

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 commencing at 7:30pm The meeting was held remotely via Zoom

Present: Cllrs D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), E Tunstall, W Lewis, J Parker and L Gretton (Clerk). Cllr C Barnfather (NCC, GBC), Cllr M Smith (GBC)

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Molsom, Cllr S Murray (GBC)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr C Hardstaff – Top Wighay/Local Plan

3.0 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by the Council. The minutes will be signed at the next face-to-face meeting.

4.0 Matters arising

4.1 Overflowing bin outside of Brooke Farm

Clerk to send thank you to Brad at Brooke Farm for emptying the bins. The PC advised this has made a noticeable difference and is much appreciated.

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish

None

7.0 Traffic & Road Safety

7.1 Bikes in Annesley Woods

Cllr Ireland advised the Chairman at Newstead Parish Council had replied regarding the issue with bikes in Annesley Woods. Both PC's will continue to monitor the situation.

7.2 Racers on Wighay Road & Speeding

Cllr Harrison reported there has been an increase in cars racing along Wighay Road the last couple of weekends, mainly on a Sunday evening around 10.00pm. She advised residents have reported this to the police on numerous occasions. Cllr Lewis commented he has met with Inspector Pearson regarding deploying the Police in Operation Signs, normally used to deter antisocial behaviour, however they can also be for traffic calming. Inspector Pearson suggested he could also arrange for a mobile speed camera to be in situ at the same time. Cllr Lewis to pursue with Inspector Pearson.

8.0 CIL Update / Projects

Cllr Lewis advised he has spoken to Nic Wort regarding the possibility of tree planting at the back of the field at the Horse & Groom pub. He advised since the field is Open Green Space within the Neighbourhood Plan, there should be grants available. A meeting has been arranged with the landlord of the pub on 10th May at 11.00am to discuss further. Cllr Ireland asked whether the brewery would consider gifting the parcels of land/play area to the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan expires in 2032 and it is important that the PC protect the parish. Cllr Lewis agreed to discuss with the landlord and ask the Brewery to also attend the meeting on the 10th May.

9.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance

Cllr Lewis reported the Lengthsman hasn't been able to rotovate at the Heritage Centre due to his rotovator being in for repair. He needs to drill holes in the Pit wheel to release the rainwater and then will finish off the painting.

10.0 Culverts Inspection Survey - Update

Cllr Barnfather reported he received notification that NCC came out to inspect the Docks on 27th March and they apologised for not notifying him or the Parish Council. They reported there is a significant blockage near the pub. They were unable to survey the pipes due to water levels. A full survey report is required and they will update Cllr Barnfather in due course. Cllr Barnfather advised the works will be funded by NCC and a works order has been raised.

11.0 Clearing ditch on Wighay Road (near Strata Estate) - Update

Cllr Barnfather forwarded an email to the Parish Council confirming that NCC will carry out the works to the ditch.

12.0 Bus Stop monthly inspection report and update on removing Asbestos

Cllr Ireland advised the asbestos has been removed. Cllr Molsom to organise a quote to repair the roof.

13.0 Heritage Centre & Waterloo Island Tree Planting Project - Update

Project moved to the Autumn.

14.0 Top Wighay Updates

Cllr Ireland was disappointed to report that Gedling Borough Council refused to allow her to speak at the Planning Committee last week where the Top Wighay application was approved. She advised Gedling Borough Council stated her request did not fulfil their criteria and that only an applicant, a resident who has put in a response or a resident association is allowed to speak. She advised them that the Parish Council represents the residents of Linby and she should be allowed to make representation on their behalf.

Cllr Ireland commented it was a disgrace that the Parish Council were unable to democratically make representation at the Planning Committee on such a major application and was absolutely appalled by the decision.

She thanked Cllr Barnfather who commented at the meeting that he felt it was a disgrace that Linby Parish Council were unable to speak and who better reflects the Community than the Parish Council. He commented that the protocol at Gedling Borough Council needs to be urgently revised.

