

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday 17th April 2023 at Brooke Farm, Linby, commencing at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr's C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), D Ireland (Chair) W Lewis, S Molsom, E Tunstall, C Harrison and the Clerk.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Parker

Cllr C Barnfather (GBC, NCC), Cllr M Smith (GBC)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr C Hardstaff – Top Wighay – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

3.0 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair Cllr D Ireland and the Vice-Chair, Cllr C Hardstaff

4.0 Matters arising

None

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 May Elections – updates

The Clerk confirmed that this was an uncontested election.

7.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

There had been several reports of loud car engines and motorbikes going through the village in the early evening. Cllr Harrison to report this to PC Dennis.

8.0 Traffic & Road Safety inc. Linby Traffic Study update

Cllrs S Molsom, D Ireland and C Harrison had a call with Chris Bancroft of Bancroft Consulting. The report showed that in certain locations the traffic figures had decreased. However, Wighay Road and the centre of the village the traffic figures had increased when you compared the figures that we recorded in 2017, when we looked at those locations during our NP process. Chris Bancroft concluded that in terms of our findings, these have shown how the initial strategic traffic modelling by NCC appears to be wildly off in its predictions for current/future traffic levels. It does show that a comprehensive overview of the baseline flows must be undertaken that includes an extended network through Linby and Papplewick as a minimum.

The traffic counts also showed there was a large amount of HGV vehicles coming through the village, which is a weight-restricted zone.

It was agreed once the report is finalised Cllr D Ireland to email Chris Bancroft to start process and facilitate a letter to VIA.

9.0 Railings at Bus Stop, Linby Lane – update

The Clerk had contacted Highways (Paula) is chasing this.

10.0 Footpath leading up to St Michael's Church – update

Highways had said the footpath is safe. Cllr D Ireland to contact Cllr C Barnfather (NCC) and to send photos.

11.0 Linby Sign removal, Church Lane (Ashfield) – update

The sign was still in situ and had not been removed.

12.0 CIL Projects & Finance

Further CIL money, £30,463.49, will be released in June 2023.

13.0 S106 – Open Green Spaces Projects - Update

Cllr Lewis provided an update regarding the proposed projects at the Heritage Centre – supplying water onsite, creating a hardstanding for the picnic bench, planting more wildflowers, and laying cobbles on the road leading up to the Heritage Centre. Cllr Lewis advised he had received several quotes for the works, each around £50,000. Confirmation was needed that the water supply ran to the gate. Cllr Lewis had arranged to meet Severn Trent on Friday.

The Clerk had sent the form through to Cllr Ireland for completion, to be submitted shortly.

The proposed work to the Heritage Centre left approx. £40K, which could be used for a play park at the back of the Horse & Groom pub. Contact would need to be made with the brewery regarding use of the land and some type of long-term lease or a gifting of the land to be agreed with the PC and brewery. The Parish Council had until 2026 to put to use the S106 money.

Discussion took place regarding installing a disabled toilet at the Heritage Centre, should there be S106 monies remaining, and when water pipes were being laid. It was agreed not to move forward with this suggestion.

14.0 Lengthsman Scheme & Green Spaces Maintenance

Cllr Lewis provided an update – The wildflower seeds were in the ground and the hedge has now taken. Spare holly bushes had been used to fill the gaps.

He advised that quotations had been received to treat the chafer grubs at £187 + VAT per visit for all areas. A further quote had been received from Malfords to scarify and reseed at a cost of £2080.

Cllr Lewis had treated the area under the tree to eliminate weeds and would rotavate. Cllr Hardstaff asked if Grant funding could be used to purchase Bluebells for the area. Cllr Lewis to look into this.

15.0 Moving barrel to Middle access

It was agreed for this not be moved.

16.0 The Heritage Centre

Cllr Lewis confirmed that the Heritage Centre would not be open whilst the work is being undertaken, which is likely to be all year.

The PC agreed to confirm the open days after the building works are completed.

17.0 Coronation Celebrations - update

Tickets for the Barn Dance are now on sale and would be now open to residents outside the village. Cllr Lewis to obtain prices from Bookers cash and carry. An informal meeting to confirm and organise this event was to be held on the 2nd May.

Cllr C Barnfather (GBC/NCC) had kindly awarded both Linby Parish Council and Papplewick Parish Council £250 each towards the Coronation Celebration. Papplewick PC would now donate this to Linby PC.

Cllr Lewis confirmed that the street party to be held on the Monday was going ahead.

Cllr Lewis had been contacted by the Linby Young Farmers who would like to litter pick on that day as part of the Kings Coronation celebration. This would be in the evening of Monday 8th.

18.0 Bonfire Event 2023

This event was no longer going ahead.

19.0 Top Wighay – Allocated land

No updates

20.0 Top Wighay – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

No updates

21.0 Correspondence received

All correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting

22.0 Planning including new applications received

22.1 New applications

2023/0233 land off Marion Avenue, Hucknall. Proposal: Residential development of 30 dwellings with associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping.

Discussion took place regarding the Planning Application. It was agreed to respond emphasising the climate emergency to enhance green space. The Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan cater for the Growth Strategy. Cllr Ireland to submit these comments on behalf of the PC.

23.0 Funding Update

23.1 Bank Balances

Current: £5782.37
CIL: £3.95
Savings: £20,539.44

23.2 Payments

| Date | Details | Amount |
|-------------|--|------------------|
| 16/03/23 | Severn Trent Water – H/Centre water connection fee | £170.86 |
| 16/03/23 | TSO Host – Domain renewal | £4.32 |
| 24/03/23 | The Flag Shop – Coronation Bunting | £189.50 |
| 24/03/23 | Boston Seeds – Wildflowers for H/Centre | £197.99 |
| 27/03/23 | Bancroft Consulting – Linby Traffic Study | £2,034.00 |
| 01/04/23 | E Gretton – March wages & home office expenses | £570.05 |
| 11/04/23 | BHIB Insurance Brokers – Mower insurance | £236.24 |
| 11/04/23 | GBC – Trade sweep for March | £41.16 |
| | TOTAL | £3,444.12 |

Receipts

| Date | Details | Amount |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 13/03/23 | NALC – Refund for duplicate payment | £163.00 |
| 24/03/23 | Donation for Coronation from Cllr Barnfather (NCC) | £250.00 |
| 17/04/23 | Co-operative Bank – Interest on CIL account | £0.02 |
| 17/04/23 | Co-operative Bank – Interest on Savings account | £87.91 |
| | TOTAL | £500.93 |

23.3 Parish Council to approve the Financial Risk Assessment

This is to be deferred to the next meeting.

23.4 Internal Audit Update

The Clerk advised that the AGAR would be completed and sent through to the internal auditor, who would finalise the internal audit report.

24.0 Clerk's Pension - update

This to be looked into further by the Chair and brought back to the PC.

25.0 Councillor's Reports

Cllr Hardstaff advised that the phone box housing the defibrillator would now be used for books for residents to use.

There was concern that the Dog waste bin on Hayden Lane, had been damaged. This to be looked into and reported as necessary.

26.0 Date of next full Council meeting, which includes the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Due to the bank holiday, the date of the next meeting has been moved to Monday 15th May 2023, 7:30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby.

The meeting ended at 20:49

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council