

## Extract from the minutes of the meeting of Linton Parish Council 21 June 2010

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### 7b Polytunnels

Cllrs Baxter and Firmin declared an Interest.

The Clerk, in explaining the background to this item, drew attention to the DRAFT letter which had been circulated and the Annex to the minutes which would be attached to any draft letter if approved. Attention was also drawn to four letters, also circulated, in support of Poly tunnels etc. Cllr Baxter then reminded the meeting of the need for poly tunnels, his position and concern Cllr Firmin also commented on the commercial need for poly tunnels.

*At this point Cllr Baxter and Firmin left the meeting*

There then followed a lengthy discussion between Cllrs Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Price, Smith and Blount which considered the DRAFT letter prepared by Cllr Whitmarsh and the contents of the other material that had been made available and the general lack of guidance

Borough Cllr. Wilson confirmed that the MBC did not have a policy but looked at each application on an individual basis. He drew particular attention to MA/09/1061 an application for Poly tunnels in West Farleigh, which had been recently approved, and which contained a

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number of conditions which it was hoped would form a 'blueprint'/ guidelines for any future applications. The Clerk apologised for not circulating the Report, which was a lengthy document. He would get it printed and circulate with the minutes of this meeting. members would be asked to retain it for future reference.

After further discussion it was agreed NOT to forward the letter to the MBC.

The Clerk was asked to write to the KALC and ask that in the light of the lack of any guidance at Notional Regional or Local level that POLYTUNNELS be placed on the Agenda for their AGM and that an informed authoritative figure be sought to lead the item

Poly tunnels were to remain an Agenda Item for the foreseeable future.

*Cllrs Baxter and Firmin were invited to rejoin the meeting and the next item was taken.*