

**Linton Parish Council**  
**The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council**  
**held in Linton Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30PM.**

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

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk, Cllrs Burden, and Urquhart.

**2. Appointment of Committee, Representatives and Outside Bodies.**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**3. Parish Councillor Vacancies.**

No applications to consider.

**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, subject to agreed alterations, 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.**

There were no matters arising.

**7. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

**8. Public Participation.**

No matters were raised.

**9. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

No matters were reported.

**10. Financial Matters.**

*a. Financial Statement.*

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

*b. 2022/2023 Budget and Precept.*

Clerk to draft budget and circulate to all members for consideration at the January PC meeting.

**11. Highways Matters.**

Clerk action roll over to report HCC ragstone wall /highway kerb crashed into, and stones removed and replaced onto wall but not secured.

Clerk Action rollover; bin replacement for layby Linton Hill near Toke place.

Whealers Lane 40mph sign collapsed to rusted pole. Cllr Cresswell to action.

**12. Planning Matters.**

*a. Applications Received.*

21/505509/FULL      Wares Lacey's Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BE  
The construction of a tennis court with associated court fencing and landscaping.

MBC Applications Decisions

21/504398/FULL

Apple Tree Cottage Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4NT

Erection of two storey rear extension and enlargement of existing first floor, including raised roof, rooflights and front canopy.

Application Permitted

21/503828/NMAMD

Orchard Rise Westerhill Road Linton ME17 4BS

Non-material amendment: Proposed rear wc rooflight to be changed to small dormer; Proposed rear roof bedroom dormer window to be marginally increased in size (original application ref: 13/1436).

Application Permitted

*b. Other Planning Matters.*

Rankins Farm Polytunnels: Clerk to action complaint to Environment Agency and KCC re glare from sunlight.

**13. Member Reports.**

*a. Parish Allotments.*

Report by Cllr Urquhart and suggested way forward for dealing with plot holders who fail to abide; rolled over to next meeting.

*b. KALC.*

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

c. Playground.

Action for Clerk, rollover to address issue of insufficient cutting of hedges along West border including around gated entry from Cornwallis Avenue. Chair reported that residents have noticed that the problem has arisen over the last two years and the overgrowth of brambles around the gate is an increasing problem along with the overgrown vegetation causing the grass bank to degrade as a consequence of insufficient light to grow and establish roots.

Cllr Urquhart had received quotes for revamp from DHA; this was a matter for DHA and A. Firmin Ltd; a commitment made as a consequence of Vicarage Field development.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were raised.

e. Speed Watch.

Speed survey circulated to members by Cllr Cresswell; unlikely to result in any additional speed reduction measures as those that would have an impact were being denied due to KCC Policy.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were raised.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Plea for funds by the Chair of the hall to go out with impending Parish newsletter.

h. Litter Pick

Chair thanked all those involved and the organisers: Cllr Urquhart, Richer and Gerrish (Sponsor Highleaf Ltd).

**14. Other Matters.**

a. Biodiversity and Climate Change.

No matters were discussed

**Action: Clerk to progress Policy.**

b. Parish Councillor Surgery.

Parish Church Council welcomed this as part of the coffee morning, The Chair said he'd attend the next one being the last Tuesday of the month.

c. Flood Warden.

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

d. Historical Minutes.

The Chair reported that he had now recovered these (four boxes) and that they had not been digitised.

**Action by Clerk** to establish oldest date of minutes available to view online.

**Action Chair** to review contents and report.

**15. Urgent Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**16. Date of the next Meeting.**

5<sup>th</sup> January 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 9.05pm.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_