

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 12th March 2018 at 7:30PM.**

***Councillors present: Pat Burden
Darren Carpenter
Bernard Cresswell
Ian Firmin
Linda Potter
Jerry Whitmarsh***

Also present: Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Whitmarsh.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received Parish Councillor James Smith MBC Councillors Webb, Mortimer, Fermor, and KCC Councillor Stockell.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in certain Planning Matters.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members. These were proposed by Cllr Whitmarsh as a true record, seconded by Cllr Carpenter 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.

1. Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions.

As members will probably know, on 5 March the Prime Minister launched a major overhaul to the National Planning Policy Framework to deliver more homes (see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-launches-new-planning-rules-to-get-england-delivering-homes-for-everyone>).

There are two Government consultations which seek views on: 1) reforming developer contributions to affordable housing and infrastructure; and 2) text of the National Planning Policy Framework. The Government deadline for comments on both consultations is 10 May.

The two consultations can be accessed via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-planning-policy-framework-and-developer-contribution-consultations>.

We would encourage all member Councils to respond to the consultations. The KALC Planning Advisory Committee will be meeting in April to consider the 2 consultations and draft KALC's responses. We will forward our responses to member councils as soon as they have been produced.

Cllr Cresswell agreed to look at this on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to action.

6. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Chairman reported that the MBC had responded to the Parish Council and stated that the Conservation Management Plan was being progressed.

He suggested that the PC invite the new Conservation Officer to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish to speak on this matter.

This was agreed, and the Chairman stated that he would action this.

Action: Chairman to progress.

7. Highways Matters.

Cllr Firmin stated that the interactive sign had been reported to KCC, he said that he would follow this up to seek the timescales for repair.

Cllr Cresswell asked about time scales for the A229 meeting.

The Chairman stated that a meeting with Highways Officers had taken place and KCC had forwarded an email of proposed improvements, he stated that the Pc was now awaiting progress by KCC.

The Clerk was asked to recirculate the email from KCC onto members.

Action: Clerk to progress.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

9. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillors apologies had been received for 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 (Whitmarsh/Firmin).

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

Opening Balance on Current Account £20955.35

Less/Add Account transfers/deposits £0.00

Less Accounts for payment £695.00

£0.00

Closing Balance on Current Account £20260.35

The Chairman stated that a donation of £200 towards the Parish Defibrillator had been given by Linton Park School and he asked the Clerk to check the bank account to ensure that it had been received by BACS.

Action: Clerk to action.

12. Planning Matters.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that Planning Matters would be discussed at the end of the meeting to enable Cllr Firmin to leave the meeting early as he had declared an interest in a Planning application due to be considered by the PC. This was agreed by all present.

New Applications Received

18/500750/FULL Land West of The Barn Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Change of use of land for the stationing of two static mobile homes for ancillary gypsy/traveller accomodation in connection with the existing adjacent site.
Provision of a shared day room. Associated hard and soft landscaping.

The Chairman spoke regarding this application. He stated that there was an issue with lack of provision of approved traveller sites by MBC. He said that Stilebridge Lane was being turned into a small village with the number of sites being developed and this was an issue.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that little would be done, but the PC would submit its objections to this application, as with previous applications for the site.

Action: Cllr Whitmarsh to action.

13. CCTV System.

The Chairman stated that as agreed at the previous meeting, he had contacted QTEC regarding the CCTV specification and he had also contacted other Parish Councils that had similar CCTV Systems in operation. He stated that he had received positive feedback regarding the selected company from both Marden and Hunton PCs.

He confirmed that a site meeting had been arranged with QTEC to go through the plan for installation and it was anticipated that this should take place at the end of the month.

He spoke regarding the payment of the CCTV System and confirmed that this would be reimbursed by Fermin's.

Cllr Carpenter raised concerns that the cloths recycling bin in the car park had not been emptied and was now overflowing.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with MBC and ask for it to be taken away.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk reported on the changes to the Data Protection Regulations due to come into force in May 2018 and the actions needed for the PC to comply with these.

It was agreed that this item would stay on the agenda for the time being.

15. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was received from Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

Despite the recent snow, the plots are looking well-tended with several already dug over and manured, seed beds in preparation and fruit bushes pruned.

It is a relief to know that the Chairman is to liaise with DHA Planning to ask the developers to provide suitable fencing on the north boundary of the Allotments.

Jane Sawyer 11 March 2018

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

Cllr Potter circulated a report regarding the playground to all members. This gave an update on the progress of the playground.

She confirmed that all agreed work had now been completed at the site.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that it was anticipated that the more major improvements to the play area would be undertaken by developers as part of the Vicarage Field development.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported on the progress of the Linton Website. Articles had been written on both the Vicarage Field and Hill Farm development proposals and councillors were asked to satisfy themselves that they correctly represented the council's views.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell updated members on the progress of the Speed Watch. He stated that he would circulate a date for a speed watch to members of the group and he would invite potential volunteers to attend this.

He spoke regarding the storage of the Speed Watch equipment and stated that he would store this until a suitable place was found. A discussion took place regarding this.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burden gave a Neighbourhood Watch report to the meeting.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden gave a report on the Village Hall to members.

She reported that the rear garden to the hall had been levelled and would be completed as and when a formal design had been agreed.

She reported that baby changing facilities had been installed in the toilets and the Management Committee was looking to decorate the hall and improve the floor during the year.

h. Community Liaison.

No matters were raised.

16. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The Chairman confirmed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish would take place on 24th April 2018, he stated that Parish Archivist, David Sendles would give a presentation. It was agreed that light refreshments would be served after the meeting, as usual. Cllrs Whitmarsh & Cresswell will arrange.

The Clerk was asked to seek reports from the PC representatives.

Action: Clerk to progress.

17. Urgent Items.

Cllr Whitmarsh informed members that the Annual Meeting of the PCC would take place on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.30 in the Church.

He stated that the Friends of Linton Church AGM would take place on 26th March 2018 at 7.30pm. All present were encouraged to attend

18. Date of next Meeting.

9th April 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____