

# LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Brooke Farm, Linby, commencing at 7:25pm

**Present:** Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, E Tunstall, J Parker  
C Harrison. Cllr C Barnfather (GBC, NCC) and the minuting secretary C Brettell

### **Members of the public: 14**

#### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Molsom

Cllrs Bestwick, Pickering and 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 April 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**

14 Members of the public were in attendance to discuss the road traffic incident. The Chair updated members regarding what had been looked at over the years, including producing the Neighbourhood Plan back in 2016/ 2017. This plan had involved consulting parishioners as well local stakeholders, including the school, regarding what were their main concerns for the parish presently and also the future of the parish, in relation to the large scale developments that were planned. Traffic and road safety were shown to be one of the major concerns. Following this consultation the Parish Council employed a traffic consultant to review road safety within the Parish of Linby, looking at speed and volume of traffic, as well as any accident data. He then went onto produce 2 documents – Traffic and Transport Assessment and a document on Concepts for Road Management Strategy. Also, during this process there had been many meetings held with highways, the Parish Council and the Traffic Consultant to discuss the issues raised and try and implement some measures to mitigate the issues raised.

The PC remains committed to implement the measures highlighted within the Concepts for Road Management Strategy. However, they don't have the power to do so. When development happens in the parish, s.106 money becomes available. To date £150,000 as been assigned under the Top Wighay application for a toucan crossing on Wighay Road.

Recently the PC has employed Bancroft Consulting to revisit the data that was produced in 2017. In September 2022 they were 6 traffic counts used - 2 on the Bypass, one on Annesley Road towards Tesco, one on Wighay Road, one on Waterloo Road and one in Linby Village. Bancroft Consulting have just finalised the document. The Parish Council is keen to discuss these findings with NCC Highways. However, there has been a decrease in some of the traffic – mainly on the Bypass. The study looked at the speed and type of vehicles, and average speed limits. From 2017 to 2022 9.2% of the morning peak hour traffic flow within the village compromised of HGV's.

Cllr Barnfather (GBC) informed residents that in his 14 years as a Councillor, this was the first accident here on record. From the information he had been provided with, speed had not been an issue as he had been informed that one car had stopped to allow the child to cross, the other car hadn't stopped.

Discussion took place as to where a bypass could be put around the village. Linby and Papplewick are villages used as a cut through, as it is a main thoroughfare and the major east west route. Could the 30mph speed limit be extended through the village? Interactive speed signs tried to make it safer for all. The school crossing patrol vacancy had not been filled since 2016 and still exists - the previous post holder felt that the position was not safe.

Walking to school is encouraged but residents stated there isn't a safe place to cross.

Cllr Barnfather confirmed that Highways have been out to discuss solutions and options, and the Police report had not yet been received. He also reported that for those that don't live in the village, it is often difficult for them to be aware of the crossing points. A priority was to improve driver's awareness.

Cllr Barnfather questioned the study carried out by Bancroft Consultancy. He further explained that NCC funds cover the whole of Nottinghamshire and there are many priority areas.

Mark Spencer MP had attended a meeting with Highways and school.

The Chair suggested a Working Party so all parties can work together to find a solution.

The Parish Council is flexible with working together to implement measures. The PC has invested in the Neighbourhood plan, and is keen to move these plans forward. CIL money can contribute towards this, along with section 106 money. Cllr Barnfather to come back and hold a further meeting with residents and the PC.

A resident asked for improvements to the Green plan to walk/cycle to work. There are also parking issues with parents dropping off on road. Cllr Lewis suggested he could talk to the pub and Brooke Farm to look at parking solutions at pick up and drop off points.

8.28pm - Members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Barnfather left the meeting at 8.42pm after updating on items 8, 9 and 10.

## **6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish**

Cllr Harrison had reported the speeding issues to 101

## **7.0 Traffic & Road Safety inc. Linby Traffic Study update**

Bancroft Consulting had now finalised the report. The Chair highlighted several points raised. Bancroft Consulting to move this forward with NCC Highways.

## **8.0 Railings at Bus Stop, Linby Lane – update**

Cllr Barnfather had made a site visit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If Mr Doughty manufactures these, NCC will pay for this. Cllr Lewis to chase this (docks)

The railings' are a Highways Asset as they are same as the school so Cllr Barnfather would contact NCC to relook at this. Discussion took place over the existing bus stop, as there is no path leading up to it. It was resolved for the bus stop to be removed.

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

Highways had said the footpath is safe.

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

Cllr Barnfather to relook at this and the sign is within Gedling not Ashfield.

### **11.0 CIL Projects & Finance**

Further CIL money was to be released shortly - £30,463.49 (June 2023).

### **12.0 S106 – Open Green Spaces Projects – Update**

#### **Open green spaces**

Heritage Centre (cobblestones and new water main project) – the PC has received most of the quotes except the quote for the turf. Cllr Ireland has submitted the relevant documentation to Lewis Widdowson (CIL Officer at GBC), so Gedling Borough Council can release the S106 funds. Once the turf quote has been provided Cllrs Ireland and Lewis to update the form as necessary.

The remaining £40K was discussed again and the potential of providing a play park at the back of the Horse and Groom pub. Cllr Ireland discussed this with the pub landlord and agreed she would write to the brewery.

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

Cllr Lewis updated members that Ruben Shaws will have the plants available for the 29<sup>th</sup> May ready for planting.

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. It was agreed for the generator to be used to sand the docks and then repaint. The scheme of repainting will be on a rolling programme. There are 93 hours available to the Parish of Linby. It was agreed that the guttering at the Heritage Centre needed cleaning.

### **14.0 The Heritage Centre**

This to be removed from the Agenda

### **15.0 Coronation Celebrations – update**

Cllrs Hardstaff and Lewis informed members as to what a success these events had been. The Barn dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May had raised £2760.50. Cllr Lewis to send a thank you letter to the Pub on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **16.0 Top Wighay – Allocated land**

No updates

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

No updates

Cllr Harrison drew members' attention to an article in the Notts evening post stating £4.4million was to be spent on roads.

### **18.0 Correspondence received**

*All correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting*

### **19.0 Planning including new applications received**

2022/0501 -Full planning permission for 131 dwellings with access from Delia Avenue and Dorothy Avenue. Land Off Hayden Lane Linby Nottinghamshire – this was still in progress

## **20.0 Funding Update**

### **20.1 Bank Balances**

Current: £24,025.86

CIL: £3.95

Savings: £20,539.44

### **20.2 Payments**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
19/04/23	W.Lewis - Petrol	£16.32
02/05/23	E Gretton – April wages & home office expenses	£580.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£596.51</b>

### **Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
21/04/23	Gedling Borough Council - Precept	£18,840.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,840.00</b>

### **20.3 Parish Council to approve the Financial Risk Assessment**

This is to be deferred to the next meeting.

### **20.4 Internal Audit Update**

The Clerk had advised that the AGAR would be completed and sent through to the internal auditor, who would finalise the internal audit report. Cllr Ireland to contact PKF Littlejohn to ask for extension for submission for the external audit, which would mean the internal audit timelines, could be extended.

## **21.0 Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Hardstaff asked to thank the Young Farmers for the litter pick on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. A thank you letter to be sent from the Parish Council.

Cllr Hardstaff also updated the PC on the phone box library and that it was in progress.

## **22.0 Date of next full Council meeting, which includes the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

The date of the next meeting has been moved to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7:30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby.

**The meeting ended at 21:16**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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