

Linton Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden  
Bernard Cresswell  
Peter Paterson  
Caroline Richer  
Julie Urquhart*

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Gerrish.

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 Urquhart as a true record, seconded by Cllr Paterson 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.

Historic Minutes – The Chairman spoke regarding some interesting fact from the historic PC minutes.

Linton Sign – Cllr Cresswell stated that the light was still not working on the Linton sign.  
Cllr Paterson stated that this should have been repaired, a new unit was needed for one of the lights.

20mph Initiative – Cllr Paterson reported that he was still looking into this scheme, however a reduction in the speed limit on the A229 may be difficult to implement due to the nature of the road.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

No applications to consider.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

7. Public Participation.

A representative from Loose Parish Council attended the meeting to speak with the PC regarding the Ward Boundary Review and their views that Linton should be in the same Ward as Loose.

He spoke regarding the review and how this would affect the parish of Loose, he stated that they would wish to stay as a single Ward and keep their parish undivided. He stated that they had concerns that the implications at ward level would lead to a review at parish level.

He spoke regarding the benefits of having a Loose/Linton Ward in relation to the geographic area.

The Chairman thanked him for his views.

**8. Ward Boundary Review.**

The Chairman spoke regarding the Ward Boundary Review, he referred to the views of Loose Parish Council and asked members for their views on this suggestion.

He spoke regarding his view that there should be a joint Linton/Loose Ward with both Conservation Areas on the A229. He stated that he had already submitted his views to the consultation as a resident.

Cllr Urquhart spoke regarding the joint issues that the PC had with Hunton and stated that she felt that it would be a shame to lose the close links it had, she therefore would support a Ward with Linton/Hunton and Boughton Monchelsea.

Ward Cllr Simon Webb spoke regarding this and his views. He stated that there was an interactive map available on the MBC Website which would assist the PC in assessing the options.

Following a further discussion, it was agreed that councillors would consider this further and let the Chairman know their views by 21<sup>st</sup> March to enable the views to be summarised and submitted by the consul deadline consultation deadline.

**9. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

KCC and Ward Councillor Simon Webb gave his report.

He spoke regarding the proposed work on the Linton Crossroads and reported that a Working Group had been set up by KCC to take this forward and discuss what is possible with the funds available.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the history of the site and stated that the plans were never disclosed to the PC. Cllr Webb stated that he would pass these on to members.

**9. Financial Matters.**

**a. Financial Statement.**

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

**10. Highways Matters.**

Cllr Cresswell reported that the ISS application had been approved by MBC and this would have implications on Redwall Lane.

He stated that the Planning Committee had completely dismissed the issues regarding HGVs along Redwall Lane.

He suggested that the Parish Council requested a structural survey to look at Redwall Lane to see whether this was adequate for two-way traffic.

The Clerk advised members that a Highways Improvement Plan should be submitted to request this. This was agreed by members and Cllr Webb support this action.

***Action: Clerk to submit a HIP as agreed.***

**11. Planning Matters.**

**a. Applications Received.**

22/500529/FULL Chestnut House 8 Vicarage Fields Linton Kent ME17 4XL

Erection of a wooden garden shed and base in rear garden.

22/500325/FULL Orchard Rise Westerhill Road Linton Maidstone Kent  
Construction of a pool and erection of a single storey ancillary building and associated landscaping.

MBC Applications Decisions

21/506759/LBC

Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BP

Listed Building Consent for replacement of 3no. decayed windows and 1no. door, installation of damp membranes, repair of decayed oak post, and construction of new floor to existing rear leanto, insertion of bi-fold doors to side, provision of 2no. new external doorways, and internal alterations including removal of modern partitions, creation of 2no. shower rooms to ground floor and an ensuite shower room to first floor.

Application Refused

21/505932/FULL

Wares Farm Redwall Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BA

Retrospective application for erection of a temporary single storey extension to existing packhouse including access, parking and associated works.

Application Permitted

20/501297/TPOA

Linton Park Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AB

Tree Preservation order application: Tree works to various species as set out in the Arboricultural Health and Safety Survey attached.

Application Permitted

b. Other Planning Matters.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to establish whether the planning application for Rankins Farm Poly Tunnels would be determined under delegated authority or go to the MBC Planning Committee.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

Reed Court Farm

Cllr Urquhart circulated a draft letter to all members for approval and submission to MBC.

This was approved.

**Action: Cllr Urquhart to finalise the letter and Clerk to submit to MBC.**

12. Biodiversity and Climate Change.

It was agreed that Cllr Richer would draft a document for members consideration.

13'. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart updated members on the allotments.

She reported that a tidy up of the site would take place in April.

b. KALC.

No matters were raised.

c. Playground.

The Chairman reported that Firmins, and Fernham Homes had each agreed to donate £5000 towards the refurbishment of the playground.

Cllr Paterson stated that he was also in discussion with Berry Gardens to see if they would also be willing to make a donation.

**Action: Cllr Paterson and Cresswell to progress.**

It was agreed that new quotations would be sought for the work, and the PC would manage the project.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were raised.

e. Speed Watch.

The Chairman stated that Cllr Gerrish had now agreed to take the lead on Speed Watch.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were raised.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that the village hall fire escape was due to be replaced during the Easter holidays.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the fencing due to be put up along side of the village hall.  
Cllr Burden confirmed that the Hall Committee had spoken about this.

He asked if the hall would be able to raise the funds for the much-needed roof.  
Cllr Burden stated that a report was currently being undertaken.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the litter pick had taken place on 5<sup>th</sup> March, and 39 bags and two windows had been collected. She stated that 13 people took part and Berry Gardens.

The next litter pick would take place on the first weekend of July.

**15. Annual Meeting of the Parish.**

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.  
The Clerk was asked to book the village hall for the meeting.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

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

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Noticeboard was in need of refurbishment.  
Cllr Paterson stated that he would look at this.

**17. Date of the next Meeting.**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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 21.45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_