

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 11th March 2019 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Bernard Cresswell*
Patricia Burden
Daren Carrpenter
Ian Firmin
Julie Urquhart
Jerry Whitmarsh

Also, present: Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington, MBC Cllr Webb and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from MBC Councillor Parfitt-Reid.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in planning matters regarding Vicarage Field and Wares Farm.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members. These were proposed by Cllr Firmin as a true record, subject to minor alterations, these were seconded by Cllr Carrpenter 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.

The Chairman reported on the current position regarding the allotment easement.

The Chairman reported on the legal requirement of the minutes of a PC meeting. He confirmed that it was only a legal requirement for the decision of the council to be minuted.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

6. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Chairman reported that the Maidstone Borough Council Conservation Officer had now been appointed. He confirmed that the Linton Conservation Plan was now being progressed as a letter had been sent out to all residents affected by the Conservation Area Plan.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the biggest change to the Conservation Area Plan was the inclusion of Linton Park. He stated that he had not received any negative feedback from residents regarding this. This was discussed further, and it was agreed that members were pleased to see that this was now being progressed by the Borough Council.

7. Highways Matters.

Cllr Cresswell stated that the meeting with KCC highways was due to take place on the 21st March 2019 at 2:30 pm. He confirmed that the items that the Parish Council wish to discuss had been forwarded to Kent Highways.

It was reported that they were potholes on Westerhill, Redwall Lane and Bonfleur Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these to KHS.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident in attendance at the meeting spoke regarding accidents on Linton Hill, she spoke regarding the signage along this route. She stated that speeding traffic was an issue and this attributed to the accidents. She asked if this would be addressed by the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that this matter would be discussed with Kent Highways at the meeting on the 21st March 2019.

The Parish Council was asked about the inter-active sign for Linton Hill. Cllr Cresswell confirmed that this matter would also be raised with KCC.

A resident spoke regarding the appointment of the new Conservation Officer by the Borough Council and asked if he would be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council, she asked about the timings of the Area Plan.

Cllr Whitmarsh confirmed that responses to the Conservation Area Review needed to be submitted to the Borough Council by the 25th March 2019.

9. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Cllr Webb gave his report to the meeting.

He gave an update on the new Medical Centre and stated that it would be two years before it was up and running.

He stated that he had attended a Members Briefing regarding GP services at Maidstone Borough Council and they had acknowledged a shortage of GP services in the area. He reported that they were looking to trail a triage service to free up Doctors time and therefore the first point of contact would be with a triage nurse.

He updated members on the health of the past in MBC Ward Councillor Brian Mortimer.

10. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

11. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

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

Bank Balances**Lloyds TSB Account 02332818**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£23567.24
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Accounts for payment	£708.00
	£0.00

Closing Balance on Current Account

£22859.24

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

19/500588/FULL 28 Cornwallis Ave, Linton

Demolition of rear conservatory and single storey side extension. Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension with 2no roof lights, reinstatement of chimney.

No Objections.

19/500651/FULL Honey Cottage Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent

Demolition of a detached rear garage. Erection of new single storey rear extension and a two-bay car port.

No Objections.

Other Planning Matters.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported that the Parish Council now had some ariel pictures of Stilebridge Lane and he circulated these for all present. He stated that the pictures would be useful when considering future applications in the area.

Members discussed the photographs and raised concerns regarding the amount of developments that have taken place.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council write to the MBC Planning Department and invite them to look at the pictures to ensure that there were no planning breaches along Stilebridge Lane.

This is agreed and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to MBC Planning Officer Rob Jarman.

Action: Clerk to Action.

13. Parish Litter Bins.

The Chairman reported that the new litter bins had been progressed and were due to be installed by Maidstone Borough Council in the very near future.

He confirmed that he had approached Linton Park and Berry Gardens regarding the sponsorship of the litter bins, and they had agreed to finance each bin to the sum of £400.

This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to Linton Park and Berry Gardens to thank them for their generosity in sponsoring the litter bins in the parish.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

A written report from the allotments manager was noted as follows:

There are now three names on the waiting list, two from Linton. There are no vacancies, but one plot will become available in October.

No further information on potential disruption from drainage works has been received by me. Many of the plots have now been prepared for sowing seeds. The tenants of plots bordering the central path urgently need to know what is happening.

The Chairman spoke regarding the Easement at the allotments and stated that this was still in the hands of the solicitors. He confirmed that he had raised the issue of timings with DHA planning as it

was now approaching the growing season for the allotments, he stated he was seeking their approval to defer work until after the growing season.

He confirmed that detailed plans are still needed to be produced by DHA Planning. He asked the Clerk to keep the Allotment Manager updated on the progress of the Easement.

The Chairman circulated a job description for the Allotment Managers role to all present. He stated that this had been produced as there was not one, and he felt it was needed as the Allotment Manager should not be doing more than necessary as this was a voluntary role. This was discussed by members and it was agreed that this should be amended as agreed, and circulated to all at the next meeting for approval.

Action: Clerk to amend and circulate to all members.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that a meeting had taken place and the minutes had been circulated.

c. Playground.

The playground report from Linda Potter was noted by members.

Cllr Cresswell Reported that following the last meeting he had inspected the sign on the alleyway from Cornwallis Avenue to the play area and confirmed that the message on the sign was still clear.

He spoke regarding the moss on the alleyway path and stated that Maidstone Borough Council officer John Edwards had stated that this would be sprayed by the Borough Council.

He asked the clerk to liaise with John Edwards regarding this.

Action: Clerk to progress.

He reported that Cllr Smith was seeking a quotation for the repair of the slide.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh updated members on the website.

He stated that he had now put the Conservation Area Plan on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported on Speed Watch.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burden stated that there were no matters to report regarding NHW.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that the Hall Committee had been successful in obtaining a grant from KCC Councillor Paulina Stockell to finance the new meter installation and these had now been installed.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Urquhart reported that the Litter Pick had taken place on 2nd March 2019 and 21 volunteers had collected 38 bags of rubbish and an additional 10 had been collected by Linton Park during their litter pick the day before.

She stated that the next litter pick has been arranged for 1st June 2019 from the Church Car Park at 10 am.

She thanked Linton School and the Musket Brewery for their assistance and support during the event.

The Chairman spoke regarding an offer by a resident to finance the installation of additional litter bins on Linton Hill and stated that he had liaise with MBC Officer John Edwards regarding this. He confirmed that it was agreed that it was not likely that these would be emptied by the Borough Council due to their proposed location and it was therefore agreed that this would not be progressed.

15. Annual meeting of the Parish.

The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Smith had approached the Musket Brewery and Blooming Green to give a presentation and he was due to confirm this in the next few weeks.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would liaise with Cllr Smith regarding this matter

Members discussed the Annual Meeting and agreed that presentations to some residents would be given by the PC as part of the meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr Urquhart would organise the presentations.

16. Urgent Items.

Diary Dates:

Village Hall AGM - 18th March 2019.

Linton Walk – 12th March 2019.

Linton Boundary Walk – 26th May 2019.

Friends of Linton AGM – 27th March 2019.

It was agreed that CCTV Policy would be placed as an item on the next agenda.

Action: Clerk to circulate CCTV the policy to all members.

17. Date of next Meeting.

1st April 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.10pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____