

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30PM.**

***Councillors present: Bernard Cresswell  
Patrica Burden  
Daren Carpenter  
James Smith  
Julie Urquhart***

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

***The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.***

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Whitmarsh and MBC Councillor Webb.

**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 Smith as a true record, seconded by Cllr Burden 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.**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

**6. Conservation Area Management Plan.**

The Clerk was asked to seek an update from MBC regarding the Conservation Area Management Plan.

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

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Parish Council Environmental Policy. He confirmed that this had now been uploaded onto the PC website.

**7. Highways Matters.**

The Chairman stated that a meeting was being arranged with Kent Highways Officer Jennie Watson to discuss the outstanding highway issues in the parish.

He spoke regarding an accident that had happened due to the bollards, he stated that he felt that the vehicle had lost control on a bend and the driver had collided with a telegraph pole.

He stated that the issues to be discussed would be agreed before the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Jennie Watson to agree a convenient date.

**Action: Clerk to liaise with Kent Highways.**

**8. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

**9. Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Cllr Webb gave his apologies to the meeting.

**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/Carpenter).

**Bank Balances**

**Lloyds TSB Account 02332818**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£26434.82
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Less Accounts for payment	£1591.41
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<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£24843.41</b>
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*b. 2019/20 Budget.*

The Clerk circulated a draft budget and report to all members for their consideration.

This was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Smith to set the 2019/20 Precept at £12892.00, a 2.5% increase on the previous years.

**Action: Precept agreed £12892.00.**

**12. Planning Matters.**

**New Applications Received**

18/505749/FULL Linton Park School Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent  
Erection of a dining/multi-use canopy (retrospective).

18/506176/FULL Land at Rankins Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AU  
Minor Material Amendment to condition 9 appended to planning permission ref: 18/500214 (erection of polytunnels with associated landscaping) to enable construction of drainage basins and swales.

18/505786/FULL Buildings at Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton  
Conversion of a redundant Threshing Barn and Granary Building to create 2.no residential dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space.

18/506494/FULL Stilebridge Paddock Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone  
Erection of a detached building to be used as a day room with ancillary facilities. (Resubmission to 18/504791/FULL)

***It was agreed that objections would be submitted to MBC for this application.***

MBC Applications Decisions

18/505749/FULL

Linton Park School Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4HT

Erection of a dining/multi-use canopy (retrospective)

Application Permitted

18/504649/FULL

Five Oak Stables Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE

Change of use from agricultural to commercial equine business including new storage barn, horse walker and extension to stables.

Application Permitted

**13. Parish Council Standing Orders.**

The Clerk informed members that NALC had now issued new revised Standing Orders, and these has been circulated to all members.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith to adopt the revised Standing Orders, this was seconded by Cllr Urquhart and agreed by all present.

**14. Parish Litter Bins.**

The Chairman reported that he was due to meet with MBC Officer John Edwards to discuss the location of the litter bins in the parish.

Members discussed the location of the bins, the Chairman stated that these would be subject to approval by MBC.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with MBC Officer John Edwards to arrange a date for the meeting.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**15. Member Reports.**

*a. Parish Allotments.*

The following report was presented by Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

*All the plots are let, and many plot holders have taken advantage of a dry spell to start winter digging.*

*The stock of Mypex weed repressant is now finished. Cllr Smith has again kindly agreed to source a replacement supply, checking on price and availability and will report to the Parish Council for approval. This is used by plot holders at their own expense to cover temporarily uncultivated land to stop weeds spreading. It is also important for the Allotments to hold some in stock in the event of a plot becoming vacant for any length of time to prevent the spread of weeds.*

*A further site meeting was held to discuss the route of the proposed surface water drainage pipe, attended by the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Allotments' Manager, Mr David Sendles representing the plot holders and Mr Peter McGillivray whose property adjoins the East boundary.*

*It was decided that the East boundary route was not suitable. The central path route could avoid damage to half the plots and the Allotments' own water supply if the pipe was laid under the right-hand side of the path, facing North, avoiding all contact with plots on the left-hand side. This would still be very disruptive since the path is the only route available to reach all the plots and the only hard surface for wheelbarrows and other equipment. The DHA plan of 22 August 2018 shows the pipe running underneath the gate and steps to Wheelers Lane, both of which would have to be reinstated after any work which would effectively bar any plottolders from visiting their allotments*

*while the work was in progress. It is not clear whether working plans have been supplied by the developers or advice taken from independent water and drainage specialists. This is important since the Allotment Gardens are Parish property.*

Members noted the Allotments Managers' report and it was agreed that Cllr Smith would liaise with the Allotments Manager regarding the weed suppressant.

**Action: Cllr Smith to action.**

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Easement at the allotments, he stated that a draft Easement had been prepared and was with the PC solicitors, he confirmed that this would be circulated to all members for approval before being finalised.

He reported that a Schedule of Works would be drafted, and work would be undertaken prior to the growing season with minimal damage to the allotments and plot holders.

The Chairman stated that he had contacted DHA Planning via the PC Solicitors to highlight an issue in the top right-hand corner of the allotments as there was a spring on the boundary within the allotments. He stated that he had also mentioned that there was a gate from the playground into Vicarage Field to the solicitors.

**b. KALC.**

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

**c. Playground.**

The playground report from Linda Potter was noted by members.

Cllr Smith stated that he was awaiting a quotation for the repair of the slide.

**d. Parish Website.**

No matters were reported.

**e. Speed Watch.**

Cllr Cresswell reported on Speed Watch.

**f. Neighbourhood watch.**

Cllr Burton stated that there were no matters to report regarding NHW. She stated that a new PCSO was appointed for Linton from January 2109.

**g. Linton Village Hall.**

Cllr Burden reported that the talk on Mote Park held at the Village Hall on 16th November 2018 had raised £450 towards the hall's funds.

She spoke regarding the progress of the Hall.

**16. Urgent Items.**

**Litter Pick** - Cllr Urquhart reported that the next Litter Pick would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019, she confirmed that a notice would be placed in the local press and Facebook.

Cllr Smith stated that he would arrange the transport and refreshments would be supplied by the Musket Brewery.

Berry Gardens – It was reported that a meeting was due to take place with Berry Gardens in January 2019.

Annual Meeting of the Parish 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – The Chairman asked members to consider options for speakers at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Cllr Smith suggested that local businesses were asked to present at the meeting, and he suggested that Blooming Green and the Musket Brewery were asked. This was agreed by members.

***Action: Cllr Smith to action.***

**17. Date of next Meeting.**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_