

Linton Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council

held in Linton Village Hall on 10th October 2021 at 7:30PM.

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

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

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Appointment of Committee, Representatives and Outside Bodies.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

3. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

Cllr Cresswell reported that following the resignation of Councillor Lewis, there was a further vacancy on the Parish Council, in addition there was still one remaining a parish councillor vacancy following the Parish elections.

He stated that one application had been received from Mr Peter Pattison and asked members to consider this.

The applicant was asked to speak about his reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council and his application was considered by members, and it was proposed by Cllr Gerrish to co-opt residents Mr Pattison onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Richer and agreed by all present.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Pattison onto the Parish Council.

He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place around the table.

4. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

5. 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, this was seconded by Cllr Gerrish and agreed to by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Footpath Cornwallis Ave to Play Area.

It was reported that the footpath was still overgrown. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would report this to Golding Homes and MBC.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would forward the address of the property and photos to the Clerk.

Action: Clerk to progress.

7. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

The Clerk reported that she had ordered the Poppy Wreath for the Remembrance Service.

8. Public Participation.

No matters were raised.

9. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.

MBC and KCC Councillor Simon Webb have his report to the meeting.

He reported on the following:

- His position within KCC and his prime objective was the Linton Crossroads.
- The electoral arrangement of MBC.
- The MBC Executive Structure changes for 2022.
- He reported that MBC had moved towards Regulation 19 for the Local Plan.

MBC Cllr Richard Webb gave his report to the meeting.

He stated that he was still looking into the issues regarding Parish Council representations at Planning Committee meetings and would report back as soon as he had an update.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

11. Highways Matters.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he had resolved an issue where Kent Highways had tarmaced over the newly painted red lines on the A229.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would continue to maintain the vegetation from the car park to the Alms Houses.

The Chairman thanked him for his assistance.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the ragstone wall that was damaged opposite the church. He stated that there was a query over the ownership of the wall and who was responsible for the maintenance of this.

The Clerk advised that this was likely to be KCC, and it was agreed that she would report this to them and ask for it to be inspected.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase the progress of the replacement bin at the lay-by opposite Toke Place.

Action: Clerk to progress.

12. Planning Matters.

a. Applications Received.

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| 21/504398/FULL | Apple Tree Cottage Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent
Erection of two storey rear extension and enlargement of existing first floor, including raised roof, rooflights and front canopy. |
| 21/504880/FULL | Stilebridge Kennels Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone
Demolition all existing kennels and cattery buildings and "erection of 4no. dwellings with associated landscaping "(resubmission to 20/503150/FULL) |
| 21/504653/FULL | The Laurels Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AW
Erection of a garden room on a concrete base. |
| 21/504985/FULL | St Cross Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AR
Creation of a first floor balcony |

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Poly Tunnels were still up at Rankins Farm, the planning conditions were to remove them by 31st November. He stated that the PC would monitor this matter and report to Planning Enforcement if necessary.

b. Berry Gardens.

The Chairman informed members that a planning breach had been reported to MBC Enforcement.

He stated that he was due to meet with ISS, the company taking over from Berry Gardens.

c. Other Planning Matters.

Reed Court Application

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the application for Reed Court Farm, he stated that there was no date for the Planning Committee Meeting yet and updated details had recently been submitted by the applicant.

13. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart spoke regarding the ongoing issue with flooding at the allotments from the manhole cover. She stated that she had met with Fernham Homes to discuss this, and the issue was that until the pond was in place the issue would not be resolved.

This was discussed by members and Cllr Gerrish raised concerns that this would not solve the issue. Members discussed the drainage network from the site and now this would affect the allotments. It was agreed that a further meeting with Fernham Homes should be arranged following the installation of the pond to discuss the drainage from the site.

Cllr Urquhart reported that she had met with allotment helpers to discuss the Autumn Tidy-up.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he had attended the Zoom KALC meeting, and he reported on this.

c. Playground.

Cllr Urquhart reported that she was due to meet with DHA Planning to discuss the refurbishment of the play area.

d. Parish Website.

Members discuss the Parish Council Website.

Cllr Gerrish gave his views on this.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that Speed Watch was now on hold until a speed survey had been undertaken by KCC along the A229.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Burden reported on NHW.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported on the Village Hall.

She stated that the Hall Committee had held a meeting regarding raising funds for the hall roof.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Urquhart reported that she would arrange an in-person litter pick for November.

She asked if another Councillor could take on the responsibility for litter picks. Cllr Richer stated that she would be willing to take this over.

It was agreed that Cllr Urquhart would meet and update her on the process.

14. Other Matters.

a. Biodiversity and Climate Change.

The Chairman stated that this item was on the agenda as parishes should be aware no clear on their policies regarding biodiversity and climate change. He asked the Clerk to draft a policy for consideration by members.

Action: Clerk to progress.

b. Parish Councillor Surgery.

Cllr Cresswell suggested that a Parish Councillor attends the Church Coffee Mornings on a monthly basis, as a surgery to meet with residents.

This was agreed.

c. Flood Warden.

It was agreed to add this role to the Councillor Representatives.

15. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

16. Date of the next Meeting.

8th November 2021.

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 9.25pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____