15.0 Bonfire Event 2021 Update

Cllr Lewis reported there is a Village Hall meeting this week where they will discuss whether the Village Hall will join the two Parish Council's in running the event. Cllr Ireland asked whether they would limit the attendance this year. Cllr Lewis commented to do this, it would need to be a ticketed event. He agreed to discuss this further with the Bonfire Group and report back to the PC.

16.0 Correspondence

All correspondence has been circulated to the PC prior to the meeting

17.0 Planning

17.1 New Applications

None

17.2 Updates

2020/0935 The Limes, Main Street. Proposed Detached Garage. Still awaiting outcome.

18.0 Funding Update

18.1 Finance Report

Current: £4,588.66
CIL: £5,915.44
Savings: £23,596.52

Payments Made:

All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.

Date	Details	Amount
08/03/2021	W Lewis - Reimburse for paint for the Pit-wheel	£51.60
17/03/2021	TSOhost - Website - Domain Renewal	£8.34
18/03/2021	H.C. Doughty & Sons (Roger Doughty) - Works to rails near Bottom Cross	£165.60
25/03/2021	Reuben Shaw & Sons Ltd - Hay Racks, 2 x planters & compost	£972.72
25/03/2021	W Lewis - Reimburse for Christmas lights	£16.19
26/03/2021	Smart Asbestos Services - Remove asbestos from Bus Shelter roof	£375.00
26/03/2021	Roger Stillwell - grounds maintenance	£170.00
29/03/2021	W Lewis - Reimburse for grass seed, wildflowers and tie wraps	£27.49
01/04/2021	E Gretton - March wages & home office expenses	£487.00
	TOTAL	£2,273.94

Receipts:

Date	Details	Amount
17/03/2021	HMRC - VAT Reclaim	£628.90
01/04/2021	Savings Account Bank Interest	£3.60
01/04/2021	CIL Account Bank Interest	£0.46
	TOTAL	£632.96

18.2 Payments for approval

None

18.3 2020/2021 Audit Update

The Clerk reported she will prepare the accounts for 2020/2021. The accounts will be sent to Barrie Woodcock, Internal Auditor on 26th April and then forwarded to the External Auditors, PKF Little John after approval by the Parish Council.

19.0 Councillor's Reports

19.1 Wildflower Seeds

Cllr Lewis advised he has ordered more Wildflower seeds for the Heritage Centre. He commented that any remaining seeds can be sown on the smaller areas in the Parish - outside of the pub and on the grassed area outside of the Strata Estate. The PC agreed.

19.2 Litter Picking

Cllr Lewis advised two residents from the estate off Waterloo Road have contacted him re: volunteering to litter pick in the area and advised he would like more residents from this estate to volunteer. Cllr Lewis and Cllr Tunstall to pursue.

19.3 Bonfires

Cllr Lewis had received a query regarding an issue with bonfires and asked whether this was something the Parish Council can deal with. Cllr Barnfather advised it is not under the remit of the Parish Council and that any issues relating to bonfires should be reported to Environmental Health at Gedling Borough Council.

19.4 Website

Cllr Ireland requested the Clerk remove the outdated Covid-19 information from the front page of the website and move any relevant Covid-19 information to the News/Events page. The Clerk to pursue.

19.5 Linby Village Sign

Cllr Hardstaff requested the Linby Village signs to be changed to a cream background. Cllr Lewis agreed to pursue a quote.

19.6 Flying the Flag

The Parish Council advised the flag has been flown at half-mast after the announcement of the death of HRH Prince Philip. The flag will be flown for his funeral on Saturday 17th April as a mark of respect. There will be a national three minute silence at 3.00pm.

The Flag will be flown for the Queen's 95th birthday on 21st April and again on 23rd April for St George's Day.

20.0 Date of next meeting

Due to the Government not extending legislation to allow for remote meetings, the Parish Council has to bring forward the next meeting to Tuesday 4th May. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom.

The Parish Council hope to be able to hold face to face meetings from June and advised the meeting may have to be put back to Monday 21st June due to Government Covid-19 regulations. The Clerk to pursue further information and to contact Brad at Brooke Farm re: meeting room.

The meeting ended at 20:22

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council