Alban's Parish Council are no longer included in the Lengthsman Scheme and advised their hours are to be allocated to the remaining parishes in the scheme.

10.0 Green Spaces Maintenance Programme

The Parish Council commented they were pleased with the work carried out by Mr Stillwell. A parishioner advised they were very pleased with the grass maintenance carried out at Strata.

11.0 Highways Matters

11.1 Sherwood Gate signs

No further action required.

11.2 Overgrown branches on footpath between Linby & Papplewick

The Clerk advised that the Forestry Team have agreed to cut back the hedges in the Autumn. The Clerk to chase.

11.3 Overhanging vegetation on Pavement, Wighay Road

The Clerk advised she has chased Via and Corporate Property regarding the overgrown hedges. The Clerk to pursue.

11.4 Overgrown vegetation, Church Lane

Cllr Tunstall advised some sections have been cut back but branches have been left. She agreed to take photographs and forward to the Clerk.

12.0 Bus Stop monthly inspection report

Cllr Lewis advised prior to the meeting that he had carried out the monthly inspection and no action is required.

13.0 Christmas lights update

Cllr Barnfather advised he has liaised with the Electrical Engineer at Via who has agreed to meet with Cllr Barnfather and Cllr Lewis onsite to discuss a solution to powering the Christmas lights. Cllr Barnfather to contact Cllr Lewis to arrange a date.

14.0 Heritage Centre Purchase

Cllr Barnfather advised NCC Legal Dept has contacted him to advise they are obliged to advertise the disposal of the Heritage Centre, which they did on 30th August in the Hucknall Dispatch. He agreed to keep the PC updated. The Clerk advised she had spoken to GBC Legal and asked them to represent them in the purchase and to contact Mona Walsh in Legal at NCC to move things forward as quickly as possible.

15.0 Bottom Cross Repairs Update

Cllr Ireland advised all contracts have been signed and returned. She advised the repair works have been pushed back to the end of September/beginning of October due to the contractors having massive delays due to the poor weather.

A parishioner reported that one of the acrow props has moved. The Clerk to inform Cllr Molsom.

16.0 LIS (Local Improvement Scheme)

Bottom Cross

The Clerk reported she had received confirmation from NCC that 75% of the grant will be paid soon and the remaining 25% will be paid upon completion. The Clerk to chase.

Gateway Sign

Cllr Ireland advised the PC to look at possible locations on Church Lane and report back to the Clerk.

17.0 Top Wighay update

No updates

18.0 Motorbikes on Linby Trail / Antisocial Behaviour in the village

The PC advised that youths were still riding their scooters on the Linby Trail and up Quarry Lane. The Clerk advised that all incidents should be reported to the police on 101 so that it can be logged on their system and action can be taken.

19.0 Correspondence Received

All correspondence had been circulated to the PC prior to the meeting

19.1 Code of Conduct

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that GBC have updated their Code of Conduct and advised Parish Council's to adopt the new changes. The Clerk to update the policy and email through to the PC. Cllr Ireland advised other policies need updating. The Clerk to pursue.

19.2 Memorial Bench at Linby Meadow

Cllr Barnfather advised he had received an email from a family member of a resident of Linby who wish to erect a memorial bench at Linby Meadow. The Clerk to pursue.

19.3 Roadworks

Cllr Barnfather advised of a temporary road closure in Linby from 23:40 on Saturday 7th September until 06.40 hours on Sunday 8th September.

19.3 Councillor Resignation

The Parish Council advised of the resignation of Neil Clark. Cllr Ireland thanked Mr Clark for his hard work on the Parish Council. The Clerk advised a Vacancy notice has been placed in the Noticeboards.

20.0 Planning

2019/0676, Linby House. Proposal: Six new detached single storey dwellings with twelve associated parking spaces. The PC discussed this application at a working group meeting on 12th August and following that meeting recommended refusal of the application and engaged Hannah Barter to act on their behalf. It was also discussed during Open Forum (item 5.0).

V/2019/0472, Linby Boarding Kennels, Church Lane, Hucknall. Proposal: Application for Permission in Principle for Residential Development for a maximum of 9 dwellings. Cllr Ireland advised the kennels are within Ashfield District Council, though on the boundary of the conservation area in Linby. She reported that permission had already been given for 4 bungalows. The PC agreed to respond to ADC commenting that 9 bungalows would be appropriate for the area but that they would not be supportive of a higher density in this location.

2019/0300, The Limes, Linby. Proposal: Installation of drywall damp proof course to all ground floor masonry walls and drylining internally. Replacement of unventilated previously modern patch repaired timber ground floors with insulated solid floors incorporating underfloor heating extending to all ground floor areas. Remodelling of existing first floor bathroom areas and ground floor kitchen. No objections from PC.

21.0 Funding Update

21.1 Finance Report

Current Account: £9,290.98 Savings Account: £15,010.35

Payments Made:

All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/07/2019	RS Lawn Care (Roger Stillwell) – Mowing village, strata & bank	£160.00
02/07/2019	Southern Electric – Heritage Centre	£27.91
02/07/2019	W Lewis – Petrol for mower	£18.94
16/07/2019	W Lewis – Petrol for mower	£22.08

16/07/2019	W Lewis – Reimburse for fixings for noticeboard	£5.10
16/07/2019	W Lewis – Reimburse for clips for noticeboard	£10.59
16/07/2019	Gedling Borough Council – Trade sweep – June	£37.56
16/07/2019	Southern Electric – Christmas lights usage	£28.51
16/07/2019	E Gretton – Reimburse for Garden Waste bin	£36.00
16/07/2019	E Gretton – Reimburse for postage (contracts to Morton Partnership)	£3.17
01/08/2019	E Gretton – Jul wages and home office expenses	£456.58
01/08/2019	The Morton Partnership Ltd – Engineer for Bottom Cross	£1,380.00
01/08/2019	RS Lawn Care (Roger Stillwell) – Mowing bank, strata, strimming	£240.00
07/08/2019	Southern Electric – Heritage Centre	£24.18
27/08/2019	Gedling Borough Council – Trade sweep – July 2019	£37.56
27/08/2019	Robert Shacklock – Repairs to Dock Wall	£1,850.00
27/08/2019	W Lewis – Expenses	£41.44
29/08/2019	RS Lawn Care (Roger Stillwell) – Village Maintenance	£310.00
02/09/2019	E Gretton – August wages & home office expenses	£456.58
	TOTAL	£5,146.20

Receipts:

Date	Details	Amount
03/07/2019	W Lewis - Reimburse PC for duplicate payment	£30.50
16/07/2019	Donation (Cash) from Horse & Groom Pub	£100.00
09/08/2019	HMRC - VAT Reclaim	£615.91
	TOTAL	£746.41

21.2 Payments for approval

None

21.3 CIL Update

None

22.0 Councillor's Reports

22.1 Crocuses in the village

Cllr Lewis had advised prior to the meeting that the Rotary had asked to plant crocuses in the village and he had suggested in front of the Horse & Groom pub carpark and in the grass verge in front of the bank going out of the village. The PC agreed.

23.0 Date of next meeting

Monday 14th October

The meeting ended at 20:30

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council