

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 commencing 7:15pm (following the Annual Meeting), at Brooke Farm, Linby

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

Cllrs C Barnfather (NCC), M Smith (GBC), S Bestwick (GBC) and S Pickering (GBC)

1.0 Apologies for Absence

None

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3.0 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the May 2024 meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair, D Ireland and Vice-Chair, C Harrison

4.0 Matters arising

4.1 Papplewick Traffic Calming Initiative

Awaiting update from Via re the traffic monitoring strips. Cllr Barnfather advised he has arranged to meet with Paul Hillier in Papplewick this week and will update both PC's.

4.2 Article 4 directive – further protection for the conservation area

Cllr Bestwick reported Mike Avery has written a report which will need to be reviewed by full cabinet.

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

PC agree to install police signs on the Linby Trail to deter motorbikes/scooters.

7.0 Traffic & Road Safety

7.1 Warning signs on crossing, Linby Lane layby

Cllr Barnfather advised the scheme has been ordered.

7.2 Puffin Crossing, Linby Village

Cllr Barnfather reported the crossing has been approved and Via are designing the scheme. Cllr Lewis commented Via came to the village recently however a resident was having tree works done and Via couldn't carry out their investigations. Cllr Barnfather agreed to liaise with Paul Hillier at Via for an update.

8.0 Potholes, Waterloo Island – update

Cllr Barnfather reported that Via have now identified the road surface at the roundabout as a problem. He advised he has submitted a request for extra funding through a priority scheme which will be reviewed by cabinet.

9.0 Footpath between Linby & Papplewick to be cleared by GBC – update

Cllr Ireland advised the footpath has been cleared and thanked Cllr Bestwick for his assistance. Cllr Bestwick commented he has noticed the footpath needs to be cleared again. Cllr Lewis advised he has received complaints from residents about the state of this footpath which is narrow due to not regularly being sided up and tree roots are coming through the tarmac making it difficult to walk. He advised it requires a major project. Cllr Ireland advised this could be a future CIL project, to widen it and include a cycle path. Cllr Lewis asked how all the footpaths on the A60 have been repaired when they are hardly used. Cllr Barnfather commented it is the main cycle route between Nottingham and Mansfield.

10.0. Flooding in the Parish / Culverts

Cllr Harrison reported members of the PC have met to look at all the culverts in the parish. They also met at Top Wighay to look at the flooding issues at the site. Cllr Lewis commented the balancing pond is flooded. Cllr Harrison commented though the weather has been dry, there is still standing water at the boundary at Strata though they were told by the developers there would never be standing water in the area. Cllr Ireland commented the L shaped area that was to be planted to help with drainage hasn't happened and can only assume it's because it is too wet to plant. Cllr Barnfather commented the drainage scheme for the site will not be built until the entire site is complete. Cllr Harrison commented there needs to be mitigation measures in place in the interim. Cllr Ireland advised Dice Engineering will arrange to camera the culverts during the summer months and in the winter, at certain pinch points they will arrange for a machine to monitor the flow. Cllr Harrison asked whether the NCC Drainage Engineers assessed the whole site including the water that comes down stream. Cllr Barnfather commented that theoretically they look at the whole site. Cllr Harrison asked how the Drainage Engineers passed off the works without using cameras in the culverts to confirm they are fit for purpose and can cope with the increase in water. Cllr Ireland commented this is why the PC have taken the initiative to arrange for Dice Engineering to carry out these investigations. Cllr Ireland commented Dice Engineering have submitted their concerns and NCC objected to the application due to the water run off and asked for feedback on these responses. Cllr Bestwick advised he will pursue and update the PC.

11.0 CIL Projects incl new footpath project & update on LCF Grant

The Clerk advised they should know by mid-August if the PC has been successful in securing the grant from the Local Communities Fund.

12.0 Heritage Centre

12.1 Open Day

Cllr's Lewis and Hardstaff reported on a successful open day and received many comments on the wonderful display of wildflowers at the meadow.

12.2 Project Update including Water Plus invoice

Cllr Ireland advised the PC have received a bill for £386.59. This is an estimate as the PC are not able to take a meter reading due to its location and it requires a special key to access it. The Clerk has requested an Engineer to take a meter reading and submit a new invoice.

12.3 Electricity Charges from OVO Energy

Cllr Ireland advised when the PC disconnected the electricity supply in December 2022, they were not informed they would need to remove the meter. They have recently received an invoice for over £300.00 for a standing charge for the last 18 months. The Clerk has arranged for an Engineer To remove the meter on 22nd July and will await a final invoice.

12.4 HMRC Business Rates

The Clerk advised she has submitted the information requested from HMRC regarding business rates. The PC have previously received 100% discount.

