

## LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Present:** Cllrs D Ireland (Chair), C Hardstaff (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, S Molsom, E Tunstall, C Harrison, J Parker and the Clerk.

Cllrs C Barnfather (GBC/NCC), M Smith (GBC)

#### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

None

#### 2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

#### 3.0 Approval of the minutes

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

#### 4.0 Matters arising

##### 4.1 Conservation Area Appraisal

Cllr Ireland reported the Appraisal has been adopted. She commented she had viewed the cabinet meeting online and advised Cllr Peter Barnes had commented on the huge problem with the amount of traffic coming through Papplewick and Linby to J27 of the M1 and advised something must be done. Cllr Ireland commented it was appreciated that it has been acknowledged that traffic is an issue. Leader John Clarke agreed to the issues and commented his wish is to extend the Gedling Access Road to meet Junction 27. He also commented on the “thousands of houses coming near Linby” which Cllr Ireland advised, she is very concerned about.

#### 5.0 Open Forum

None

#### 6.0 Antisocial Behaviour in the parish

None – see Cllr Smith’s report in Agenda item 19.4

#### 7.0 Traffic & Road Safety

None

#### 8.0 CIL Projects – Restoring the footpath in front of the Horse & Groom pub - Update

Cllr Molsom advised he has been unsuccessful in acquiring quotes for the works as it is quite specialised. He advised liaising with Jason Morden and acquiring a list of contractors who take on this specialist work. Cllr Lewis advised he has received one quote and is waiting for another, and both have previously worked for Nottinghamshire County Council in the Old Market Square, Theatre Square and Papplewick Pumping Station. Cllr Ireland requested obtaining a quote from Via as well for a comparison. An onsite meeting is arranged for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.00am between the PC and Paula Johnson (Via), Jason Morden (NCC) and Cllr Barnfather to discuss the requirements. The PC discussed narrowing the footpath slightly and installing bollards on each corner to prevent lorries and vehicles mounting the footpaths.

## **9.0 Lengthsman Scheme / Green Spaces Maintenance**

Cllr Lewis reported all going well, jobs to do include:

- Cut/trim within the village (due to warm weather in October, grass still growing)
- Lower the hedge which surrounds the Container at the Heritage Centre
- Dig/cement for the new metal base for the Christmas tree
- Weed around the brickwork on Waterloo Island
- Pursue post holders for outside of Hanson House (Cllr Lewis to chase)

## **10.0 Bus Shelter Roof Repairs – Update**

Complete

## **11.0 Lights at Top Cross – Update**

Cllr Lewis to pursue

## **12.0 Christmas Tree – replace plastic tube – Update**

The cost for the metal tube is £50.00. The PC agreed. Cllr Lewis to pursue

## **13.0 Carols around the Tree Event - Update**

Cllr Lewis reported the event will not go ahead this year.

The Clerk reported she has received confirmation from Cllr Barnfather of a payment of £700.00 to the PC for Christmas - £150 from each Borough Councillor (as discussed in the September meeting) and £250.00 from the NCC Divisional Fund. The PC thanked the Councillors for their donations and agreed it will go towards this year's Christmas tree and decorations and the remainder will be placed in reserves for the Carols Event in 2022. Cllr Lewis advised the Horse & Groom Pub has agreed to contribute towards the Christmas tree. Cllr Lewis to pursue.

## **14.0 Culverts Inspection Survey - Update**

Cllr Barnfather agreed to pursue with the Engineer and update the PC.

## **15.0 Top Wighay**

Cllr Ireland shared an image on screen of the proposed three storeys NCC building. Cllr Ireland advised of her frustration that a suitable building with similar square footage and suitable parking is currently for sale at Sherwood Business Park for £2million and asked why NCC would spend £15.7m on a brand-new building. The argument that it will be cost effective and will benefit communities across the county as we aim to save money and improve quality, cut down on their travel time and help the environment do not seem to stack up.

Cllr Molsom agreed and commented the building at Sherwood Business Park is a wonderful building with amazing architecture in a superb location. He added there would be major issues to the local drainage network, not to mention the increase in traffic. Cllr Ireland felt the building would have less impact if it was set back from the road and the carpark was in front of the building instead of at the back. Cllr Harrison advised it is a massive structure and will look quite stark and shocking after the woodland setting as you come from the bypass. Cllr Molsom agreed and advised Sherwood Business Park is well hidden and screened by mature woodland, trees and planting.

The PC agreed that when they receive the application, they will meet via Zoom to agree what points to raise, and then forward to Hannah at Urban Vision to make representation on the PC's behalf.

Cllr Molsom advised he would like to work with NCC before the application is submitted rather than after when it is likely any concerns or recommendations from the PC will be ignored.

*Cllr Barnfather arrived towards the end of the meeting. Top Wighay was discussed further...*

Cllr Barnfather advised the sketch of the NCC building is only an artist's impression and will not necessarily look like that, it will need to meet certain requirements before it is at the planning application stage.

Cllr Molsom advised he would like the PC to have meaningful engagement and be consulted with prior to it being a formal application. Cllr Barnfather commented the PC would be consulted upon on the design and structure that is proposed, when it is sent out for consultation. Cllr Molsom requested the PC see a draft before the application is submitted. Cllr Barnfather responded it is for the architects to design it, the planners to decide whether it meets the requirements, it's not for Linby PC to design it, but they can comment on the proposed design when it is submitted.

The PC commented they were not at all happy with the current design. Cllr Barnfather commented it is not in keeping with a green field, but it will be in keeping with what is being proposed on the extended site – 800 houses and other commercial buildings. Cllr Barnfather advised the professional architects will design the building, not the parish or district council or planners.

