

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 **Commencing 7:30pm at Brooke Farm, Linby**

Present: Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), C Harrison (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, C Hardstaff, E Tunstall, S Molsom and L Gretton (Clerk). Cllr's C Barnfather (NCC), M Smith (GBC), S Bestwick (GBC).
Members of public: 2

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Pickering (GBC)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr C Hardstaff – The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

3.0 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the October 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 Heritage Centre Business Rates

No updates

4.2 Special thanks

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to the Hardstaff family for their help with clearing the docks.

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 Councillor Vacancy

Anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the Clerk at – linbypc@linby.org.uk

7.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

A parishioner advised bikes/scooters are still active on the Linby Trail, though no set days or time. The PC commented it is difficult to police unless there is a pattern.

8.0 Traffic & Road Safety

8.1 Warning signs on crossing, Linby Lane layby

Cllr Barnfather advised he is meeting with Paula Johnson from Via on 12th November and agreed to look at this.

8.2 Puffin Crossing, Linby Village

The PC received an email from Paul Hillier at NCC regarding access to the land to construct the crossing. It is NCC's preferred option for the PC to dedicate the affected land as highway, for NCC to take on the maintenance and the PC retain ownership of the land underneath. Cllr Ireland asked the Clerk to contact Mr Hillier to clarify whether he has confirmed it is parish land as a result of a land registry search as some areas in the parish are unadopted. Cllr Lewis commented he would like to meet with Mr Hillier onsite prior to work starting. Clerk to arrange.

8.3 Toucan Crossing, Wighay Road

Currently being installed. The hedge has been removed and will be replaced temporarily with a bund to mitigate any flooding which occurs due to removing the hedge.

8.4 Papplewick Traffic Calming Initiative

Cllr Rowan Smart at Papplewick PC is meeting with Paula Johnson on 12th November. Clerk to update at the next meeting.

9.0 Potholes, Waterloo Island – update

Cllr Barnfather meeting with Paula Johnson at Via on 12th November and will report back to the PC.

10.0 Flooding in the Parish/Culverts Inspection - update

Cllr Ireland produced the report and maps from DICE to all members and attendees at the meeting. The maps indicate the areas at risk of surface flooding and the location of the damaged culverts which are not working to capacity. She agreed to forward the report to Cllr Barnfather who agreed to liaise with Matt Duckworth, Flooding Consultant at NCC. Cllr Ireland advised the PC want to work with NCC and GBC to deal with this now rather than waiting for the culverts to collapse completely. Cllr Barnfather agreed and suggested arranging a meeting between Matt Duckworth, the PC and DICE (Drainage engineers).

11.0 CIL Projects & Funding Update

No updates. CIL for Top Wighay will be calculated in the new year.

Cllr Smith commented there has been discussion surrounding who will take responsibility for the new sports facility at Top Wighay, whether it would be Gedling BC or the Parish Council. Cllr Ireland commented she hopes the PC will be included in these discussions.

12.0 Local Communities Fund – Restoration of footpath from Brooke Farm to Hall Farm Entrance

The Application has been submitted. The Clerk advised she has received an email from the LCF team advising some documents were not submitted, including Cllr Barnfather's supporting letter, bank statement, Public liability insurance and a Health & Safety Policy. The Clerk advised the supporting letter and account information had already been submitted. Cllr Barnfather queried why they would need the H&S policy from the PC when it is a contractor who is carrying out the work. He asked the Clerk to forward the email for him to follow up.

13.0 Lengthsman Scheme & Green Spaces Maintenance incl. Weed spraying

Cllr Lewis advised the lengthsman has laid the concrete slab for the bench at the Heritage Centre, repaired the section where the slabs were cracked and fit a new lock for the noticeboard. The lock has since broken. The PC discussed replacing the old noticeboards. The Clerk to circulate options to the PC.

Cllr Lewis advised Andy Bly has planted 250 bluebells around the tree at the Heritage Centre.

Cllr Lewis advised he was unable to meet with the Weed Spraying company however they have agreed to add-on Linby to their NCC spraying contract.

