

**NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2018**

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 2018.

Linby wins The Best Kept Village Competition!

Linby Village won Best Kept Village in Nottinghamshire 2017 (in their category), and awarded £125.00. This fantastic achievement is down to the hard work of our Councillors and parishioners for ensuring the village is kept clean, tidy and litter free. Thanks to all involved, and we will continue our efforts for the coming year!

Village Improvements

We have been busy this year with various improvements throughout the village, including:-

- Re-setting of the stone slabs outside of Hanson House.
- Replacing and re-setting cobbles along the service road.
- Installing wooden posts outside of Hanson House to prevent cars from parking on the grass verge.
- Installation of lights at both Crosses
- A new sluice gate at the Docks to allow water to flow and remove the silt.

We will continue to source funding for the other sections of footpath requiring attention throughout the village.

Floral Displays

This year the display of flowers throughout the village was wonderful and the new barrels are proving a great success. We look forward to seeing the village in bloom again in the spring and summer.

The Heritage Centre

Your Parish Council continues to maintain this historic site. The W.I has recently created a memorial garden within the Heritage Meadow. Please have a walk up there, sit on a bench and enjoy the wild flowers and birds.

The Centre's Open Days this year are: Sunday 6th May, 15th July and 2nd September. All welcome.

The Lengthsman Scheme

Linby Parish continues to benefit from the services of the Lengthsman. Paul has recently resigned from the post and we thank him for his efforts over the last few years. We welcome the new Lengthsman, Andy, and look forward to his assistance with the maintenance of the Parish.

Bottom Cross

We have had to cordon off the Bottom Cross for safety reasons, due to structural movement. We have been successful in acquiring funding from Historic England and will seek specialist expertise from an Engineer qualified in Ancient Scheduled Monuments. Over the next few weeks and months, works will be carried out to repair the Cross.

The Royal British Legion Campaigns

During Armistice last year, we decorated the Village with large lamp post poppies! Thank you to all those who sponsored a poppy – all the proceeds went to The Royal British Legion.

This year we are hoping to purchase a Silent Soldier figure, which seeks to honour those who either didn't return from the First World War or whose lives were never the same again. All donations greatly appreciated. Please contact the Clerk for details – liz.linbypc@sky.com

New Benches

Thanks to the kind donation of our District Councillors, we have purchased a new bench to celebrate the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee, to be installed at the Pitwheel.

LAPWINGS WI have kindly donated a bench to commemorate the centenary of Nottinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes. To be installed within the W.I. Memorial Gardens at the Heritage Centre.

The Parish Council are grateful for the kind donations and continued support of both our District Councillors and LAPWINGS.

Hayden Lane Development

The Parish Council made representation at the Public Enquiry raising concerns regarding this development and the impact on the infrastructure to support such a development. This view was supported by our local MP, our Borough Councillors and Ashfield District Council. At the moment the Government Inspector has not made her final decision, but looking at information received to date we would be very surprised if this area of land next to the Belways Development on land north of Papplewick Lane did not get brought forward for development.

Linby's Neighbourhood Development Plan

The steering group has had a busy year with our Planning Consultant, Hannah Barter and Traffic Consultant, Rob Hollins, to enable us to reach the point where we have a draft version of the Linby Neighbourhood Development Plan. This has incorporated the views from the public consultation that was held last summer at Brooke Farm. Thank you for all those who attended and who helped shape our plan.

The draft plan has been sent to Gedling Borough Council to obtain their initial thoughts and after a few tweaks we hope to send the draft plan out for public consultation in April. For the plan to be a success we truly value your thoughts and feedback.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not replace or challenge plans produced by Gedling, but adds local opinion about how they should be interpreted. The work has followed strict guidelines. Once the formal consultation of residents is completed, a revised version will be produced. Before the final plan can be adopted, it will be examined by a Government Inspector, and a local referendum will be held.

Save the Date

Linby Open Gardens – Sunday 15th July 2018 1pm – 4pm

This year Linby will host the Open Gardens where a wide variety of gardens are open to the public, from cottage gardens to larger landscaped gardens. This is always a fantastic day, with vintage tractors and classic cars on display along the village green, a brass band and cream teas served at Hall Farm!

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd 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 - liz.linbypc@sky.com