

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 at Brooke Farm, Linby, commencing at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, E Tunstall, Cllr S Molsom, C Harrison. Cllr C Barnfather, Cllr M Smith, (GBC) D Higton Corporate Director of Place (NCC) and the minuting secretary C Brettell

Members of the public: 3 (including a representative from Linby-cum-Papplewick C Of E Va Primary School)

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Parker and Cllrs Bestwick and Pickering (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 May 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 – All on the Agenda

5.0 Open Forum

Cllr Barnfather had met with the Highways officers at VIA and confirmed that a survey had been carried out, showing an argument to support a crossing. A meeting had been arranged for the 20th July to discuss the crossing, and its location. The Parish Council to invite any necessary parties including Brooke Farm, older residents in the village and the School.

Cllr Ireland commented that vehicles speed up where the road widens and the crossing location had been discussed in the Neighbourhood Plan and an identified location was based on many factors. Cllr Barnfather stated that VIA had a location in mind - in reality the data didn't support a crossing in front of the Horse and Groom pub and it allows children to cross where vehicles are entering and leaving the pub car park. Residents were pleased to hear about the proposed crossing, which would make it safer to cross the road. D Higton to take this feedback back to members at NCC.

The representative from School informed members that the pupil numbers are low this year. The Head Teacher had asked if a sign could be installed to alert people to the fact that the school is there, and a banner at Hanson House to advertise the school (time limited) and that school places are available. Cllr Lewis confirmed that a sign for the church had been refused but this was on a more permanent basis. Cllr Barnfather advised that they should contact GBC for advice on signs.

Cllr Barnfather updated members that elected members would be discussing the proposed new council building at Top Wighay on Thursday. D Higton (NCC) updated members regarding this new development and confirmed they hope to be in occupation early 2025. The new building will be 3 storey offices, with meeting space, where all 66 council members can be housed. The building will contain customer services, and a multi agency safe guard hub currently based in Annesley. It will also incorporate the Corporate leadership team, Democratic services and the Comms team and as well as being a 'touch down' space for other officers who need to see elected members. On an average day only 300 out of 1200 desks are occupied at County Hall, due to home working. Top Wighay will have 30-50 desks to house staff, and a meeting room for Full Council to meet. The site

is 3.2 acres with 100 parking spaces. The inside building, shown on the plan has been altered to accommodate all members. No significant changes to the external building.

Cllr Molsom on behalf of the Parish Council expressed concerns with this development, and thought other areas could be used including empty officers at Annesley. The PC requested a more subtle screening to the building with a tree surround, to hide the harsh exterior.

Cllr Ireland asked how accessible it would be as not serviced by buses etc. The response was that the number of users would be small, and consideration would be given to this. The impact on travel would be minimal as they would be closer for commuters. In the long term County Hall would be deemed surplus and officers will be asked to make a decision as to its future. It currently costs £1.7 million per year to run, the move should attempt to achieve net zero without further investment.

Cllr Ireland discussed the traffic survey carried out, and the high number of HGV's going through the village, requesting that VIA ensure that this doesn't increase due to these developments. D Higton responded stating that they have Direct control over the construction arrangements as NCC own the Company. The remaining land will be sold to a developer. Cllr Barnfather stipulated that GBC will manage and enforce weight restrictions through the conditions stipulated in the planning decision.

D Higton said he would take back the points raised at the meeting.

8.20pm Cllr Barnfather and D Higton left the meeting to look at the Docks

6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

Cllr Lewis confirmed that plants had been stolen again from the planters for the third year running. Cllr Smith suggested contacting the police/Gedling Borough Council to explore options with CCTV

7.0 Traffic & Road Safety inc. Linby Traffic Study update, school crossing, bus stop visibility and Linby Dock repair and ongoing ownership of repairs

Cllr Ireland had circulated the report to Councillors and C Bancroft had sent this to VIA and were awaiting a response, to discuss this further. Cllr Ireland to discuss with C Bancroft.

Cllr Barnfather returned to the meeting 8.30pm

The road near the roundabout had a temporary fill/repair to the road, these are now displaced and need repairing. Cllr Barnfather to arrange for this to re-inspected.

Cllr Barnfather had spoken to the Officers regarding the bus stop, following the PC's request to remove this. They would now like to re locate this. Cllr Lewis to contact the end house to ask if they use the bus stop and then a discussion to take place to move this forward.

Cllr Barnfather updated on the site visit to the Docks with D Highton. It was suggested that as a "good will" gesture that NCC repair these. The wood has been offered from the person who damaged them and the repair needs to be carried out. Cllr Barnfather informed members that from a highways point of view it doesn't serve a purpose of being a safety barrier, it is just aesthetical. There had been an email exchange with Phil Knight at VIA - Cllr Barnfather to look into this further.