14.0 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ireland advise the funding application for the initial £10,000.00 is nearly complete. Cllr Ireland and Hannah Barter had a call with Localities regarding applying to AECOM for extra technical support regarding design codes. Localities will be in touch when the application has been approved. Hannah advised some of the policies need to be tightened up and since GBC have recently produced their own Design Code Policy, it is worth Linby updating theirs and looking at the conservation area and adding extra policies to strengthen the NP. Due to the technical support and with Linby classed as a high growth area, a further £8,000.00 may be available once the initial £10,000 has been spent. Cllr Ireland advised the cost for the three consultants, Hannah (Urban Vision), Chris Bancroft to revisit the traffic strategy and adding a Drainage Policy will cost around £18,000.00 which should be covered by the grant.

15.0 Bonfire Event 2024

Cllr Ireland and the PC thanked Cllr Lewis for all his efforts with the bonfire event. Cllr Lewis reported the profit raised is £7,918.00, which will be split between Linby PC, Papplewick PC and the Village Hall. He commented making it ticket-only worked well and they sold out, though some did not show on the night which meant bar takings were down from the last event.

16.0 Christmas

Cllr Lewis reported the Carols Concert is 9th December and requested home-made mince pies and biscuits for the day.

The Christmas tree has arrived and will be installed at the end of November. The PC to meet on 1st December, 10am to decorate the village. Cllr Ireland thanked the GBC Councillors for their £150.00 donation towards the tree.

17.0 Top Wighay – Allocated land

No updates

18.0 Correspondence received

All correspondence was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting

18.1 Leaves on footpaths

A resident emailed the PC regarding the leaves on the footpaths. The Clerk had contacted GBC to request a visit to clear the leaves however she was told they had been out the week before as part of their winter maintenance programme. The PC asked the Clerk to contact GBC to request a further sweep of the footpath.

19.0 Planning Matters

19.1 Article 4 Directive Update

Cllr Bestwick to pursue with Amy Schofield on 12th November and report back to the PC.

19.2 Planning Applications

- 2023/0233 Hayden Lane – Appeal update – *Clerk to contact ADC*
- 2024/0678 7 Main Street – PC Comments: None

20.0 Funding Update

Bank Balances: Current: £17,268.30 CIL: £15,399.27 Savings: £21,023.15

Payments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17/10/2024	A Sharpe – Eyebolts for bench	£13.73
17/10/2024	A Sharpe = Locks & keys for noticeboard	£18.08
17/10/2024	E Gretton – Poppy boards	£54.11
30/10/2024	A Sharpe – Materials	£28.40
30/10/2024	Four Seasons Lawn Care – Treatment 4	£152.00
01/11/2024	E Gretton – Oct wages & home office expenses	£586.56
01/11/2024	NCC – Pension Fund	£158.98
06/11/2024	W Lewis – Tie wraps for poppies	£5.00
07/11/2024	A Sharpe – 20 hours labour	£100.00
07/11/2024	A Sharpe – Materials for bench	£14.40
11/11/2024	Gedling Borough Council – Road sweep (Sept)	£48.00
	Total	£1,179.26

Receipts: None

21.0 HR Matters

21.1 PC to agree increase to Clerk's pay

Cllr Ireland advised NALC have released the new pay scales which are to be backdated to 1st April 2024. The PC approved the Clerk's new pay rate and agreed to back date to 1st April.

21.2 Changes to Employers National Insurance

Cllr Ireland reported the changes to N.I will come into effect from 1st April. Employers will pay 15% NIC on employees earnings above £5,000.00. This will cost the PC £362.00 p/a. She advised there will need to be an adjustment to the precept. The PC agreed. The Clerk to update the budget and precept.

22.0 Councillor's Reports

22.1 Special Thanks

The PC expressed their thanks to Mr and Mrs Clark for putting up the poppies.

23.0 Date of next full Council meeting

The date of the next full council meeting is Monday 13th January 2025, 7.30pm at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby.

****Cllr C Hardstaff declared an interest in the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and left the meeting at 20:30***

****Cllr's C Barnfather, M Smith and S Bestwick left the meeting at 20:30***

****Members of the public left the meeting at 20:40***

24.0 Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – 6 week consultation to 16th Dec 2024

Cllr Ireland advised the PC have engaged with Hannah Barter, Planning Consultant at Urban Vision to object to the proposals of further housing within Linby parish.

The meeting ended at 20:45

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council