

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 9th January 2023 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Bernard Cresswell
Patrick Gerrish
Caroline Richer
Peter Paterson*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Burden, Urquhart, MBC Cllr Parfitt-Reid and KCC Cllr Simon 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 Paterson as a true record, seconded by Cllr Richer 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.

Westerhill planning matter re swimming pool – Clerk to report to planning enforcement.

Toke Oast – Clerk to seek details of action taken by MBC Planning Enforcement.

Play area repairs – Clerk confirmed that she would seek a third quotation.

Quote for play area hedge cutting – Work scheduled to be carried out.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

No applications to consider.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

KALC Community Award – Agenda Item for February PC Meeting

7. Public Participation.

The Operations Director from ISS attended the meeting to speak with the PC regarding the operations of the business and their work in the community.

Members noted the emailed comments from a resident regarding the planning application for Stone Cottage.

8. **MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

KCC Councillor Webb and MBC Councillor Parfitt-Reid gave their apologies to the meeting.

9. **Financial Matters.**

a. **Financial Statement.**

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

The Clerk reported that a donation of £2500 had been received from Southeast Water Community Fund due to the issues with water in the parish during the previous year.

b. **2023/2024 Budget and Precept.**

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

This was noted and Cllr Gerrish proposed a precept of £17078 for the 2023/24, this was seconded by Cllr Paterson and agreed by all present.

The draft budget was approved by members with a 2023/2024 precept of £17078.

Action: Clerk to submit the signed precept demand form to MBC.

10. **Highways Matters.**

It was reported that the drains and gullies on Linton Hill needed to be cleared.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

40mph Repeater Sign Linton Hill – The Chairman reported that one was missing on the east side going down Linton Hill.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

Cllr Paterson spoke regarding the foot traffic going to the ISS site along Redwall Lane, he suggested that signage was needed to warn vehicles of pedestrians walking this route.

Cllr Paterson stated that he would liaise with Berry Gardens and ISS for joint initiative for fluorescent/ high viz garment.

Action: Cllr Paterson to action.

Cllr Paterson reported that Redwall Lane was due to be resurfaced from 15th January for one week, this would affect the operations of the business on 19th and 20th January.

11. **Planning Matters.**

a. **Applications Received.**

22/504881/FULL - Rose Court Vanity Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BP

Replace double doors in the kitchen with a window. Replace window in ground floor bedroom with the double doors from the kitchen. Install solar panels on the south facing roof.

22/505008/FULL - Elder House 2 Firmin Close Linton Kent ME17 4XR

Erection of a garden room and shed in rear of property.

22/505495/LBC - Linton Park Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4AB

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations associated with the conversion of Linton Park and grounds (including ancillary outbuildings) from office use to a single residential dwelling.

22/505631/FULL - Linton Park Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Heath Road
Erection of cricket nets with aggregate /concrete base.

22/505771/LBC - Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BP
Listed Building Consent for insertion of bi-fold doors to side elevation, insertion of new doorway to rear garden wall, and internal alterations including removal of modern partitions, and creation of En-suite shower room and dressing room to first floor.

22/505862/FULL - Stone Cottage Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17
Two storey side extension with front skylights and dormer windows to rear and construction of swimming pool in garden.

Members agreed no comments as application should be left to Conservation Officer at MBC for comments.

22/505494/FULL - Linton Park Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4AB
Change of use of Linton Park and grounds (including ancillary outbuildings) from office use to a single dwelling house with associated internal alterations.

22/505947/FULL - Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17
Demolition of The Granary building and erection of a four-bedroom residential dwelling including landscaping parking and access.

MBC Applications Decisions

22/505162/SUB

Land South of Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4NU
Submission of details pursuant to condition 23 (details of plant and associated acoustic assessment) of application 18/500618/FULL.
Application Permitted

22/504962/SUB

Land South of Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4NU
Submission of details pursuant to condition 10c (no contamination) of application 18/500618/FULL.
Application Permitted

22/504676/SUB

Land South of Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU
Submission of Details pursuant to Condition 14 (Proposed Drawings of Pedestrian Footpath from site and tactile paving and a crossing point) of application 18/500618/FULL.
Application Permitted

22/504712/PN14J

Wares Farm Packhouse Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BB
Prior notification for the installation of solar photovoltaics' (PV) equipment on the roof of a non-domestic building. For its prior approval to: - Design and external appearance of the development.
Prior Approval Not Required

22/505339/SUB

Greensand Health Centre Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU

Submission of Details pursuant to Condition 4 (Surface Water Drainage Management and Maintenance Schedule) of application 18/500618/FULL.
Application Permitted

22/504528/FULL

Stilebridge Kennels White House Farm Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE
Section 73 - Application for Minor Material Amendment to approved plans condition 2 (to allow changes to elevations, interior layout and changes to the roof ridge heights) pursuant to application 21/504880/FULL (demolition of buildings and erection of 4 dwellings).
Application Permitted

21/506340/FULL

Linton Park Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4HT
Creation of cricket pitches with cricket nets.
Application Withdrawn

22/505108/FULL

Cottages Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AR
Erection of a single storey side and rear link to existing garage extension including raising of roof height of garage and changes to fenestration. (Re-Submission-22/502456/FULL).
Application Permitted

22/505070/TPOA

St Cross Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AR
TPO Application to Reduce one Ash tree to the nearby hedge height of 1.4m due to the tree blocking solar panels, blocking light into property and garden and the tree has vines growing over.
Application Refused

22/504955/FULL

Long View Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4HT
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.
Application Permitted

22/504870/FULL

Ranters Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AU
Proposed insertion of 1no. rear dormer.
Application Permitted

22/504191/FULL

Unit 4A 4C And 4D Wares Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BB
Creation of 2 no. 250m² and 2 m deep ponds.
Application Permitted

Other Planning Matters

It was reported that the footpath from Hillside Park Vicarage Fields was overgrown and needed attention.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC

The Chairman spoke regarding the Medical Centre and the concerns regarding the safe crossing. He updated the meeting on the emails with KCC Cllr Simon Webb and MBC Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid and the suggestion to place the crossing on the Parish Councils Highways Improvement Plan.

He asked for members approval for the following:

1. To update the Highways Improvement Plan to include the safe crossing.
2. To seek the support of neighbouring Parish Councils in this matter.

This was approved by members.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Chairman referred to a proposal from Clock House, Rankins Farm regarding the polytunnels screening and planting. He asked members to consider this matter as PC comments needed to be put forward for their consideration. He stated that he would arrange a meeting to discuss members views.

The Chairman spoke regarding application 505947/FULL and the views from Cllr Urquhart. This was discussed and members noted the previous objections to this application and agreed that this matter should be left with the Conservation Officer to comment.

12. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Gerrish reported that the contractors were on site to sort out the drain issues.

b. KALC.

No matters were raised.

c. Playground.

Third quote to be sought for the maintenance of the play area.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

No matters were reported.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were reported.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Cresswell updated members on the current situation with the Village Hall.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that a litter pick had taken place on 3rd December.

She thanked ISS for their offer to take part in future litter picks and stated that she would make contact to discuss this.

She stated that bag loops were needed.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would look into this.

13. Other matters and future agenda items.

- Annual Meeting of the Parish
- Parish Elections – Clerk to check details.

14. Date of the next Meeting.

6th February 2023

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 9.15pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____