8.0 Railings at Bus Stop, Linby Lane – update

Cllr Barnfather updated members that these are not registered as owned by NCC, and may predate computer records. The fence at Hanson House is the same.

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

No update from Cllr Barnfather

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

The PC thanked Cllr Smith as this had now been removed.

11.0 CIL Projects & Finance

Regarding the S106 money for the Heritage Centre, Cllr Ireland asked for this to be chased by Cllr Smith (GBC). The contractors are keen to move the project forward but the funds from GBC are holding up the project. Further CIL money was to be released shortly - £30,463.49 to be received in September.

12.0 S106 – Open Green Spaces Projects – Update

As above

13.0 Lengthsman Scheme & Green Spaces Maintenance

There is a lot of work in the village to be carried out by the Lengthsman scheme, including painting of post boxes, benches and litterbins. At the moment the Lengthsman is without a vehicle. Cllr Lewis to write to residents on Linby Lane to remind them of their responsibility to maintain the streams that run in-front of their houses.

It was agreed for the PC to pay the Lengthsman separately for painting the Docks.

14.0 Coronation Celebrations – update

Nothing to report

15.0 Top Wighay – Allocated land

Discussed during the open forum

16.0 Top Wighay – Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

No updates

17.0 Correspondence received

All correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting

18.0 Planning including new applications received

2023/0443 – 1 Church Lane – Council employed Urban Vision to submit their objection based on the findings below:

- Poor design fails to take account of townscape character of this part Main Street and Church Lane, which is based on housing set back from the road behind front gardens.
- The new property would appear as an incongruous element, projecting forward of the properties to each side. The prominent location and topography of the site would make it particularly over-dominant.
- The site is identified as 'significant green space' in the Linby Conservation Area Appraisal. The loss of this green space and a mature tree, poor design and failure to complement existing townscape character would cause substantial harm to the character and appearance of the Linby Conservation Area and the setting of the Top Cross scheduled monument.
- The new property would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, due to its bulk, siting and proximity.

2023/0403TCA – No objections raised

19.0 Funding Update

19.1 Bank Balances

Current: £20,439.91

CIL: £3.95

Savings: £20,167.61

19.2 Payments and Receipts

Date	Details	Amount
17/05/23	W.Lewis - Petrol expenses	£25.50
17/05/23	W.Lewis - Gas Regulator for barbeque for Barn Dance	£17.98
17/05/23	BHIB Insurance Brokers	£539.85
28/05/23	E Gretton - May wages and home office expenses	£580.19
28/05/23	Gedling Borough Council - Trade sweep (Apr)	£43.32
30/05/23	W.Lewis - Petrol expenses	£23.89
30/05/23	Andy Lengthsman - Chicken wire and cable tie for hayfeeders	£38.65
30/05/23	Reuben Shaw - Plants	£609.60
09/06/23	Gedling Borough Council - Trade sweep (May)	£43.32
09/06/23	Bancroft Consulting - Finalising traffic report	£1,251.00
12/06/23	W.Lewis - Petrol expenses	£24.52
12/06/23	W. Lewis - RCD Adaptor Christmas Lights	£18.02
28/06/23	CGM Group - Weed killing	£111.46
01/07/23	E Gretton - June wages and home office expenses	£580.19
10/07/23	W. Lewis – Light board for Trailer	£28.98
10/07/23	Jack Garratt - Bank Strimming	£200.00
10/07/23	Gedling Borough Council - Trade sweep (June)	£43.32
	TOTAL	£4179.79

Receipts

Date	Details	Amount
23/05/23	Papplewick Parish Council - Coronation	£210.00
	TOTAL	£210.93

19.3 Interim Internal Audit Update

Cllr Ireland updated the PC on the internal audit and would be seeing the Clerk to discuss.

19.4 Parish Council to approve the Financial Risk Assessment

This had been circulated. All Councillors approved this and it was signed.

20.0 Councillor's Reports

Cllr Smith updated the PC on the Clerk and Councillor Day, which had received an excellent response.

He suggested that he request an additional polling station for voters in Papplewick, suggesting that they are able to vote at Papplewick/ Linby Village Hall, as it is too far to come to Hanson House. This would encourage more voters in the future.

Cllrs Smith and Barnfather left the meeting at 9pm.

PC agreed for a Christmas tree to be purchased. The Christmas lights were being organised to be serviced. Cllr Lewis to arrange for the lights to be removed and serviced before being re-installed. It was agreed for Cllr Lewis to purchase a new strimmer.

The Bonfire is going ahead.

Cllr Harrison left the meeting at 9.06pm

21.0 Date of next full Council meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th September 2023, 7:30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby. It was agreed the rest of the years meetings would be bi-monthly.

The meeting ended at 9:08pm

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council