

Linton Parish Council  
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden  
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 Burden 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.*

Speed Survey – Currently awaiting results.

Blocked drain outside Toke Farmhouse – It was reported that the drains had been cleared but were now blocked again. Cllr Clark stated that he would raise this issue.

Pathway at Cornwallis Ave – reported to Golding Homes.

**6. Public Participation.**

*To discuss any questions received by members of the public.*

A resident reported that the drain outside of the Bull was blocked and the bus stop sign was broken and needed to be repaired.

**Action: Clerk to report.**

She reported that the village sign was dirty and needed cleaning – Cllr Gerrish stated that he would tend to this.

She discussed the flood lighting electricity costs for the pathway next to the church that were financed by the Parish Council and questioned whether the meter for these were accurate as the church energy costs had increased. This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would have the meter checked to ensure that the PC was paying the correct costs. Cllr Cresswell stated that he would arrange this.

**Action: Cllr Cresswell to action.**

An allotment plot holder attended the meeting to speak regarding the allotments, he stated that over the past three years he had assisted in supervising the allotments and when Cllr Urquhart had stood down, he was due to meet with the new representative, however this had now yet taken place.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he had now taken over this role and would arrange a meeting in the next few weeks.

**Action: Cllr Gerrish to progress.**

**7. Clerks Report & Correspondence.**

The Clerk's Report was noted.

Members considered an email received from resident regarding the parking of a caravan and up to seven vans at the top (north end) on both sides of Vanity Lane.

Members discussed this issue, and it was agreed that further details and photographs would be forwarded to the Clerk to report if necessary.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**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.

They reported on an informal consultation on reducing the speed limit on the A229 to 30mph. He stated that they were talking to KCC Officers to gather evidence for Loose and Linton to seek their views on the speed reduction. Cllr Clark stated that he was due to present the results to the JTB meeting in October.

Cllr Cresswell spoke in response to the consultation and the speed survey that the PC had commissioned.

They reported on the NNPF Consultation and the importance to protect the most valued landscapes in Maidstone.

The traffic movements long Redwall Lane were discussed, and Cllr Clark spoke regarding the concerns of residents. Cllr Cresswell explained the conditions of planning covering Redwall Lane.

**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.

Additional cheques for £26.50 and £178.71 were approved for the litter pick refreshments and PCC electricity.

b. Audit Conclusion.

A copy of the Audit Conclusion Notice was noted by members.

**10. Highways Matters.**

*To discuss highway related matters.*

A copy of the Highways Improvement Plan was circulated to all members for their review.

This was discussed and it was agreed that DYL extension along Vanity Lane needed to be included on the HIP.

Hedges at Wheelers Lane overgrown and obstructing pathway.

***Action: Clerk to report to KCC.***

**11. Planning Matters.**

a. Planning Applications.

24/502990/FULL - Land at Little Paddocks Stilebridge Lane Linton

Creation of a single plot for the stationing of 1no. Static mobile home for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation on an existing Gypsy and Traveller Site (granted planning ref: 18/502028/FULL.

***Action: PC Objections.***

24/503321/FULL - Land at Rankins Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AU

Section 73 - Application for Variation of condition 2 to allow partial all year-round coverage of the polytunnels) of permission 21/506542/FULL being Section 73 Variation of 19/505352/FULL (erection of polytunnels with associated soft landscaping and drainage works, including the provision of swales and principle of reservoir.)

***Action: PC Letter.***

24/503320/FULL - Land at Rankins Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AU

Section 73 Application for Variation of condition 2 (to allow all year round covering of the polytunnels) of permission 21/506532/FULL being Section 73 Variation of 18/506176/FULL ( Minor Material Amendment to 18/500214 (erection of polytunnels with associated landscaping) to enable construction of drainage basins and swale)

***Action: PC Letter.***

24/503473/FULL - G And S Smallholdings Wheelers Lane Linton Maidstone  
Section 73 Application for removal of condition vi (The occupancy of the dwelling shall be limited to persons employed or last employed locally in agriculture) pursuant to application 90/0631 for Erection of 2 storey house and garage to serve an agricultural holding as validated by forms received 28 June 1990 and further amended and validated by letter and plans received 13 November 1990.

**No Objections.**

b. Planning Decisions.

24/501739/FULL

4 White House Farm Gardens Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE  
Construction of a detached garage adjacent to the existing bungalow.  
Application Permitted

24/503052/TCA

Bus Stop at Linton Corner Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AL  
Conservation area notification: T056 Beech - Reduce tree from 30m in height to 24m and radial crown spread from 14m to 10m - tree has a partial vertical crack in main union, significant hollowing in southeast stem.  
No Objections

24/501740/TPOA

Linton Park Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AB  
Tree Preservation Order Application: T001 Sycamore - Remove branch at 5m East. T004 Sycamore - Fell tree. T010 Elm - Fell tree. T013 Common hawthorn - Clear fallen tree. T014 Goat willow - Fell tree. T015 - Goat willow - Remove 4 limbs overhanging road. T026 Common ash - Fell tree. T027 Common ash - Fell E stem. T033 Horse Chestnut - Remove major deadwood. T040 Sycamore x1 and Elm x3 - Fell dead trees (x4). T041 - Sycamore - Historic monolith. Fell tree. Dead. T042 - Elm - Fell tree. T048 Sweet Chestnut - Reduce tree to 8m snag (monolith) - Top 30% dead. Primary ascending stems: Dead. T057 Common Holly - Remove W stem. T062 Sycamore - Fell tree. T067 Sweet Chestnut - Remove major deadwood greater than 25 mm, and overhanging branches.  
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

c. Other Planning Matters.

Correspondence from Linton Growing was noted by members.

12. Other Reports.

*To received reports for the following:*

a. Allotments.

*The Clerk asked Cllr Gerrish to forward an updated allotment list so that she could send out invoices.*  
**Action: Cllr Gerrish to action.**

b. KALC.

*No matters were reported.*

- c. Playground.  
*To receive an update on the Playground.*

Members discussed signage for the playground and Cllr Cresswell stated that he had received a quotation for new signs for £155 + vat, this was approved.

- 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 Richer confirmed that she had now undertaken the training.

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

Cllr Gerrish reported that this was being progressed.

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

Cllr Burden reported on the village hall.

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the maintenance of the hall hedges, although the perimeter hedge belongs to the hall it's Firmin's who maintain it as a good will community gesture.

Cllr Burden stated that she would raise this at the next Hall meeting.

- h. Parish Newsletter.  
Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the Autumn Newsletter/December issue.

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

Cllr Richer reported that the litter pick that took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 24.  
She stated that fly tipping had been reported.

Members discussed an email received from a resident requesting an additional litter bin at Westerhill.

It was agreed that the Clerk would put a request into MBC for the additional bin.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**Action: Cllr Cresswell to respond to resident.**

### **13. Other Matters and Items for the next Agenda.**

No matters were raised.

14. Date of next Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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 9.14pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_