

# **LINBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 held at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby commencing 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillor's D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, C Harrison, E Tunstall, S Molsom, J Parker and the Clerk. Cllr M Smith (GBC) and Stuart Bestwick (standing in May elections)

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr C Barnfather (NCC, 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 November meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair Cllr D Ireland and Vice-Chair Cllr C Hardstaff

### **4.0 Matters arising**

#### **4.1 Bonfire Event**

Cllr Ireland reported the event raised £2,755.35 for the Parish Council. The total profit was split between Linby, Papplewick and the Village Hall.

#### **4.2 Carols around the Tree Event**

Cllr Ireland reported of a successful event, which raised £275.00. All monies raised was donated to the Hucknall Food bank. Cllr Lewis thanked everyone who supported the event.

### **5.0 Open Forum**

None

### **6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish**

Cllr Hardstaff reported scooters on the Linby Trail. Cllr Molsom advised there is a gang on Motocross bikes that regularly ride on the footpaths from Church Lane, past the Church and on to the Linby Trail. The Clerk to contact PC Dennis.

### **7.0 Traffic & Road Safety including Linby Traffic Study update**

#### **7.1 Potholes - Waterloo Road/Slip road into Linby Village**

The PC advised the potholes on Waterloo Island and on the slip road into Linby Village have been reported, however Highways advise no hazardous defects have been found and no action is warranted. Cllr Molsom reported he witnessed a cyclist swerve to miss a large pothole and almost crashed into the side of a passing vehicle. Cllr Smith advised he will pursue the issue with Councillor Barnfather.

#### **7.2 Traffic Study update**

Awaiting report from Bancroft Consulting.

### **8.0 Footpath leading up to St Michael's Church – Update**

Cllr Smith to pursue with Cllr Barnfather

## **9.0 CIL Projects & Finance Update**

### **9.1 Funding update and next project**

Cllr Ireland reported the PC has received the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of CIL from Gedling Borough Council. The 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment will be collected by GBC in June and December. Within this next financial year, the PC should receive £15,200.00 from CIL payments. She commented the PC could utilise the CIL for the next footpath project outside of Brooke Farm and apply for match funding from the NCC Local Community Fund. The PC agreed. The Clerk to make enquiries.

### **9.1 S106 – Open Green Spaces**

Cllr Ireland advised of the S106 monies received for Open Spaces for the Land North of Papplewick Lane and Strata developments has yet to be utilised by Gedling Borough Council. She commented if the S106 is not spent, it will be returned to the developer. Cllr Smith reported he has made enquiries with Lewis Widdowson, and he suggests the PC contact him with a list of proposals of how they can utilise the S106 money. The PC advised the Heritage Centre falls into the category for Open Green Space and that they would like to create a hardstanding for the picnic tables and provide mains water for maintaining the new hedges, trees and wildflowers. Cllr Harrison suggested they utilise the S106 monies for the Village Green project, which includes removing the chafer grubs by treating the area and reseeding. The area is open green space within the village, which is owned by the Parish Council and should fall into the criteria. The Clerk to contact Lewis Widdowson.

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

New jobs to include cleaning the fascia boards and guttering at the bus shelters.

Cllr Ireland reported the footpaths in the village and the path between Linby and Papplewick require sweeping. The PC agreed to pay for the additional sweep. The Clerk to contact GBC.

## **11.0 The Heritage Centre**

Cllr Lewis advised he will contact Rory Berry re: a quote for digging a trench to supply water to the Heritage Centre/Meadow.

## **12.0 Coronation Celebrations**

The King's Coronation will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The PC agreed to host a Barn Dance on the Saturday evening. Cllr Hardstaff to contact Ian Whitehead. The PC agreed to hold a street party on the bank holiday Monday. Cllr Lewis suggested serving alcohol at the event. The Clerk to make enquiries re: applying for a drinks licence.

## **13.0 Website – not appearing on search engine – update**

Cllr Harrison reported that following the change in hosting of the Council website, it is no longer known to Google. Google has an ongoing process which should eventually pick up the website and include it in searches. The website is still available when using the full address – [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk)

## **14.0 Top Wighay – Allocated Land**

Cllr Smith reported the new NCC building is expected to commence in September.