13.0 Lengthsman Scheme & Green Spaces Maintenance

Cllr Lewis reported the Lengthsman has been on annual leave and is very busy with work from other parishes though should be available to carry out jobs for Linby at the end of July.

Cllr Ireland reported the docks require painting. The PC commented they should investigate a long term solution as when the docks are painted they soon need doing again. The PC discussed utilising future CIL monies to install Oak posts like those at the Village Green which require little maintenance. They also discussed using a composite post which will be long lasting and more cost effective. Cllr Harrison commented the PC should look at this as their next CIL project with priority over restoring any further footpaths.

Cllr Ireland advised Brooke Farm have cut back the ivy at the bus stop and asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

14.0 Top Wighay – Allocated land

Cllr Ireland commented that Dice Engineering have submitted their report to object to the application. She asked Cllr Barnfather to find out details of the objections made by NCC and whether they link in with the concerns raised by Dice Engineering.

15.0 Top Wighay Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

No updates

16.0 Correspondence received

All correspondence has been circulated prior to the meeting

17.0 Planning Matters - applications

- 2023/0233, Hayden Lane, residential development for 30 dwellings – Ashfield District Council have refused the application. The applicant has appealed against the decision. It will be the Planning Inspector who makes the final decision
- 2023/0872 Top Wighay – Open applications. Discussed above.
- 2024/0289 29 Church Lane – Conversion of semi-detached properties into one dwelling with a two-storey rear extension; new garage in cart shed style and erection of detached dwelling with garage (following removal/demolition of later additions incl. extensions and two detached garages). PC observations: No comment
- 2024/0349 The Headlands, Church Lane – Proposed single storey rear extension and loft conversion with pitched roof design. PC observations: No comment

18.0 Funding Update

18.1 Bank Balances

Current: £28,029.62 CIL: £15,284.24 Savings: £20,854.17

18.2 Payments and Receipts

Payments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15/05/2024	W Lewis – Reimburse for petrol for strimmer	£25.13
22/05/2024	Howard Marshall Engineer Ltd – Repairs to mower	£429.04
22/05/2024	E Tunstall – Reimburse for PC strimmer	£69.99
01/06/2024	E Gretton – May wages & home office expenses	£586.55
01/06/2024	NCC Pension Fund – May	£158.98
03/06/2024	DICE Consulting Engineers Ltd – Review of drainage re: 2023/0872	£594.00
03/06/2024	Reuben Shaw – Bedding plants/compost	£729.50
03/06/2024	W Lewis – Reimburse for strimmer cord	£13.49

03/06/2024	W Lewis – Reimburse for paint for the beacon	£23.96
11/06/2024	Gedling Borough Council – Street cleaning May	£48.00
11/06/2024	Glasdon UK Limited – Seat for Heritage Centre	£573.02
26/06/2024	W Lewis – Weed killer	£41.50
01/07/2024	E Gretton – June wages & home office expenses	£586.56
01/07/2024	NCC Pension Fund – June	£158.98
	Total	£4,038.70

Receipts:

Date	Details	Amount
11/06/2024	Gedling Borough Council – Donation for flowers	£300.00
26/06/2024	HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£1,161.49
01/07/2024	Gedling Borough Council – S106	£1,769.24
	Total	£3,230.73

18.3 Payments for approval

W Lewis – Reimburse for petrol £48.00

W Lewis – Bedding plants pack £3.60

Nurture Landscapes Ltd (previously CGM) – Weed spray roundabout & 3 access roads £177.60

Cllr Lewis commented he believes that Nurture Landscapes are contracted by Via to weed spray the village and the PC pay for the additional work of weed spraying the access roads. He commented the cost has increased significantly this year. He asked if Cllr Barnfather could find out whether Via still sub-contract to them. Clerk to forward invoice to Cllr Barnfather to pursue.

19.0 Councillor’s Reports

19.1 Baskets at Strata

Cllr Lewis advised the baskets on the rails at Strata need watering more regularly. Cllr Harrison to liaise with residents and ask for volunteers.

19.2 Roots on wall at Station House

Cllr Molsom to take photographs and submit to Cllr Bestwick.

19.3 Papplewick Village Fayre (PappFest) – Saturday 31st August

Cllr Lewis asked for volunteers to help on the day and for donations for raffle prizes.

19.4 Heritage Centre Open Day

The next open day is Sunday 8th September

20.0 Date of next full Council meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 9th September commencing 7:30pm.

Cllrs Ireland and Hardstaff gave their apologies.

Cllrs Barnfather, Smith, Bestwick and Pickering gave their apologies.

The meeting ended at 20:35

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council