



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

**Linby Parish Council has been working on various projects and improvements over the last year.**

**Here's an update on what has been happening in our parish and our plans for 2017.**

### **Linby wins runner up in Best Kept Village competition**

Linby once again secured a runner up position in this year's competition and were awarded £50. Each year we work hard to win by cleaning and tidying around the village, and ensuring we have a wonderful display of flowers in the barrels. We will continue our efforts for the coming year. Thank you to all who helped.

### **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations!**

Last year Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Linby Village celebrated this wonderful milestone by holding a Barn Dance! It was a very successful event with music, dancing, a BBQ and bar! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported this fantastic event. A Beacon was also lit in Linby to mark the occasion; thank you to those who supported this.

### **Carols around the Tree**

Another successful event, where we all enjoyed the wonderful voices of the Linby-cum-Papplewick School and Leen Mills School Choirs, mulled wine and mince pies!. Once again, the village looked wonderfully festive. Thank you to the Horse & Groom pub for their kind donation towards the Christmas tree, and to all those who attended the event. New Christmas lights have been purchased for next year's displays, with thanks to the kind donation from our County Councillor, Cllr Barnfather.

### **Village Footpaths**

We were grateful to receive a donation from the Gray Trust to repair the footpaths in front of Brooke Farm. We continue to source funding for other sections of footpath which require attention, including the area outside of Hanson House with works scheduled for May this year.

### **Floral Displays**

You will have noticed the beautiful display of flowers in and around the village last summer. We were able to purchase new barrels with the generous donations from the Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group and our local District Councillors.

### **Lighting up the Crosses**

The Parish Council has purchased new lights for the crosses, which add to the effect of these amazing historic monuments! Thanks again to our District Councillors for their kind donation towards the cost.

### **The Lengthsman Scheme**

Linby Parish continues to benefit from the services of the Lengthsman. The Parish Council would like to thank Paul for the work he has undertaken in and around the parish this year. We are happy to report that the scheme will continue again this year.

### **Land North of Papplewick Lane Housing Development**

Gedling Borough Council put forward a piece of land within their local plan Part 2 known as Hayden Lane. This local plan dealt with non-strategic sites. This strip of land was part of the strategic site known as Land north of Papplewick Lane. Our Chairman met with the Housing & Planning Minister in London to discuss the planning issues at Land North of Papplewick Lane. It was felt this section of land had been dealt with under the ACS and should not have been brought forward by GBC. The ACS for it to be adopted clearly wanted the number of houses at land north of Papplewick Lane to not exceed 300. With Hayden Lane this could push it over 400. The Parish Council acquired professional expertise from a Planning Consultant regarding the site and to make representation on the local planning document, Part 2. The Chairman has recently attended Public Inquiry where an Independent Inspector who has been appointed by the Secretary of State, assessed if GBC's local planning document, Part 2 is legally sound. We should hear in the summer if the Hayden Lane site will remain in the plan.

### **Linby's Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Linby Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been very busy over the last 12 months working towards producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. They have held a drop-in event and circulated a questionnaire to all residents of Linby Parish, local businesses and key stakeholders, with an aim to get an idea of main strengths and weaknesses of living in the parish, its key characteristics and concerns with the housing developments. The main concern identified was traffic speed, volume and safety. The LNPSG applied for funding to employ the expertise of a Traffic Consultant. The LNPSG are looking at innovative and creative solutions to address the traffic issues we have in the parish and are very enthusiastic about some of the ideas from the Traffic in Villages document which can be viewed on our website [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk) under Neighbourhood Plan. The LNPSG will soon be holding a public consultation regarding the traffic proposals; details of the event will be circulated in due course.

The LNPSG have also created a Heritage and Character Assessment for Linby. They have secured funding for a Technical Support package which involves looking at the areas of safeguarded land around Linby. They are currently looking at including areas of Open Green Space in the Parish within the Neighbourhood Development Plan. These are special protection green areas of particular importance. It's been a very busy 12 months, and continues to progress quickly.

If you would like up to date information on Linby's Neighbourhood Development Plan, please visit the [www.linby.org.uk](http://www.linby.org.uk) or contact the Clerk.

### **Finances & Precept for 2017/18**

In order to meet our objectives for 2017/18, the precept has been set at £10,567.00. Your precept will help the Parish Council to:

- Provide a voice on behalf of Linby Parish to both Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council
- Produce a robust Neighbourhood Plan
- Purchase and maintain floral displays throughout the parish
- Restoration of the stone footpaths in the village
- Continue to run and open up the Linby Heritage Centre
- Compete for the Best Kept Village competition
- Maintain the Linby website and provide up to date information on Parish Council activities and local events
- Host events throughout the year - including A Vintage Tea party and Carols around the Tree

### **Coming up in 2017**

#### **Vintage Tea Party**

Details to follow

#### **Calling all Volunteers!**

The Parish Council is organising a Parish Clean Up on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Come along and help us litter pick and tidy our parish. More details to follow.

#### **2017 Heritage Centre Open Days**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> September between 10am and 4pm.

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month except August and December, at Brooke Farm, Linby at 7.30pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

We are always happy to receive your comments and suggestions on anything to do with the parish, so please feel free to contact Liz Gretton, the Parish Clerk, on 07971700434 or email [liz.linbypc@sky.com](mailto:liz.linbypc@sky.com)