

# LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 held at Brooke Farm, Linby, commencing 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr's C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, E Tunstall, S Molsom, J Parker, C Harrison and the Clerk. Cllr M Smith (GBC), PC Steven Dennis

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Ireland (Chair)

Cllr C Barnfather (GBC, NCC)

### 2.0 Report from the Chairman

Cllr Hardstaff welcomed everyone to Linby Parish Council's first Annual Parish meeting. She reported the following on behalf of the Chair.

Another busy year for the Parish Council... We held a successful community project last year to plant hedges at the Heritage Centre. Special thanks to Nic Wort at Miner2Major for his advice and support in applying for a grant from the Tree Council and a big thank you to the pupils of Linby-cum-Papplewick primary school and all volunteers who helped with planting.

Two major projects this year has been repairing sections of the footpath within the village. The PC identified two areas that were in a poor state, the area outside of the Horse & Groom pub and an area near the Village Green. The Parish Council applied for grant funding from NCC Local Community Fund and utilised CIL monies. The next section of footpath identified is outside of Brooke Farm which we hope to start in the next financial year.

This year we held a very successful bonfire event, jointly run by Linby PC, Papplewick PC and the Village Hall. Thank you to all those who helped make it such a successful night. Profits from the event were shared equally between the groups. We intend to host another event this November and ask for more volunteers.

The PC organised a street party for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and lit a Beacon on the Village Green. A wonderful celebration bringing the parish together. We look forward to celebrating King Charles' Coronation in May, which includes a Barn Dance at Hall Farm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May and a Street Party on the Monday.

Traffic and speeding continue to be an issue in the parish. We have recently had another incident where a vehicle has damaged the docks posts. The docks are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and are awaiting repair by Via.

Works to build a new multi-million pound County Council office at Top Wighay is due to commence this September. We continue to make our views known through our own Traffic and Planning Consultants and these can be observed on our website under planning. We will continue to make robust responses if key issues are not addressed.

We are currently applying for S106 contributions from the Strata and Top Wighay site to development areas within the parish. Projects include installing mains water to the Heritage Centre and making repairs to the road surface leading up to the site, creating a hardstanding for the picnic table and planting more wildflowers. It is important that this money is utilised within the deadline and not returned to the developer.

### **3.0 Responsible Financial Controller's Report**

#### **Budget / Precept**

The budget was reviewed at the Meeting in January and ratified at the February meeting.

The precept for 2023/2024 has been agreed at £18,840.00, a rise of 26%.

#### **Donations/Receipts**

The Parish Council has received the following receipts for 2022/2023:

12/04/22	The Tree Council – Hedge Planting Grant	£411.00
15/06/22	CPM Sherwin – Payment for metal from old gazebo	£15.00
14/09/22	E Hinchley – Purchase gazebo	£100.00
13/10/22	NCC – Local Community Fund Grant for Footpath repairs outside Horse & Groom Pub	£8,309.00
31/10/22	GBC – Contribution from Cllr Barnfather and Cllr Smith towards Christmas tree lights	£450.00
15/12/22	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall – profit from Bonfire event	£2,755.35
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,040.35</b>

#### **CIL Receipts**

31/10/22	CIL towards footpath repairs outside the Horse & Groom pub	£7,615.87
04/01/23	CIL towards footpath repairs near the Village Green	£7,615.87
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,231.74</b>

#### **Other Income**

05/04/22	Co-operative Bank – CIL Account interest	£1.00
05/04/22	Co-operative Bank – Savings Account interest	£3.98
18/05/22	HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£836.25
08/09/22	HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£1,435.54
05/10/22	Co-operative Bank – CIL Account interest	£3.93
05/10/22	Co-operative Bank – Savings Account interest	£24.50
15/12/22	Papplewick & Linby Village Hall – Reimburse for fireworks balance	£1,000.00
17/01/23	Ovo Energy – Reimburse for overpayment	£17.00
10/02/23	HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£1,175.32
24/02/23	D Ireland – Refund for duplicate payment	£14.39
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,511.91</b>

#### **Banking**

The Parish Council continue to bank with the Co-operative Bank. Payments continue to be made by bank transfer.

#### **Audit**

The Accounts for 2022/2023 will be prepared after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. An interim audit has been carried out by Sue Stack with no financial issues to report. The internal audit will take place in April.

The Parish Council continue to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. All accounts notices, minutes and policies are available to view on the website.

#### **4.0 Representative Reports**

##### **Papplewick & Linby Village Hall**

Cllr Lewis reported of the great success of the celebrations held last year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

##### **Bonfire Committee**

Cllr Lewis reported of a successful event in 2022.

#### **5.0 PC Steven Dennis to update on policing in the borough**

PC Dennis reported that he covers the rural villages - Linby, Ravenshead, Papplewick, Newstead, Newstead Abbey and Bestwood Village. He advised he is aware of the ongoing issues with off-road bikers on the Linby Trail and commented they have an off-road biking team who, if they receive multiple reports, can go out and proactively tackle the issue. He advised the off-road bikers head out to Newstead village, into the Abbey and come over the fields into Linby and Papplewick. He advised that if they are caught, they have the power to seize the bikes.

He informed the PC of a car-meet for modified vehicles every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at the Griffin's Head pub in Papplewick. He expressed his concerns with this type of event being held in a rural village and asked that if the public witness any incidents with these vehicles including speeding through the villages to report them immediately on 101 or if there is a threat to life, call 999.

#### **6.0 Parish business – members of the public are invited to address the Council on any matters within its jurisdiction**

None

#### **7.0 Date of next meeting**

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**The meeting ended at 19:50**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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Vice-Chair of the Parish Council