

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 14th June 2021 at St Michael's Church, Linby commencing 7:30pm

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

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Murray (GBC)

2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3.0 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the remote meetings held between March 2020 and May 2021 were approved by the Parish Council. The minutes were signed by the Chair Cllr D Ireland and Vice-Chair Cllr Hardstaff prior to the meeting.

4.0 Matters arising

None

5.0 Open Forum

None

6.0 Linby Conservation Area Appraisal Review

PC to review the draft and submit initial comments to Gedling Borough Council by 25th June. There will be a 6 week public consultation over the summer. Jo Gray at GBC will attend a PC meeting later in this year to present the final draft.

7.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish

Cllr Ireland reported there had been a police raid at a house on Church Lane. The house is rented accommodation managed by Jigsaw Homes. The PC advised the area has vulnerable residents nearby as well as children playing and asked the Clerk to contact Jigsaw Homes to raise concerns regarding the incident. Cllr Ireland asked the Clerk to inform Inspector Pearson. Cllr Barnfather advised he will also look into the matter.

8.0 Traffic & Road Safety

8.1 Speeding – bypass (Top Wighay development)

Cllr Harrison advised there is still the issue with cars racing down the bypass. This has worsened since the resurfacing of the new bypass and is now being used as a drag strip.

8.2 Speeding - Wighay Road

Cllr Lewis reported he met with the police on Wighay Road last month during their speeding exercise. They confirmed several drivers were prosecuted.

Cllr Lewis requested the small oblong speed signs are replaced with round 30mph signs to make it clearer for drivers. Cllr Barnfather commented that it is unlikely Via will install repeater signs on Wighay Road as 30mph signs are already installed at the entrances.

Cllr Harrison reported a variable speed strip has been laid which may lead to an interactive speed sign being installed in the future.

9.0 CIL Update/Projects

9.1 Play Park and Tree Planting, Horse & Groom Field

Cllr Ireland reported she and Cllr Lewis met with Graeme, the Pub Landlord and Nic Wort, Greenwood Community Forest Officer. Nic Wort was in favour of creating a wooded area and planting fruit trees to create a community orchard. The main issue with creating a play park is the PC cannot invest public money in an area that they have no ownership over. Graeme advised he will contact the Estates Department at the Brewery to pursue the legal side.

9.2 CIL & Finance Working Party Group

The PC agreed to set up a CIL & Finance Working Party Group. Representatives: Cllr Ireland, Cllr S Molsom, Cllr W Lewis and Cllr C Harrison. The Group will discuss CIL projects and the annual budget. The Group will decide their terms of reference at the initial meeting. All decisions made will be ratified at a Parish Council meeting.

10.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance

Cllr Lewis reported the Lengthsman advised he will need 6 hours allocating for cutting and strimming the areas in the Parish. He advised the Lengthsman is now on holiday for 2 weeks. Cllr Lewis to request the lengthsman to repair the posts in front of Hanson House.

Cllr Barnfather confirmed the Lengthsman Scheme will continue for 2021/2022.

Cllr Lewis advised the bank grass is very long and would like the previous Lengthsman Paul, to cut it. The PC agreed. Cllr Lewis to get a quote.

The PC discussed blocking off both ends of the pathway near the houses in front of Linby Lane due to safety concerns. Cllr Lewis to obtain a quote.

The PC discussed the rotten docks posts and the recent accident which caused damage to the docks posts and the panel. The Clerk advised she has received confirmation from Via that the works will be carried out imminently.

11.0 New Strimmer for PC

Cllr Lewis requested the PC purchase a battery strimmer as the current petrol strimmer is too heavy for strimming the bank. There is a health & safety risk due to the strimmer sticking out onto the road and the fear is that a vehicle may hit the user. The PC agreed for Cllr Lewis to look into the cost. Cllr Lewis to get a quote.

12.0 Repairs to Noticeboard, Quarry Lane – Update

Cllr Parker reported he can secure the noticeboard; however this will only be a temporary fix. Cllr Parker to pursue.

13.0 Bus Shelter, repairs to roof – Update

Cllr Molsom to pursue.

14.0 Linby Village Sign – Change of background colour – Update

Cllr Lewis advised he has received a quote from the Sign Writer for £260.00 to change the background colouring and lettering on both welcome signs. The PC agreed. Cllr Lewis to pursue.

15.0 Culverts Inspection Survey - Update

Cllr Barnfather reported the works to clear the debris from the culvert has been booked, however no date has been given as they are currently working on 3 priority flooding areas. Cllr Barnfather advised that since the original blockage was cleared, there hasn't been any further flooding and therefore it is not a priority. Cllr Ireland enquired when the inspection of all the culverts will take place. Cllr Barnfather commented Via had previously agreed to the inspection, but that other areas take priority. He advised the PC to take photographs of any future flooding and forward them to him.

16.0 Top Wighay Update incld. Restoring hedgerow as per Neighbourhood Plan Policy NE1

Cllr Barnfather reported that landscaping is the final part of the work due to heavy equipment moving on and off the site. Re-instating the hedge would need to have been included in the application. Cllr Ireland advised restoring hedgerows is included within the Neighbourhood Plan. She agreed to look at the Top Wighay application.

