

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 10th July 2017 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Pat Burden*
Darren Carpenter
Bernard Cresswell
Ian Firmin
Linda Potter
James Smith

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

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Firmin.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Linton Parish Councillor Whitmarsh, MBC Councillor Fermor, and the Police.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin were declared an interest in the Wares Farm planning application and Vicarage Field.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

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

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

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.

5. Police Report.

The Chairman gave apologies for PCSO Jasmine Pay and a crime report was noted in her absence.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

7. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Clerk stated that she had contacted MBC regarding the Conservation Area Management Plan and the next stage would be for a consultation to take place with all affected residents when the resources were available in the Autumn.

8. Highways Matters.

Cllr Firmin reported informed members that he had reported the large pothole in Redwall Lane to Kent Highways.

9. **Public Comments and Observations.**

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about the traffic in the parish and the air pollution on the A229.

He raised concerns that the application had been passed for the Wares Farm development and this would increase the traffic in the parish.

Ward Councillor Mortimer stated that he would report on this under his agenda item.

10. **Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Ward Councillor Webb reported on the planning application for Wares Farm and stated that this had been approved by MBC and part of the approval was to implement improvements to the Junction of Redwall Lane and the Linton Crossroads.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in this matter and withdrew from discussions.

Councillor Mortimer stated that he had been unable to attend the MBC Planning meeting, however he had watched the meeting online as he was unwell.

He stated that there were a lot of issues that had been considered when looking at the application and these included business policies. He stated that meetings would now take place to discuss the Section 106 issues and Linton PC would be invited to attend these.

He spoke regarding the air pollution issues and stated that MBC had raised these with KCC, he confirmed that MBC monitored the air quality and KCC made the improvements.

He stated that MBC were undertaking a consultation on air quality and this was currently ongoing.

Councillor Mortimer spoke regarding the Vicarage Fields planning application and stated that the Borough Council had requested further information from the developer.

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).

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

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| Opening Balance on Current Account | £30,558.02 |
| Less/Add Account transfers/deposits | £0.00 |
| Less Accounts for payment | £874.00 |
| | £639.00 |
| Closing Balance on Current Account | £29,045.02 |

b. Transparency Code Grant

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a Transparency Grant from the Government to assist with the compliance of the Transparency Code. There was an allocation for the website and a laptop.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Cllr Whitmarsh regarding the purchase of the laptop.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Whitmarsh.

13. Planning Matters.

17/502379/FULL Linton Park School Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent

Change of use of land and development of part cleared Woodland at south of school to create outdoor learning Area and woodland walk including disabled access (Retrospective)

17/503065/LBC Rosehill Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Listed building consent for replacement windows and door to ground floor

14. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was received from Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

It appears that the Allotment Manager's Report for the Parish Council Meeting on 12 June has not been circulated with the Minutes, though the Chairman conveyed the Council's agreement to the grass being strimmed on the unoccupied plots, adjacent paths and the bonfire area. This has been carried out at a cost of £10.

The Borough Council failed to empty the Allotments garden waste bin for the third time this year. This was reported and additionally a letter has been written to MBC.

The rent review is due to be discussed at the July meeting. The ploholders will need to be informed if there is any change.

The rental charges for the allotments were discussed and it was agreed that there would be no increase this year.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he would attend the next KALC meeting.

c. Playground.

Cllr Potter circulated a report regarding the playground to all members. This gave an update on the progress of the playground.

The Clerk was asked to contact former Parish Councillor Richard Butters to see whether he had the keys for the Recreation Ground gate to enable the repairs to the posts to be undertaken.

Action: Clerk to action.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he was in the process of arranging a meeting of Speed Watch volunteers and following this Speed Watch events would be carried out in Linton.

He stated that Speed Watch leaflets were being issued by the police to try to seek more volunteers.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burden gave a Neighbourhood Watch report.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden gave a Village Hall report to the meeting.

h. Community Liaison.

Cllr Carpenter stated that he had nothing to report regarding community liaison.

15. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

16. Date of next Meeting.

11th September 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.10pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____