

Linton Parish Council  
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden  
Bernard Cresswell  
Tony DiMarco  
Patrick Gerrish  
Caroline Richer  
Julie Urquhart*

*Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, and members of the public.*

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Paterson (work), Urquhart (late), KCC Cllr Webb and MBC Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid.

**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 Richer as a true record, seconded by Cllr Urquhart 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.**

Land at Mullion – Currently with the Conservation Officer at MBC.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to seek the reasons why the PC was not consulted on CTA applications.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

Annual Meeting rules and regulations – Copy to Chairman.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

Fernham Homes Hoarding – Currently with Planning Enforcement.

**5. Public Participation.**

No matters were raised.

**6. Parish Councillor Vacancies.**

An application was received from resident Tony DiMarco for the Parish Councillor vacancy.

This was considered by members, and it was proposed by Cllr Gerrish to co-opt Mr DiMarco onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Urquhart, and agreed by all present.

*Action: Clerk to email Declaration of Acceptance form and other councillor information to Mr DiMarco.*

**7. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

Community Governance Review (Parishes) - Stage 2 Consultation

I wanted to make you aware that the Community Governance Review Stage 2 Consultation, containing specific proposals, is now live until the beginning of August.

The consultation contains proposals for Boughton Monchelsea (and Langley), Boxley, Chart Sutton, Coxheath/East Farleigh, Downswood, Otham, Thurnham, and Tovil. There are also significant proposals for Barming and Loose.

The consultation is available on the Council's consultation portal.

<https://letstalkmaidstone.uk.engagementhq.com/community-governance-review>

We welcome all views on the proposals, and will be supporting the consultation with leaflet drops for Barming, Loose and the proposals neighbouring Grove Green.

Surveys close: 6 August 2023.

The results of stage 2 of the review will be reviewed by the Democracy and General Purposes Committee on 13 September 2023.

Full Council will consider whether to adopt any of the outcomes of the review on 27 September 2023.

**8. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

Councillors Parfitt-Reid and Webb gave their apologies to the meeting.

**9. Financial Matters.**

**a. Financial Statement.**

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members. Proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr Richer and agreed by all present.

**10. Highways Matters.**

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the KCC Consultation on the Linton Crossroads, and his understanding regarding the layby and bus stop at the Linton Crossroads. He stated that the deadline for the Consultation was 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Clerk to liaise with KCC Highways Steward to seek the progress of the HIP and clarification regarding the signage.

*Action: Clerk to action.*

Email received regarding footpath – Issue reported online to KCC.

## 11. Planning Matters.

### a. Planning Applications.

23/502739/TPOA – St Cross Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AR

TPO application to reduce crown of one Ash tree as illustrated on photo showing the extent of the proposed reduction.

### b. Decisions and appeals.

23/501416/TCA

The Bull Inn Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AW

Conservation area notification to cut three Cherry trees back to the boundary and reduce to the following final dimensions: Cherry (T1 and T2) height 4.5m and 4m spread and Cherry (T3) 6m height and 4m spread.

No Objections

### c. Other Planning Matters.

*Response from Planning Enforcement:*

Land At Mullions Place Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AP

Unauthorised installation of a gate adjacent to the main road. Plus, removal of more trees than the permission allowed ref 23/500201/TCA

***No update received from the Conservation Officer to date.***

The Chairman circulated a landscaping plan for Rankins Farm for members consideration.

Cllr Gerrish stated that the plan was not as agreed at the meeting with Clockhouse.

This was discussed, and Delegated Authority was given to Cllrs Gerrish and Urquhart to take this forward with Clockhouse on behalf of the PC.

***Action: Cllrs Gerrish and Urquhart to action.***

## 12. Member Reports.

### a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart reported on the progress of the allotments.

She asked members to review the rent for the allotments. She proposed an increase in the rent from £6.00 a rod to £6.50 a rod per annum from October 2023.

This was approved by members. (Urquhart/Gerrish)

She informed members that there was some dispute regarding the sizes of the allotment plots, and she was arranging for these to be measured to ensure that the allotment rent charges were accurate.

She reported that there was a broken concrete post that needed repairing. Cllr Gerrish stated that he would inspect this and action if possible.

### b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

### c. Playground.

Clerk awaiting new quotation from Safeplay as the existing quotation had now expired.

### d. Parish Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

No matters were reported.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Burden to pass details over to Cllr Paterson.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported in the Village Hall structural survey had now been undertaken and it had highlighted that the floor in the ladies toilet was rotten, and the cubicle had been closed until it was repaired. No other issues had been raised.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick would be arranged for September.

**13. Other matters and future agenda items.**

No matters were raised.

**14. Date of the next Meeting.**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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 8.50pm.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date\_\_\_\_\_