## **15.0 Top Wighay – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan**

Agenda item moved to end of meeting\*

## **16.0 Correspondence**

*All correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting*

## **17.0 Planning**

### **17.1 new applications received**

2022/0501 – Land off Hayden Lane. Proposal: Revised layout and supporting information

PC Comments: None

### **17.2 Update on Land at Hayden Lane application**

See above.

### **17.3 Update on the Kennels application V/2021/0445**

Cllr Ireland reported she and Cllr Lewis attended a meeting with Rt Hon Mark Spencer. He agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Ashfield District Council regarding the application. ADC has since responded that the last submitted application on green belt was subject to the provision of a S106 agreement. As the applicant has been unable or unwilling to sign up to this agreement the application has been withdrawn from the register and as such no permission exists.

If the site is again proposed for development a further application would be required.

## **18.0 Funding Update**

### **18.1 Bank Balances**

Current: £18,224.04

CIL: £3.93

Savings: £18,406.17

### **Payments:**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Details</u></b>                                | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|
| 08/11/2022         | RTB Groundworks – Footpaths Village Green            | £14,065.60           |
| 29/11/2022         | Joe Walker Haulage – Tree delivery                   | £80.00               |
| 29/11/2022         | ICO – Data Protection Certificate (Direct Debit)     | £35.00               |
| 01/12/2022         | E Gretton – Nov wages, exp & back pay                | £840.05              |
| 04/12/2022         | Southern Electric – Heritage Centre Electricity (DD) | £17.00               |
| 08/12/2022         | Reuben Shaw & Sons Ltd – Christmas tree              | £480.00              |
| 14/12/2022         | Hucknall & Linby Brass band – Carols event           | £275.00              |
| 14/12/2022         | W Lewis – Reimburse for grass seed                   | £86.60               |
| 20/12/2022         | Leisure Lites – Christmas lights                     | £170.10              |
| 01/01/2023         | E Gretton – Dec wages & home office expenses         | £570.05              |
| 04/01/2023         | Ovo Energy – Direct debit (taken in error)           | £17.00               |
|                    | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£16,636.40</b>    |

### **Receipts**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Details</u></b>   | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 15/12/2022         | Papplewick Village Hall – Reimburse for fireworks & profit from the event | £3,755.35            |
| 04/01/2023         | Gedling Borough Council – CIL Receipt                                     | £7,615.87            |
|                    | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>£11,371.22</b>    |

### **18.2 Payments for approval**

Bancroft Consulting – Traffic survey £4,867.24

NSART – First Aid at Carols event £60.00

SSE – Final electric bill at Heritage Centre £33.46

W Lewis – Expenses from Carols event £78.06

**18.3 New internal auditor**

The Clerk advised Sue Stack will conduct the Parish Council’s internal audit for the 2022/23 audit.

**18.4 Update to Financial Regulations**

The Clerk circulated the updated financial regulations prior to the meeting. The PC agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations.

**19.0 Prepare Budget for 2023/2024**

All budget heads were reviewed by the Parish Council. The draft budget for 2023/24 was agreed by the Parish Council.

It was noted that the budget for purchasing new Christmas lights will increase to £1,000.00. The PC reported they are keen to transition towards an environmentally friendly lighting system in the village and will look to install LED lights moving forward. Cllr Lewis advised the lights on the tree at Waterloo roundabout are no longer working and new lights are needed. The lights at Hanson House will be removed this year as the tree requires pruning and new lights may be required. The coloured lights on the Christmas tree may also need replacing with LED lights. Any additional costs will be paid for using the remaining profits from the Bonfire. It was noted that the cost of the Carols event will not be precepted and all costs incurred will be taken from the Bonfire profits.

The Clerk to calculate the Precept and circulate to the Parish Council for approval. Upon approval, the precept recommendation for 2023/24 will be submitted to Gedling Borough Council. Confirmation of the Precept will be reported at the February meeting and recorded within the minutes.

**20.0 Councillor’s Reports**

None

**21.0 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 commencing 7.30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby.

**\*15.0 Top Wighay – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan**

Cllr Ireland reported Hannah Barter at Urban Vision is drafting a response to the consultation on behalf of the PC.

**The meeting ended at 21:15**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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