

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 10th September 2018 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Bernard Cresswell*
Patrica Burden
Ian Firmin
James Smith
Jerry Whitmarsh
Julie Urquhart

Also present: *Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington, MBC Councillor Webb, Parfitt-Reid and members of the public.*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in Vicarage Field and Wares Farm applications.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

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

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Public Rights of Way review – Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he had responded to this consultation on behalf of the Linton Walkers and he asked if the Footpaths Officer had responded on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Cresswell stated that he would liaise with Mr McGillivray regarding this.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to progress.

Cllr Smith stated that he was still willing to take over the role as Tree Warden and Footpaths Officer from Mr McGillivray in November. The Chairman stated that he would also liaise with Mr McGillivray regarding this matter.

The Chairman spoke regarding the sponsored litterbins and stated that the Clerk was in contact with MBC regarding the emptying of these.

The Chairman stated that he had responded to KCC Highways Officer Jennie Watson regarding the work undertaken along the A229 as he did not feel that it had been completed, although he stated that the work undertaken had improved the visual impact when driving along the road.

Cllr Webb stated that a safety report was also due to be undertaken and he suggested that this was chased.

Action: Clerk to liaise with KCC Highways.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk reported that one application had been received for the Parish Councillor vacancy, and circulated details to members.

Members considered the application from Julie Urquhart. Cllr Whitmarsh spoke in support of the application and proposed to co-opt her onto the Parish Council.
This was seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed.

The Chairman informed Mrs Urquhart that she had been co-opted onto the Parish Council invited her to take a seat around the table.

Mrs Urquhart then signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Urquhart to the Parish Council.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

7. Conservation Area Management Plan/Greensand Ridge Proposed AONB.

Cllr Burden informed members that she had attended a meeting of CPRE regarding the Greensand Ridge, however she stated that little was discussed to do with this.

Cllr Whitmarsh confirmed that he had drafted a letter to send to MBC and this had been sent.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with MBC to ascertain the progress of the Conservation Area Review.

Action: Clerk to action.

8. Highways Matters.

Cllr Whitmarsh asked whether the Interactive Sign was due to be replaced on the A229.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with KCC regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

He stated that he would liaise with DHA Planning to ascertain the progress regarding the crossing.

Litter pick – Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would assist with the litter pick, however he was not able to take an active part in arranging these in future.

The Chairman asked members if anyone wished to take over this role. Cllr Urquhart stated that she would be happy to take over this role.

It was agreed that the next litter pick would be arranged for Saturday 20th October 2018 at 10am, Cllr Smith stated that he would assist with the transport.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Urquhart and Smith.

9. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding the development at Redwall Lane and she spoke about the issues regarding this.

The Chairman confirmed that all matters regarding this application had been dealt with by the Parish Council when it considered the planning applications a Statutory Consultee.

A general discussion took place regarding the Wares Farm development.

10. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillors Webb and Parfitt-Reid attend the meeting and gave her report to members.

Councillor Parfitt-Reid reported that designers were now working on the Linton Crossroads improvements.

Councillor Webb reported that he and Councillor Parfitt-Reid had attended a Planning meeting to speak on the application regarding the planning conditions for Berry Gardens, he stated that this application had then been approved by MBC.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the existing facility did not have any restrictions. A general discussion took place regarding this matter.

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 (Smith/Firmin).

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

Opening Balance on Current Account	£29112.27
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Less Accounts for payment	£1563.88
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Closing Balance on Current Account	£27548.39
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13. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

18/503482/LBC Snoads Hole Cottage Westerhill Road Linton Maidstone
Listed building consent for a replacement and extension of side conservatory.

18/503480/FULL Snoads Hole Cottage Westerhill Road Linton Maidstone
Consent for a replacement and extension of side conservatory.

18/503831/FULL Land West of The Barn Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE
Change of use of the land for the stationing of one static mobile home for ancillary gypsy/traveller accommodation in connection with the existing adjacent site. Provision of a shared day room. Associated hard and soft landscaping.

18/501181/FULL Land South of Redwall Lane Linton Kent
Variation of condition - Erection of B8 warehouse building with ancillary offices dock levellers access parking and landscaping including the creation of new woodland and attenuation pond.) to amend condition 10 to read 'no more than 32 HGVs shall enter or leave the site during the hours of 2300hrs and 700hrs' condition 16 to read 'The plan shall ensure that the noise generated internally in any noise sensitive property shall not exceed Noise Rating Curve NR30 as defined by BS8233: 2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings and the Chartered Institute of Building Engineers (CIBSE) Environmental design Guide 2006.' and condition 17 to read 'The

rating level of noise emitted shall be no more than 5dB above the existing measured ambient noise level LA90T during the day time and night time periods. The plan should set out any mitigation measures that are required.'.

