

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 14th October 2024 at 7:36PM.

*Councillor's present: Bernard Cresswell
Antony DiMarco
Caroline Richer
Patrick Gerrish
Peter Paterson*

Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, MBC Cllrs Wales and Clark.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

No apologies were received.

2. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

To consider any applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy.

No applications to consider.

3. Declaration of Interests.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

No interests were declared.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

No Dispensations were considered.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members.

These were proposed by Cllr DiMarco as a true record, seconded by Cllr Gerrish and agreed to by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

To consider any matters arising, not included on the agenda.

The Chairman reported that the electric meter for the car park CCTV and church lighting had been tested and was reading accurately. He stated that the location for this was an issue and suggested it be moved, this would make reading it easier for the PCC.

He stated that the cost of this was approximately £200.

This was proposed by Cllr DiMarco, seconded by Cllr Richer and agreed by all present.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to action.

Vanity Lane/Heath Road parking – The Chairman reported that KCC could take no action regarding the parking along Heath Road and Vanity Lane. It was not blocking emergency vehicles from access.

The Chairman spoke regarding Stilebridge Lane and the sewage issues from the site. He stated that evidence of the issue had been sent to MBC but there were no conditions placed on the application, therefore no enforcement action could be taken.

He stated that the Environment Agency considered this low level and therefore unless the PC could supply them with regular evidence, they would not take action.

Litter bin request - the Clerk stated that she needed the exact location for the bin to enable her to take this up with MBC. Discussion resulted in an action for Cllr Paterson to approach Clockhouse to see if they would site a bin and empty Greensand Way junction with Westerhill, which the litter pick report is where it is needed.

Action: Cllr Paterson to take forward.

6. Public Participation.

The new Chairman of the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting and spoke regarding the hedges in the hall garden. It was agreed that he would take this up directly with Firmin's.

7. Clerks Report & Correspondence.

The Clerk's Report was noted.

KCC HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION AUTUMN PARISH SEMINARS

We are pleased to announce that there will be two KCC Highways and Transportation Parish Seminars taking place this year. One will be virtual via Teams, and the other will be in person.

1) Online Seminar – Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm.

2) In-Person Seminar - Wednesday 20th November 2024.

Further details with a registration link will follow soon.

8. KCC & MBC Ward Councillor Reports.

To received reports from the KCC and Borough Councillors.

MBC Councillors Simon Wales and Brian Clark attended the meeting.

Cllr Wales reported on the planning application for Beacon Park and asked if Linton had been consulted in this as the additional traffic would likely impact on Linton.

This was discussed and Cllr Cresswell questioned no commercial vehicles being permitted to park on the development. He spoke regarding the PC's objections to the Greensand Place development and stated that Beacon Park would have an impact on the local infrastructure. He stated the issues would be the same as Greensand Place and he suggested that the PC made representations to MBC when the application was formally submitted to MBC.

Cllr Clark arrived at the meeting at 8.30pm. He spoke regarding the 30mph speed review and the responses he had received to the consultation.

He stated that the results would be handed in to the forthcoming JTB Meeting, he had tried to have this placed on the agenda, however he would hand in the responses at the meeting and ask for a paper on this item.

He spoke regarding the Linton Crossroads and stated that the new administration was actively working to have a scheme brought forward again.

He updated members on the wider road junction improvements for Maidstone.

9. Financial Matters:

a. Financial Statement.

Financial Statement will be circulated in paperwork at PC meeting.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members. Proposed by Cllr Cresswell, seconded by Cllr Gerrish and agreed by all present.

10. Highways Matters.

To discuss highway related matters.

The Clerk reminded members that they needed to update the Highways Improvement Plan to submit to KCC.

Action: Clerk to email copy to all members.

The Chairman spoke regarding the traffic speed survey the PC had commissioned for the A229.

11. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

No applications received.

b. Planning Decisions.

24/503554/TCA

The Cottage Toke Place Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AP

Conservation area notification to reduce one Leylandii Hedge (T1) to 2.5m height and on northside and 4.5m on south side and 2.5m width. Reduce one Laurel Hedge (T2) to 3m in height and 3m spread. Crown lift one Oak Tree (T3) to 3.5m above ground level and a single branch reduction leaving a final spread of 11m.

No Objections

24/503242/TCA

The Kays Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4HT

Conservation area application: T1 - Reduce overhanging branches of 4 stems of Horse Chestnut . Reduce E crown from 10m crown spread to 7m crown spread.

No Objections

24/503183/SUB

Hill House Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AL

Submission of Details pursuant to condition 4 - Biodiversity; subject to 24/501035/FULL Application Permitted

24/503182/NMAMD

Hill House Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AL

Nonmaterial amendment to the roof pitch approved under planning application 24/501035/FULL.
Application Permitted

24/503046/TPOA

Linton Park Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AB

TPO application to crown reduce one Veteran Pedunculate Oak (T007) by approx. 3m - Tree overhanging Loddington Lane with historic damage to NW side of trunk. Current dimensions N 8m E 12m S 13m W 11m, final N 5m E 9m S 10m W 8m.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

To consider other planning matters.

12. Other Reports.

To received reports for the following:

a. Allotments.

Cllr Gerrish updated members on a meeting that he had with allotment holders. He stated that there were currently three vacant allotments at the site.

He asked members to agree a budget of £250 for fencing and weed suppressant.
This was agreed.

Cllr Gerrish to forward an updated allotment list so that the Clerk could send out invoices.

Action: Cllr Gerrish to action.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

To receive an update on the Playground.

PC still awaiting a third quotation for the cutting of the hedges at the perimeter of the play area.

d. Website.

To consider any matters relating to the Linton Website.

Cllr Gerrish reported on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

To receive an update regarding Speed Watch.

Cllr Gerrish gave members an update on Speed Watch, he stated that this was now active, and volunteers were needed.

Cllr DiMarco confirmed that he had now undertaken the training.

- f. Neighbourhood Watch Report.
To receive a report on NHW.

Cllr Paterson reported that this was being progressed and a new WhatsApp group had now been set up.

- g. Linton Village Hall.
To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.

The new Chairman of the VHMC gave a report on the village hall.

- h. Parish Newsletter.
Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the Autumn Newsletter/December issue, he stated that this would be published by Christmas.

- i. Parish Litter pick.
To receive an update re Litter Pick.

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick was due to take place on 7th December 2024.

She reported fly tipping on Wheelers Lane. Cllr Gerrish stated that he would inspect this area and take the necessary action.

Action: Cllr Gerrish to progress.

13. Other Matters and Items for the next Agenda.

The Poppy Wreath was passed to the Chairman to present at the Remembrance Service.

14. Date of next Meeting – Monday 11th November 2024

The Chairman thanked all members for attending the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.25pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____