

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday 11th July 2022 held at Brooke Farm, Linby

Present: Councillor's C Hardstaff, W Lewis, S Molsom, E Tunstall, J Parker, C Harrison and the Clerk. Cllr's C Barnfather (NCC, GBC), M Smith GBC) and 2 parishioners.

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Ireland (Chair)

Cllr S Murray (GBC)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr C Hardstaff – Planning application 2022/0501 – Land off Hayden Lane

3.0 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Vice-Chair Cllr C Hardstaff

4.0 Matters arising

None

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish

Cllr Parker reported motorbikes on the Linby Trail on Sunday evening around 7pm.

7.0 Traffic & Road Safety

7.1 Linby Traffic Study update

The Clerk reported Chris Bancroft will arrange the traffic study for September. The PC asked for clarification whether the information that is obtained from the study will be accepted by Via. The Clerk to pursue.

7.2 Traffic Assessment from Ashfield District Council update

The Clerk reported that Cllr Ireland had contacted Christine Sarris at ADC requesting if ADC had assessed the impact of traffic around Hucknall taking into account GBC and ADCs present and future proposals. If so, are there any documents that can be shared? Christine Sarris advised this work has been commissioned by ADC but presently the traffic report is in draft form and won't be accessible to the public until it has been approved.

8.0 Middle access – extending the grass from the docks - update

Cllr Lewis advised the planter has now been installed and so far seems to be working to stop large vehicles from using the access.

9.0 CIL Projects – Restoring the footpath in front of the Horse & Groom pub & LCF Update

The works are set to commence 1st August. The stone has been ordered from Birchover Reclamation and will arrive on 3rd August. Cllr Lewis advised he will purchase further Kerbstone as required. Cllr Barnfather advised the grant has been recommended for approval and should be signed off on 18th July. The PC thanked Cllr Barnfather for his support.

10.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance

Cllr Lewis reported the Lengthsman has strimmed the top of the Docks and it's on his list to start tidying up inside the Docks. He commented the Docks look a little untidy at the moment as some plants have been left in case they flower. By next year he will have a better idea of which plants to leave and which to remove.

Cllr Lewis commented the new pump for the IBC is working extremely well. The only issue is it takes an hour and a half to fill using a hosepipe. He asked whether there is anywhere he can get water quicker. The PC advised speaking to Brad at Brooke Farm. The PC discussed whether there is a standpipe or fire hydrant in the village that could be use. Cllr Lewis agreed to make further enquiries.

11.0 Heritage Centre

Cllr's Lewis, Hardstaff and Harrison to open up the Heritage Centre on 4th September 11am – 4pm.

Cllr Hardstaff advised Linby-cum-Papplewick School has applied for a grant for apple trees and asked if there is any space at the Heritage Centre to plant them. Cllr Lewis commented there is some space available but advised approaching the Horse & Groom pub re: planting an orchard at the back of the field. Cllr Lewis agreed to pursue.

12.0 Lights at Top Cross – Update

Cllr Lewis to pursue.

13.0 Bonfire Event

Cllr Lewis gave a brief overview of the recent meeting. They are waiting to hear back from the company who supplies the lighting tower and security fencing.

14.0 Top Wighay

Cllr Barnfather advised the planning application for the NCC building has been deferred to Planning Committee on 26th July.

15.0 Correspondence

None

16.0 Planning

16.1 Update from the Planning Working Party

None

16.2 New applications received

None

16.3 Land at Hayden Lane Update

None

16.4 Linby Kennels Application Update

None

16.5 S106 Update

The Clerk advised she has chased Lewis Widdowson at GBC.

17.0 Funding Update

17.1 Bank Balances

Current: 16,924.47
CIL: £5,917.39
Savings: £23,604.98

Payments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15/06/22	W Lewis – Jubilee expenses	£89.65
15/06/22	C Hardstaff – Jubilee expenses	£68.92
15/06/22	Malfords – cut grass bank	£120.00
16/06/22	Urban Vision – Representation Hayden Lane application 2022/0501	£330.00
21/06/22	W Lewis – Reimburse for plants/compost for barrel on service road	£67.57
24/06/22	W Lewis – Reimburse for petrol for mower	£32.89
01/07/22	E Gretton – June wages & home office expenses	£531.05
12/07/22	W Lewis – Reimburse for pump	£192.00
	TOTAL	£1,432.08

Receipts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15/06/22	Cheque received from CPM Sherwin for metal from old gazebo – cheque number 101234	£15.00

18.0 Councillor's Reports

18.1 Trent Barton 141 Bus Service

Cllr Barnfather reported Trent Barton will close the 141 as the route hasn't been profitable for a long time. He advised it is an historic route which weaves through North Notts and used to link with the pits. It starts at Stanton Hill, Skegby, through to Mansfield, Rainworth, Blidworth, Ravenshead, Linby, Papplewick, Bestwood Village and Hucknall. Most people in the urban areas will use the 141 for a short journey to connect to the 3 or Pronto service. He advised pre-covid the 141 was losing money and NCC for many years have been subsidising the route at a cost of £35k per year. During the pandemic, the government offered a covid recovery grant for public transport which went directly to the bus operators, so the government has been subsidising the 141 since 2020 through to now. The subsidiary ends in October, which has prompted Trent Barton to make the decision to close the 141 and half a dozen other unprofitable routes in Derby and Nottinghamshire. Pre-covid they were losing £1k every 4 weeks on the 141. Post-covid, most routes are now up to 85% of pre-covid use, however, the 141 is only up to 75% and Trent Barton are losing (even with the NCC £35K subsidiary), £20k every 4 weeks to maintain that service. There is a driver shortage, and currently they are missing buses on well used, profitable routes to keep the 141 running.

Cllr Barnfather advised there are discussions taking place re: providing a service that links the remote rural areas into the 3 bus route from Hucknall and Pronto from Mansfield. He advised they can't replicate the 141 as to run this service costs £650k, with a loss of £300k, and no local authority can sustain this level of loss with such a small amount of usage. So, they are discussing breaking the 141 route into bite size chunks. They are looking for service providers that will cover for instance, Stanton Hill and Skegby to take them to Mansfield to link with the Pronto, and Linby, Papplewick and Bestwood Village to link with either the 3 or the Pronto. He advised there's a lot of work going on behind the scenes and Officers are talking to smaller, local companies such as Ravenshead Community Transport and the On the Move organisation in Blidworth. They may not be able to

provide a service 7am – 7pm but could cover the peak times to and from work or school times. All these options are being considered.

18.2 Footpath on Church Lane leading up to St Michael's Church

Cllr Lewis advised of the state of the uneven path leading up to the Church, which is a trip hazard to elderly members of the community. Cllr Barnfather advised he can arrange for an inspector to meet onsite and asked that the PC send over photographs of the path. Cllr Molsom to pursue.

18.3 Interactive Speed Sign, Linby Lane

The PC reported the interactive speed sign is still showing incorrect speeds. The Clerk to pursue.

18.4 Dam in stream

The PC reported a dam has been made in the stream outside of one of the houses on Linby Lane. Cllr Lewis commented that he has spoken to the owner to advise that in heavy rain, the roads will flood. Cllr Barnfather advised that as riparian owners, they are legally liable if the roads were to flood. The PC agreed to give the owners a few weeks to remove the dam before pursuing further.

18.5 Wildflowers at the Heritage Centre

Cllr Lewis urged the PC and parishioners to visit the Heritage Centre to see the wonderful display of Wildflowers. The PC thanked Cllr Lewis.

19.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is Monday 12th September commencing 7.30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby.

The meeting ended at 20:35

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council