MBC Applications Decisions

18/503480/FULL

Snoads Hole Cottage Westerhill Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BX

Replacement and extension of side conservatory.

Application Permitted

18/503480/FULL

Snoads Hole Cottage Westerhill Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BX

Replacement and extension of side conservatory.

Application Permitted

8/502419/FULL

Birds Nest Cottage 3 Wheelers Lane Linton ME17 4BL

To construct double gable end roof to match existing roof pitch, also roof tiles and bricks to match existing

Decision

Application Permitted

18/502908/FULL

Little Westerhill Farm Westerhill Road Linton ME17 4BS

Garage conversion to create new annexe with single storey side extension and changes to fenestration.

Application Permitted

Vicarage Field

The Chairman informed members that a request had been received from the of Vicarage Field to have a surface water drainage installed under the footpath at the allotments.

He stated that this was likely to require an Easement and the Parish Council had been advised that the Easement should be drafted and negotiated by a solicitor at no cost to the Parish Council.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would give permission in principle provided that a formal letter was sent to the Parish Council and advice was sought from Gullands Solicitors

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

14. Environmental Policy.

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a draft Environmental Policy to all members for consideration at a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to Action.

15. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was received from Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

Two of our long-standing plot holders are retiring for health reasons. The vacant plots have been taken and will change hands of 1 October.

It is understood that the developers of Vicarage Field (on the north boundary of the Allotments) are proposing to uplift the central path of the Allotments, dig a trench underneath, lay a rainwater drainage pipe from the development to connect up with the Wheeler's Lane drainage system, then reinstate the path.

This will be disruptive for plot holders since the only access to their plots and sheds is via the central path. The work is likely to be carried out in October but as the tenants will still be busy on their allotments, they will need at least two weeks' notice before the work begins. Hopefully it will only take two or three days. One of the sheds will be demolished to make way for the works. I have requested that any damage to plots will be made good or, if not possible, compensation made to the relevant plot holders.

The autumn tidy-up will be on Saturday 3 November. The area round the bonfire is due to be strimmed before then. Access will be needed via the central path.

There have been requests to put up three new sheds, one to replace the demolished shed mentioned earlier.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the KALC Newsletter mentioned registering Parish Defibrillators with the Ambulance Service.

He asked the Clerk to complete the relevant forms to register the Defibrillator for Linton.

Action: Clerk to progress.

He stated that the PC still needed to determine the representation for the KALC meetings.

He asked members if anyone wished to take on this role.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the PC would monitor the KALC agendas for anything relevant to Linton.

c. Playground.

Mrs Potter circulated a written report regarding the playground to all members.

It was noted that the fence was in need of attention and it was agreed that this would be inspected by Cllr Smith and repaired if necessary.

Action: Cllr Smith to progress.

The Chairman reported that correspondence had been received from a resident emptying the bin at the playing field and he had requested a supply of black sacks. This was approved by members.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Speed Watch Group had held three sessions in the Parish and this had been successful.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burton gave the following report:

NHW has been very quiet recently. The officer Dave Spitter, who sent out the information emails has moved to another position. The Chairman resigned earlier this year.

There have been no updates for some considerable time. I have today emailed the Volunteer and Liaison Office to try and establish who if anyone has taken over the positions and when we are going to receive emails again.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burton gave the following report:

The hall has been decorated during the summer holidays. The garden was seeded earlier this year, is growing well and has been mown twice.

The trustees are looking to replace the flooring in the main hall and are going to obtain quotes. As yet the trustees are uncertain what type of flooring to put down.

Nick Drewe was thanked for looking after the tubs and flower troughs and keeping them in good order throughout the summer.

There is going to be a talk held on 19th November given by a Naturalist, the talk will be entitled "A year in Mote Park" all proceeds from the evening are to be donated to the Village Hall Funds by the organisers of the evening, Pete McGillivray and Mo Eldridge.

16. Urgent Items.

The Clerk informed members that a request had been received asking whether the Parish Council would be willing to provide Christmas Crackers for the Yuletiders event this year.

This was discussed and agreed by members.

17. Date of next Meeting.

8th October 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.20pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____