

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 12th June 2017 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Bernard Cresswell
Linda Potter
James Smith
Jerry Whitmarsh*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and Ward Councillor Webb.*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Whitmarsh.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Linton Parish Councillors Carpenter, Burden and Firmin, MBC Councillors Fermor, and Mortimer.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members. These were proposed by Cllr Cresswell as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Potter and agreed to all present.

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

The Chairman reported that there had been a serious house fire on Linton Hill, he stated that the family were well and he had offered them the support of the Parish Council.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Honours Board in Village Hall – Cllr Smith stated that he would arrange to have the Honours Board updated.

Action: Cllr Smith to progress.

Church Car Park – The Clerk reported that MBC had confirmed that the car park would be refined in the next few months.

5. Police Report.

The Chairman gave apologies for PCSO Jasmine Pay and read a crime report to the meeting on her absence.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

7. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Chairman informed members that the Conservation Area Management Plan had been approved by MBC and the next stage would be for a consultation to take place with all affected residents when the resources were available in the Autumn.

He asked the Clerk to liaise with MBC to seek an update.

Action: Clerk to action.

8. Highways Matters.

The Chairman stated that he had been contacted by a resident who had damaged their car from a pothole. He stated that KCC would not pay out for the damage as they were not aware of the pothole.

Safe Crossing of A229

The Chairman reported that DHA Planning were drawing the final set of proposals for the crossing and he would chase the progress of this.

Action: Chairman to action.

9. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

10. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillor Webb gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding the Wares Farm planning application and stated that he was chasing MBC for a response to the Parish Councils letter regarding this application.

11. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members (Cresswell/Smith).

The following additional cheques were authorised:

Chq 081 - £25.00 - M Brooker

Chq 082 - £1727.94 - KALC Defibrillator

Chq 083 - £50.29 – J Whitmarsh Website

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

Opening Balance on Current Account £31,344.58

Less/Add Account transfers/deposits £0.00

Less Accounts for payment £786.56

Closing Balance on Current Account £30,558.02

It was agreed that the bank signatories should be updated.

Action: Clerk to action.

13. Planning Matters.

The Chairman stated that the planning applications for Wares Farm and Vicarage Field had not yet been determined by the Borough Council.

He confirmed that an objection had been submitted to MBC for the planning application for Greenfield, Stilebridge Lane.

14. **Member Reports.**

a. Parish Allotments.

The Chairman stated that he had received an email from Allotments Manager, Jane Sawyer reporting that there was a problem with partridges in the allotments, causing damage to allotment plots. She had asked the permission of the Parish Council to allow someone to terminate the partridges with an air rifle.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed unanimously that they would not allow this and allotment holders should be advised to protect their crops with covers.

Action: Cllr Whitmarsh to respond to Mrs Sawyer.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he had attending the recent KALC meeting. He stated that they had discussed defibrillators in BT Phone Boxes and the difficulties associated with this.

He spoke regarding litter picking contracts held with Tonbridge and Malling Council and stated that their contact appeared to be more effective than MBC's and KALC was looking into this.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the Parish Council had arranged another litter pick for Saturday 2nd September 2017 on the Loddington Lane side of the Parish.

c. Playground.

Cllr Potter circulated a report regarding the playground to all members. This identified areas where the play area could be improved.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the PC had not spent a lot of money on the play area over the last few years and a recent inspection had highlighted a few items that needed maintenance work.

He spoke regarding the rubber surfacing and suggested that some of this needed to be renewed. This was discussed and it was agreed that quotations should be sought to replace the surfacing.

Action: Cllr Potter to Action.

It was agreed that the benches needed refurbishing and quotations should be sought for this work.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the trees on the perimeter were overhanging the play area and needed cutting back. He stated that he would inspect these and determine the action to be taken.

It was also reported that the pathway and access gate were in need of attention. Cllr Smith stated that he would inspect the gate.

Cllr Potter reported that the alleyway between 24 and 25 Cornwallis Avenue was in need of clearance as it was covered in moss and a hazard.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would report this to MBC.

Action: Clerk to action.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported that the website was progressing well and was up-to-date.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that changes were taking place regarding the Speed Watch system. He stated that this was now web based and all offenders would now be uploaded onto a central website to enable crossborder offenders to be identified.

He stated that a representative would input the speed watch data and he had been trained to do this. He stated that the new system required speed watch events to be booked in advance and all existing members needed to be trained on the new system.

Cllr Whitmarsh suggested that a leaflet drop along Linton Hill may attract more volunteers.

Cllr Cresswell informed members that the speed watch equipment did need to be calibrated each year and the PC equipment had not been serviced since 2014. He stated that the cost of this was approximately £200 and a £56 carriage charge.

The Chairman suggested that the PC should progress with the calibration of the speed watch equipment, this was agreed by members. (Whitmarsh/Cresswell).

Cllr Cresswell stated that he had asked if signage was available to indicate that motorists were entering a speed watch area and the police were looking into this.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to action.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burden gave her apologies to the meeting and a Neighbourhood Watch report was given in her absence.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden gave her apologies to the meeting a written Village Hall report was given to the meeting.

h. Community Liaison.

The Chairman reported that the last edition of the Parish News had now been published. He stated that he had spoken to two residents who could possibly be willing to take over the publication. He said that he would follow this up and report back to a future meeting.

Action: Chairman to progress.

He stated that he had spoken to the editor of the Hunton Herald but this could not be progressed.

15. Urgent Items.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported that the Linton Cream Teas event was due to take place on 24th and 25th June 2017 in the Church.

16. Date of next Meeting.

10th July 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.00pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____