Cllr Barnfather confirmed that NCC may plan to build the new office for 300+ staff at Top Wighay. Mercury House at Sherwood Park is now closed and NCC are looking to relocate staff ASAP. The PC discussed the option of purchasing the existing empty buildings at Sherwood Park or the empty buildings in the City Centre. Cllr Barnfather advised NCC look at where staff need to operate from, what properties are available to purchase and how to maximise their own land.

Bonfire Event Update

Cllr Lewis reported the event will be run by Linby PC and Papplewick PC. The fireworks to be purchased with a guarantee that should the event not take place, the PC's will receive a full refund or credit issued for the following year.

18.0 Notts Area Ramblers – ownership of Quarry Lane

The PC received an email from Rights of Way Officer, Steve Parkhouse who advised he has made an application to Nottinghamshire County Council to register Quarry Lane as a public right of way. He enquired whether the PC knew who has ownership of some parts of the lane as it is not registered with the land registry. The PC advised they are unable to assist.

19.0 Creating a footpath from the end of the Meadows footpath to the school

The PC had received a request from a parent of the school to create a footpath at the end of the Meadows footpath, behind the houses to the school. Cllr Lewis met the parent onsite to discuss the request and advised that creating a footpath at this location is not feasible.

20.0 Correspondence

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

21.0 Planning

21.1 Applications Received:

2021/0521 TPO Linby House. Proposal: Beech T1 - Fell due to disease and therefore a potential hazard to adjacent properties. Beech T2 – Crown reduction by 2-3 metres or suitable growth point, Beech T3 - Crown reduction by 2-3 metres or suitable growth point, Oak 9600 - Crown reduction by 2-3 metres or suitable growth point. PC Comments: Linby Parish Council are happy to be guided by the Tree Officer at Gedling Borough Council.

V/2021/0445 Linby Boarding Kennels. Proposal: Outline Application with all matters reserved for a maximum of 2 dwellings. PC Comments: The Parish Council advised Hannah Barter at Urban Vision will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

2021/0501 2 Chaworth Close. Proposal: Construction of single storey entrance porch to side, single storey garden room to rear and conversion of garage into habitable room. PC Comments: No objection

21.2 Tree Preservation Orders / Tree Applications

Cllr Ireland advised the PC have not been receiving all tree applications within the conservation area. She advised the most recent application was made by a neighbour; the PC had not been notified, Cllr Ireland as a neighbour had not been notified and no site notice had been put up. The Clerk advised she has contacted GBC and requested that all future tree applications within the conservation area be forwarded to the PC. Cllr Barnfather advised contacting Mike Avery, head of Planning at GBC. He also agreed to follow it up verbally at the next planning meeting.

22.0 Funding Update

22.1 Finance Report

Current account: £20,306.65

Savings account: £23,596.52

CIL account: £5,915.44

Payments Made:

All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.

04/05/2021	Roger Stillwell (RS Lawn Care) - Grass maintenance	£180.00
04/05/2021	Barrie Woodcock - Internal audit	£131.25
12/05/2021	W Lewis - Reimburse for wildflower seeds	£44.94
12/05/2021	Southern Electric - Heritage Centre Electricity	£23.31
12/05/2021	Gedling Borough Council - Road Sweep	£33.22
20/05/2021	E Gretton - Reimburse for paper	£16.49
24/05/2021	W Lewis - Reimburse for petrol for mower	£22.19
01/06/2021	E Gretton - May wages and home office expenses	£496.36
01/06/2021	Reuben Shaw - Summer bedding plants	£480.00
10/06/2021	Gedling Borough Council - Road Sweep - May	£33.22
10/06/2021	Gedling Borough Council - Garden Waste Scheme	£38.00
	TOTAL	£1,498.98

Receipts:

None

22.2 Payments for approval

None

22.3 External Audit Update

The Clerk advised the accounts have been sent to the external auditor PKF LittleJohn. The notice for unaudited accounts is published on the website and displayed in the noticeboard.

22.4 Banking – adding an additional authoriser

The PC agreed to add Cllr Harrison as an authoriser for online banking. The application form to be completed by all authorisers and then returned to the Clerk.

22.5 Setting up a Finance Working party Group

Discussed in Agenda Item 9.2

23.0 Councillor's Reports

23.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 2022

Cllr Lewis advised that after discussions with Carolyn Hesketh (Councillor at Papplewick PC), they felt it would be a great idea to have a joint approach to the celebrations next year and include both PC's, the village pubs, the Village Hall and the WI. The PC agreed for Cllr Lewis to pursue.

23.2 Papplewick & Linby Village Hall – Cleaner Vacancy

The PC advised the Village Hall are looking to recruit a Cleaner for approx. 12 hours per week Mon-Fri. Closing date for applications 30th June. For further information and a full job description, email pandlvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

23.3 Meeting between Parish Councils

Patricia Andrews contacted the Clerk to advise that Newstead Parish Council would like to meet up with other neighbouring Parish Council's later in the year to discuss common issues within the parishes and how they can work together. The PC agreed.

24.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is Monday 12th July, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Linby

The PC advised the September meeting will be brought forward to Tuesday 7th September. Clerk to confirm availability of the church with Reverend Raaff.

The meeting ended at 21:00

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council