

Linton Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council

held in the function room of the Bull Inn Public House on 13th January 2025 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden
Bernard Cresswell
Caroline Richer
Patrick Gerrish
Peter Paterson*

Also: MBC Cllrs Wales and Clark, and members of the public.

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.

Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington (sickness), Parish Councillors DiMarco (holiday).

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 Richer as a true record, seconded by Cllr Cresswell 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.

CLLr Cresswell spoke regarding the CCTV and the action for the Clerk to put together the costs in total for past five years so that the Parish Council could ascertain whether the CCTV was financially viable was carried forward.

Action: Clerk to progress.

6. Public Participation.

A new resident of Linton introduced themselves and offering help and support. They undertook to pass their details to the Clerk.

7. Clerks Report & Correspondence.

The Clerk's Report was noted.

8. KCC & MBC Ward Councillor Reports.

To received reports from the KCC and Borough Councillors.

Ward CLLrs Simon Wales and Brian Clark provided a report on a variety of topics with the main issue being Devolution. There may be changes to local government responsibilities due to Westminster proposals and they may cancel May elections this year.

There is a Loose and Linton Community Facebook page that is kept current and useful source of information.

At the conclusion of their reports Ward CLLrs Simon Wales and Brian Clark Left the meeting

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 Richer and agreed by all present.

b. 2025/2026 Budget.

The draft budget was circulated to all members ahead of the meeting.

This was discussed and the Precept was set at £22420.00 doe 2025/2026.

This was proposed by CLLr Gerrish, seconded by CLLr Paterson and agreed by all present.

10. Highways Matters.

To discuss highway related matters.

Speed survey should be sent to MBC for further interpretation and the Clerk should check on progress from TD analysis.

11. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

24/504924/PCB - Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AW

PCB – Removal

The Chairman confirmed that the PC has objected to the removal of The Grade 11 listed Call box from its position by the village hall.

24/504463/FULL - 3 Cornwallis Cottages Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NR
Extension of existing vehicular access onto highway.

24/505023/FULL - G And S Smallholdings Wheelers Lane Linton Kent
Section 73 Application for Removal of condition vi (occupancy of dwelling being limited to persons employed or last employed in agriculture) pursuant to application MA/90/0631 for Erection of 2 storey house and garage (as amended 24/504663/NMAMD).

b. Planning Decisions.

24/504265/FULL

Forge House Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU

Erection of a single storey rear extension including alterations to fenestration and insertion of a Juliet balcony. Erection of a single storey garden room.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

To consider other planning matters.

12. Other Reports.

To received reports for the following:

a. Allotments.

The issue relating to the polytunnel was raised having been brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a resident. Members debated the issue, and it was agreed to carry forward to next meeting to clarify the facts and Clerk to advise regarding actions and policy.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

To receive an update on the Playground.

The quotations for hedge maintenance were considered and it was agreed that the PC should proceed with the quote supplied by Highleaf Trees Services Ltd. This was proposed by Cllr Cresswell, seconded by Cllr Burden and agreed by all present.

d. Website.

To consider any matters relating to the Linton Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

To receive an update regarding Speed Watch.

Cllr Gerrish reported that he had still not received notification of TM training. Cllr Cresswell and Cllr Gerrish to investigate.

f. Neighbourhood Watch Report.

To receive a report on NHW.

Cllr Paterson reported that there had still not been any communication from Kent Police.

g. Linton Village Hall.

To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that the new outdoor play area had been completed and there was now much more useable space.

h. Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Gerrish apologised for not publishing a December newsletter, but asked for contributions for a new year/spring edition.

i. Parish Litter pick.

To receive an update re Litter Pick.

Cllr Richer stated that the 2025 litter pick dates were being considered.

13. Other Matters and Items for the next Agenda.

The Chairman reported that the plaque from the broken memorial bench would be relocated to the Parish Council noticeboard. Cllr Gerrish to take forward this action.

Action: Cllr Gerrish to progress.

Cllr Paterson reported that Driscoll's were moving their research facility to Linton and suggested PC seek an invite to share their ideas to PC. To be progressed at the next meeting

14. Date of next Meeting – Monday 3rd February 2025.

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 9.29pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____