

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 7th February 2022 at 7:30PM.

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

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 Cresswell as a true record, subject to agreed alterations, this was 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.

Ragstone wall A229 – The Chairman stated that this was still damaged and asked to Clerk to follow this up with KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Historic Minutes – The Chairman reported that the historic handwritten minutes had now been recovered. He stated that these would be archived within the parish for future reference.

A discussion took place regarding whether the PC should have these digitised, but it was felt that this would not be appropriate as they were the old handwritten minutes, and the minutes books were fragile.

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.

No matters were raised.

8. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.

KCC and Ward Councillor Simon Webb attended the meeting and gave reports on the following for both KCC and MBC:

KCC

- KCC Budget meeting due to take place, cuts would be made.
- He attended a meeting with the S106 Officer regarding the Linton Crossroads and a group was being set up to progress this project.

MBC

- Benchley Gardens strong iron fencing to be erected and locked at night to deal with the antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Park and Ride – Arriva have pulled out of their contract as it was no longer cost effective for them.
- Maidstone Museum, fund allocated to upgrade a room at the museum.
- 1000 social homes to be acquired over the next 10 years as part of the Local Plan.
- Garden waste issues in November and December have now been resolved.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

b. 2022/2023 Budget and Precept.

Members approved a 2022/2023 Precept of £15971.00. This was proposed by Cllr Urquhart, seconded by Cllr Cresswell, and agreed by all present.

10. Highways Matters.

Patching had now been undertaken on the potholes in Barnes Lane and Redwall Lane.

Cllr Cresswell asked members views regarding a request for Jenny Watson of KCC for yellow lines along Vanity Lane.

This was discussed and it was generally agreed that double yellow lines were needed, but it this may displace the problems and it would not solve the current problems.

It was agreed that Cllr Gerrish would draft a response to KCC on behalf of the PC.

Action: Cllr Gerrish to action.

Linton Sign – Cllr Cresswell reported that the light was out on the north side, and he asked Cllr Paterson to arrange to have this repaired.

Action: Cllr Paterson to action.

11. Planning Matters.

a. Applications Received.

21/506664/FULL Rosehill Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BP
Demolition and rebuilding of the existing barn to provide a 3-bedroom dwelling including rear pavilions linked by glass link. Re-routing of existing road access to allow separate access to house and barn and new underground electric cabling. Alterations to the access. Installation of underground electric cabling.

21/506759/LBC Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17
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 lean-to, 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.

21/506532/FULL Land at Rankins Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AU
Section 73 - Application for Variation of conditions 2, 3, 5 and 9 (to allow amendments to landscaping, tunnel 18/506176/FULL for - 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.

21/506340/FULL Linton Park Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Heath Road
Creation of cricket pitches with cricket nets.

21/506542/FULL Land at Rankins Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AU
Section 73 - Application for Variation of conditions 2, 3, 5 and 8 (to allow amendments to landscaping, tunnel coverage and drainage) pursuant to application 19/505352/FULL for - Erection of polytunnels with associated soft landscaping and drainage works, including the provision of swales and principle of reservoir.

Members discussed this application, and it was agreed that a letter of objection should be submitted. The reasons for objecting were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Urquhart would draft a letter and circulate to all members for their comments before this was submitted to MBC by the deadline of 11th February 2022.

Action: Cllr Urquhart and Clerk to action.

Cllr Gerrish raised some technical issues, and it was agreed that he would draft a follow up response to add to the PC objections.

Action: Cllr Gerrish to action.

MBC Applications Decisions

21/504880/FULL

Stilebridge Kennels Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE

Demolition all existing kennels and cattery buildings and erection of 4no. dwellings with associated landscaping (resubmission to 20/503150/FULL)

Application Permitted

21/505616/FULL

Mullion Court Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AP

Insertion of double glazed windows to Mullion Court. Repairs to woodshed, repairs to roof of main dwelling, resurface driveway, insertion of replacement patio, erection of decking with swim spa and erection of summer house with decking in rear garden.

Application Permitted

21/505509/FULL

Wares Lacey Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BE

The construction of a tennis court with associated court fencing and landscaping.

Application Withdrawn

22/500302/SUB

Land South of Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU

Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 6 (External Facing Material details) of planning permission

18/500618/FULL

Application Permitted

b. Other Planning Matters.

The Chairman spoke regarding the Wares Farm ISS planning application and confirmed that the Parish Council had submitted its objections to this. He stated that DHA had responded to the PC objections, and he circulated this and his suggested draft response to all members.

He asked for members views as to whether the PC should submit its response, and this was agreed.

He stated that he would circulate a draft for members comments and when approved he would ask the Clerk to submit to MBC.

Action: Cllr Cresswell to action.

12. Covid Contingency Plan and Scheme of Delegation.

Members approved a circulated Covid Contingency Plan and Scheme of Delegation.

(Cresswell/Urquhart)

13. Biodiversity and Climate Change.

The Clerk reported that she had circulated some information and policies regarding Biodiversity, and these could be used to draw together a policy for adoption by the Parish Council.

14. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart updated members on the allotments.

A letter was approved to send out to all allotment holders to remind them of the conditions of tenancy.

Action: Clerk to send out letter to all allotment holders.

She reported that a Spring Tidy-up and Seed Swap would be held in March 22.

The flooding issues had resolved since the drainage work had been completed.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the minutes of the recent KALC meeting, and the report regarding the 20mph initiative.

He suggested that the PC investigate this for Linton.

Action: Cllr Paterson to look into for the PC.

c. Playground.

The Chairman reported that Firmins and Fernham Homes had made a commitment to refurbish the children's play area at Cornwallis Ave. Quotes had been sought for £14000, however Fernham Homes were now only prepared to allocate £5000 towards the work.

This was discussed by members and Cllr Paterson stated that he would follow this up with Firmins.

Action: Cllr Paterson to action.

Quotations for maintenance of play area.

The Clerk stated that two quotations had been received for the maintenance of the children's play area as follows:

Quotation 1 - £1282.10 per annum

Quotation 2 - £1319.60 per annum

She was asked to seek a quotation for the cutting of the hedges as this was not included in the quotations.

Action: Clerk to action.

A discussion took place regarding the boundary fencing between the play area and the Fernham Homes development.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were raised.

e. Speed Watch.

The Chairman stated that speed watch had been suspended until a new person could be found to coordinate it.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were raised.

g. Linton Village Hall.

The Chairman stated that there was an issue with the driveway next to the hall and he was investigating the ownership of the access road.

Cllr Burden reported on the progress of the Village Hall.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick had been arranged for 5th March 2022.

Cllr Paterson stated that Redwall Lane was being litter picked every two weeks by Wares Farm.

15. Other matters and future agenda items.

No matters were raised.

16. Date of the next Meeting.

14th March 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 10.35pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____