

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

***Councillors present: Bernard Cresswell
Patrica Burden
Ian Firmin
James Smith
Jerry Whitmarsh
Julie Urquhart***

Also present: Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington, MBC Councillor Webb and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Carpenter (work commitments).

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in Vicarage Field and Wares Farm applications.

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 Cresswell 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.

Highway Matters – Cllr Cresswell stated that he has hoped to hold a meeting with Kent Highways, however they had sent through a form stating that there would be a charge of £500 for this. He asked the Clerk to clarify this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

He spoke regarding the interactive sign that was damaged in an accident and stated that he understood that this was an ongoing insurance claim and would therefore be replaced.

He asked the Clerk to once again liaise with Highways Officer Jennie Watson regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

MBC Councillor Webb stated that he would liaise with KCC regarding the Safety Report that they were undertaking regarding the safety of the A229.

Litter Bins – Cllr Cresswell reported that MBC had now stated that they would be willing to empty the new litter bins, however they did need to agree the location to ensure that this complied with the regulations.

He asked the Clerk to liaise with MBC to set up a meeting to agree the locations.

Action: Clerk to action.

He asked the Clerk to liaise with Berry Gardens and Linton Park regarding the bins.

Action: Clerk to action.

It was reported that the litter bin at the Playing Field was full. Cllr Burden stated that she was aware that this was going to be emptied by a resident.

Litter pick – The Chairman stated that the litter pick had taken place and 44 bags of litter had been collected. He thanked Cllrs Whitmarsh, Firmin and Urquhart for their assistance with this. Members recorded their thanks to Berry Gardens for assisting with the litter pick, and to Cllr Smith for supplying the transport.

It was reported that the next litter pick would take place on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at 10am starting at Loddington.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that a newsletter was due to be issued at the end of November and he would place an article in this.

It was reported that Berry Gardens were due to undertake a litter pick along Redwall Lane and Lacey Lane. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Berry Gardens for their proactive approach to litter in the vicinity of their Ware Farm site.

Action: Clerk to action.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

6. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Clerk reported that MBC was in the process of recruiting a new Conservation Officer and when appointed they would work on the Conservation Area Management Plan.

Cllr Whitmarsh spoke regarding the Parish Council Environmental Policy. He circulated this to all members. This was discussed, and amendments were agreed.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would amend this and circulate to members to enable this to be formally approved at the next PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

7. Highways Matters.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported that there were potholes along Westerhill Road.

Action: Clerk to report the Kent Highways.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident asked if the Environment Policy would be available to members of the public. The Chairman stated that this would be made available to the public when it had been formally approved by the Parish Council.

A resident asked about the Berry Gardens Monitoring Group meeting and asked for a brief on this. MBC Councillor Webb responded to this query and stated that the purpose of the meetings was to ensure that the conditions of planning were adhered to.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that Berry Gardens had agreed that there would be a point of contact for residents. Cllr Cresswell confirmed that they were due to produce a leaflet for distribution to residents.

A resident stated that she had read the minutes of a Coxheath Parish Council Meeting and she asked members about their responsibilities concerning Planning applications.

The Chairman explained how the Parish Council dealt with these.

9. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillors Webb attend the meeting and gave his report to members. He spoke regarding the Berry Gardens and correspondence from DHA Planning. He stated that there was a 21-day consultation regarding the speed limit. A copy of the correspondence was circulated to all members.

Greensand Ridge – It was reported that at an MBC Cabinet meeting on 7th November 2018 it had been agreed that MBC would start the process of making the Greensand Ridge an ANOB.

Surgery Meeting – Cllr Webb reported on the recent meeting regarding the new surgery.

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 (Smith/Whitmarsh).

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

Opening Balance on Current Account	£27714.07
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Accounts for payment	£1539.00
	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£26175.07

b. 2019/20 Budget.

The Clerk circulated a draft budget and report to all members for their consideration. It was agreed that an item would be placed on the next agenda to enable this to be considered and the Precept agreed.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

None received

MBC Applications Decisions

18/504791/FULL

Stilebridge Paddock Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE

Erection of a detached building to be used as a day room with ancillary facilities.

Application Refused

18/503831/FULL

Land West of The Barn Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE

Change of use of the land for the stationing of one static mobile home for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in connection with the existing adjacent site, and for the provision of a utility building and associated hard and soft landscaping.

Application Permitted

13. Parish Council Standing Orders.

The Clerk informed members that NALC had now issued new revised Standing Orders, and these has been circulated to all members. It was agreed that these would be considered at the next PC meeting.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

14. 2019 Meeting Dates.

The 2019 meeting dates were circulated to all members. These were approved.

15. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was presented by Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

The new Allotment tenancies year started on 1st October. There are five rents outstanding; reminders are being sent. There is one vacant plot, hopefully to be taken on by a new resident in Linton who has expressed an interest.

The Autumn Tidy-Up took place on 3rd November on a perfect day. About 14 plot holders arrived, armed with tools for cutting overgrown ivy and brambles, overhanging and fallen branches, all of which were carted to the bonfire, along with spent vegetable plants, broken stakes and even a demolished shed. Refreshments were enjoyed in the sunshine. Photographs and a short article are on the Parish Council website, thanks to Cllr Whitmarsh.

We have received a request for a shed from one of the new plot holders. This will be 6 x 4ft, with pitched roof, similar to others on site. It would be appreciated if permission could be granted.

A site meeting is being planned to discuss an alternative route for rainwater drainage, leading from Vicarage Field, to service the proposed development. Laying a new pipe under the central path could cause disruption and damage to 16 plots and the water pipes servicing the standpipes. The alternative is to follow the East boundary, where there is already a ditch to carry the water from the bourne down to join Wheeler's Lane drainage. The meeting would be between the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Allotments Manager, a long-standing plot holder and the owner of the property next to the East boundary.

No date has yet been set.

Members approved the application for a shed at the allotments.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Easement at the allotments, he stated that a site meeting was due to take place to determine the route for the Easement.

He stated that the Parish Council has instructed its Solicitor to act on its behalf regarding this.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the KALC AGM was due to take place on Saturday 17th November 2018.

c. Playground.

The playground report from Linda Potter was noted by members.

Cllr Smith stated that he was awaiting a quotation for the repair of the slide.

He spoke regarding the fence on the perimeter of the playground and asked members what action they wished to take regarding this.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Smith would make good the fence and the PC would then monitor this.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported on the website. He spoke regarding the PC minutes and asked members if they wished to place the draft minutes on the website. This was discussed, and it was agreed that only the approved minutes would be placed on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported on Speed Watch and recorded thanks to the Speed watch Team for their work.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burton stated that there were no matters to report regarding NHW. She stated that she was due to attend the NHW AGM on 29th November 2018.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that a talk on Mote Park was due to be held at the Village Hall on 16th November 2018.

16. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

17. Date of next Meeting.

14th January 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.15pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____