

Linton Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council

held by Zoom on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7:30PM.

**Councillors present:** *Patricia Burden*  
*Darren Carpenter*  
*Bernard Cresswell*  
*Patrick Gerrish*  
*Peter Lewis*  
*James Smith*  
*Julie Urquhart*

**Also, present:** *Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington.*

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

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

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 Carpenter as a true record, this were 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.

Historical Minutes – Cllr Smith stated that the historical minutes would be held until they could be delivered to Kent Archives.

The Clerk stated that they would need to be referenced prior to being logged with Kent Archives and at present they were not being taken due to Covid.

Planning Appeal for The Cherry Patch – Cllr Cresswell stated that the letter from the PC had now been submitted for the Planning Appeal.

CCTV Maintenance Contact – The Chairman confirmed that the annual service had been undertaken by QTec Solutions. He stated that a fault had been repaired.

It was agreed that Cllr Carpenter would be the key contact for CCTV.

Wares Farm Planning Conditions – The Chairman stated that the application for the discharge of conditions had been refused for the second time. He stated that the PC would send a letter to MBC regarding the breach of planning conditions, a draft letter would be circulated for approval by members.

He reported that the arranged meeting with Berry Gardens had been cancelled, Cllr Urquhart suggested arranging a Zoom meeting at some point in the future.

**5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

**6. Public Participation.**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**7. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

MBC Cllr Webb gave his apologies to the meeting.

**8. Financial Matters.**

*a. Financial Statement.*

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

*b. 2020/2021 Budget Report.*

The Clerk stated that she would circulate a draft budget to all members for consideration at the January 2020 Parish Council Meeting. Should members have any questions or queries then these could be addressed by email to enable to final draft budget to be presented to the January meeting for consideration.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**9. Planning Matters.**

*a. Applications Received.*

20/504555/FULL      1 Hilltop Cottages Linton Hill Linton Maidstone  
Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two-storey annexe

*b. Other Planning Matters.*

MBC Applications Decisions

20/503878/FULL

South Mullion Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AP

Erection of rear conservatory, conversion of loft into habitable space with insertion of roof lights and alterations to roof.

Application Permitted

20/503891/SUB

3 Stone Cottages Linton Hill Linton ME17 4AR

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 3 (Materials) Condition 4 (Details for Enhanced Biodiversity) and Condition 5 (Prevention of the Disposal of Surface Water onto the Highway) Subject to 20/502347/FULL

Application Permitted

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the Poly tunnels in the parish, he stated that these were now empty, and he understood that they should have been removed.

The Chairman confirmed that the planning conditions stated that they should be removed from 31<sup>st</sup> November until 1<sup>st</sup> March.

It was agreed that the PC would monitor the situation.

**10. Member Reports.**

*a. Parish Allotments.*

Cllr Urquhart gave a report on the allotments.

She reported that the Autumn Tidy-up partially took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October as it was raining.

All allotment holders were due to tidy the perimeter around their plots and an organised bonfire would be held at the end of the month.

She stated that the rabbit fencing at the site was in a poor state of repair, this was due to be inspected by Cllr Gerrish, and progressed in due course.

*b. KALC.*

No matters were raised.

*c. Playground.*

No matters were raised.

*d. Parish Website.*

Cllr Lewis reported on the website.

*e. Speed Watch.*

The Chairman stated due to lack of volunteers, speed watch was not taking place at present.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would be willing to assist as he was concerned about the speeding traffic in the parish.

The Chairman stated that two volunteers were needed per team, and volunteers needed to undertake online training before they were able to participate.

It was agreed that Cllr Gerrish should undertake the training and the Chairman stated that he would arrange this.

*f. Neighbourhood Watch.*

Cllr Burden reported on NHW, she stated that she had no contact with the police regarding crime reports and had emailed the Police NHW Coordinator to follow this up.

*g. Linton Village Hall.*

Cllr Burden reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was currently in the process of seeking advice and funding streams regarding the roof of the Village Hall, as this was in need of replacing.

*h. Litter Pick*

Cllr Urquhart reported that the litter pick had taken place on the 31st October 2020, this had been attended by 11 volunteers who collected a total of 20 bags of litter. Linton Park cleared an additional 10 bags, and Berry Gardens cleared Lacy Lane, Redwall Lane and Bonfleur Lane.

She thanked Cllr Gerrish and Hileaf for sponsoring the equipment for the Litter Pick. She stated that having equipment for the litter pick would enable them to be undertaken more frequently.

She stated that given the current situation with Covid, it was unlikely that things would return to normal for some time, and therefore she was thinking of setting up a virtual litter pick, whereby areas would be allocated to volunteers to clear. She asked for members views on this.

This was discussed and agreed.

**Action: Cllr Urquhart to progress.**

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding Barns Lane, Redwall Lane and Lacey Lane and suggested that pedestrian signs should be installed in these areas to make vehicles aware that pedestrians used the Lanes.

**Action: Clerk to request KCC installation pedestrian signs.**

Cllr Gerrish stated that he had been cutting the grass bank at Linton Hill, and he stated that he was happy to continue this for the foreseeable future.

The Chairman thanked him for this.

Cllr Urquhart reported that the Covid Volunteer Support Group were operating during the lockdown period.

**11. Date of the next Meeting.**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending the Zoom meeting.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.45pm.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_