Cllr Ireland responded that in 9 years, the PC haven't got far with submitting their informed responses using professionals. Cllr Molsom commented the PC are still waiting for the meaningful engagement that was promised to the PC from the Planning Inspectorate, which is an essential part of the process the PC were told. Cllr Barnfather advised the PC will have the opportunity to comment on the application when it is received. Cllr Ireland commented she felt uneasy that NCC were able to submit their applications to their own Planning Committee; Cllr Barnfather advised the Planning Committee is made up of cross-party members.

## **16.0 Correspondence**

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

## **17.0 Planning**

### **17.1 Update from Planning Working Party**

None

### **17.2 Applications**

None

### **17.3 Proposed development at Whyburn Farm, Hucknall – Ashfield emerging Local Plan**

Cllr Ireland reported the PC has submitted their response to Ashfield D.C. regarding their proposal to build 3,000 houses at Whyburn Farm. She advised she has a meeting with Mark Spencer this week and will discuss the proposal along with the application at Linby Kennels.

### **17.4 Linby Kennels Planning Application - V/2021/0445**

Cllr Ireland reported she has submitted the PC's response. She advised Ashfield are awaiting details of the S106 contributions and then the matter will be referred to the Secretary of State. Cllr Ireland advised Hannah at Urban Vision has suggested the PC could seek legal opinion if necessary. Cllr Ireland advised the cost for a judicial review could be around £7,000.00. Cllr Smith commented he felt it would not be good use of Linby PC's money. The PC agreed to wait until after Cllr Ireland's meeting with Mark Spencer.

## **18.0 Funding Update**

### **18.1 Finance Report**

Current account: £13,759.86

Savings account: £23,600.30

CIL account: £5,916.39

## Payments Made:

*All payments made by bank transfer unless otherwise stated.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06/10/21	Gedling Borough Council – Road sweep for Sept	£33.22
07/10/21	A Sharpe (Lengthsman) – Timber/treatment for bus shelter	£30.53
07/10/21	Royal British Legion – Wreath	£22.25
13/10/21	Malfords – cut grass bank (Oct)	£120.00
13/10/21	Reuben Shaw – Autumn feed	£54.00
19/10/21	CGM Group – Weed spraying (8 <sup>th</sup> Oct)	£96.00
01/11/21	E Gretton – Oct wages & home office expenses	£496.36
02/11/21	W Lewis – Reimburse for cable ties for poppies	£19.24
03/11/21	Urban Vision – Representation re: Linby Kennels & ADC Proposed Plan	£1,260.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,131.60</b>

## Receipts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13/10/21	Savings account bank interest	£3.78
13/10/21	CIL account bank interest	£0.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4.73</b>

## 18.2 Payments for approval

Cllr Lewis to forward petrol receipt to the Clerk

## 19.0 Councillor's Reports

### 19.1 Christmas Tree Delivery / Lights set up

Cllr Lewis requested volunteers to assist with installing the tree and lights on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors to check availability.

### 19.2 Proposed Crossing Scheme at Linby Lane Layby

Cllr Barnfather reported he has put in a bid for the next financial year which will include moving the 30mph restriction to be able to incorporate a crossing from one side of Moor Pond Wood to the other.

### 19.3 Fell tree near Linby Trail – update

Cllr Barnfather advised the works are scheduled in the next 4 weeks.

### 19.4 Policing in the Borough update from Cllr Smith

Cllr Smith advised the target settings are drug supply and usage, residential burglary and antisocial behaviour. He advised ASB in the last 12 months has increased astronomically, however this also covers Covid-related issues such as hosting a party during lockdown and with the ease of reporting this is thought to be the reason behind the increase. He advised most other crimes have reduced compared to 2019.

### 19.5 Public Forum for Climate Change

Cllr Ireland advised of the new Climate Change Officer in post at GBC and commented that climate change is something the PC is very keen on and asked if there was a possibility to set up a Forum for Parishes/Town Councils to meet bi-annually to talk about ideas and how we can come together to help the planet. An example of an idea would be to install solar panels to generate electricity for the Heritage Centre or planting trees in the Parish. Cllr Smith agreed to investigate further and report back to the PC.

19.6 Wildflower planting at the Heritage Centre – Wildflowers & Hedge Project

Cllr Lewis reported he has met with Ben at Ellies Wellies and he will prepare a yearly programme for the PC of what is required. He has advised there are two options, one is to achieve a natural meadow which will take between 5 and 10 years to establish, the other is to continue to plant wildflowers each year. Cllr Lewis to circulate the information to the PC once received.

Cllr Lewis advised he has liaised with Nic Wort and the ground is now prepared for planting the hedge. He advised the Girl Guides/School will do some of the planting this month, and the PC will do their section in January.

Cllr Hardstaff commented on the great work completed by Lee Scudder and his volunteers and asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

19.7 Hanson House Open Day Update & Beacon for the Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Hardstaff reported she attended the Open Day at Hanson House. The new manager, Julie Bentley-Housden said she would like to be involved with PC events and offered the use of Hanson House as a base for the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations next year. Cllr Ireland commented maypole dancing would be great during Open Gardens.

Cllr Hardstaff enquired whether the new metal post on the Village Green can be used to hold a metal basket for the beacon for the Queen’s Jubilee next year. Cllr Lewis to pursue.

20.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing 7:30pm at St Michael’s Church, Linby.

**The meeting ended at 20:50**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed .....  
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council