

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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**Present**

Cllr. Marston (Chair), Cllrs. Brama, Croft, & Jauncey. P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), F Hutchinson (R.A.F. Liaison), C Watson (Playground Committee), W. Frost (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

**10-163** Cllrs. Fox & Johnson and County Cllr. Patmore.

**Declaration of Interest**

**10-164** None Declared.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**10-165** The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the meeting for the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 had been cancelled at short notice.

**Public Forum**

**10-166** Lesley Hale commented on email correspondence that she had with the Clerk, Hambleton District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. She stated that she felt that the Parish Council were not communicating adequately with parishioners, that minutes had not been published on the H.D.C. website since April and that the agendas did not emphasise sufficiently matters that were of concern to parishioners; nor were parishioners consulted over consultations brought before the Parish Council and that a dedicated web site for the Council was a necessity. The Chairman responded that Cllrs. would, subject to approval later in the meeting, consider the matters raised at the next meeting when Cllrs. had had an opportunity to read the correspondence. Ms Hale expressed disappointment that the matter would not be considered at this meeting and left.

**County Councillor's Report**

**10-167** In the absence of Cllr. Patmore no report received.

**District Councillor's Report**

**10-168** In the absence of Cllr. Huntington no report received.

**RAF Liaison Officer and Community Development Worker's Report**

**10-169** Wing Commander Paul Owens, the newly appointed RAF Linton O.C. Support Wing, introduced himself to the meeting and explained that there were to be, and had been, a lot of changes initiated by the Strategic Defence Review for all the Services. It did appear that Linton was relatively safe for the 5 year covered by the review. The new Catering contract for the base had been awarded and was programmed to commence in June including the provision of a retail facility on base. Both he and the C.O. were well aware of the problems this could cause to the local village shop and the community generally and that they intended to have some input to influence the shape and scope of the facility. The Families Day would be combined with the Gala on the Green this year but a date had not yet been set. Cllr. Jauncey expressed a view that if in the long term the base closed and the village shop had already become unviable because of competition, the village could lose its entire retail facility. W.C. Owens confirmed that he was aware of this scenario and also confirmed to the meeting that there would be no further Navigators trained at RAF Linton for the foreseeable future. Mrs Hutchinson reported that the programme of activities had now been planned for this year including the February half-term and that the Youth Worker was in place and was working with Easingwold School to provide facilities for older children.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

**10-170** *10-170.1* The Clerk having left his reports at the office, apologized and arranged to circulate them with the information file. He reported that most costs were on budget and there was little for concern. **(Action Clerk)**

The Clerk reported that he had received the Housing Needs Survey from the Rural Housing Enabler and that there were some apparently serious mistakes in the report. It was agreed that the report be circulated as published and that the Clerk endeavour to resolve the errors with the RHE. **(Action Clerk).**

*10-170.2* Payment of the following accounts was approved:-

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Green Gardens re Security at Village Hall £120.00.  
 W Frost Clerks Expenses Oct-Dec 2010 £65.21.  
 Revenue& Customs £252.00 Salaries.  
 Dave Pattison £231.24 Bank problems with standing order.

**Planning and Highways**

**10-171 Planning**

*10-171.1* Council confirmed the Clerk's response of "No observations" to the application for the construction of a replacement garage at 11 River View Linton Mr A Raymond 10/02621/FUL the application being of a minor nature and having been received too late for consideration within normal meeting timescales.

*10-171.2* Council noted approval by H.D.C. of the following applications:-

Construction of vehicular access School House Linton on Ouse YO30 2AS Mr A Brooks. 10/02387/FUL  
 Construction of a replacement garage at 11 River View Linton Mr A Raymond 10/02621/FUL  
 The Clerk reported that the proposal to build Allerton Park PFI Waste Scheme had been approved by N.Y.C.C. and would now go for Planning Consent.

**Highways**

It was noted that there had been no further response from N.Y.C.C. regarding further road closure and as virtually all the equipment had been cleared from site it was assumed that the work was completed. (Subsequent to the meeting notice was received that the road would be closed 21<sup>st</sup> and 24-26<sup>th</sup> January 2011.)

**Correspondence**

**10-172** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed the following actions:-

To record and consider email correspondence from Lesley Hale. Following the earlier discussion it was agreed that Cllrs needed to read the correspondence before any further discussion and that it would be considered at the next meeting. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

Notice of Easingwold Area Forum Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

To receive request from H.D.C. for nominations to H.D.C. Standards Committee. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

Timberplay newsletter Nov 2010. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

Notice of County Committee 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011. Noted.

Ewld Villages Forum Minutes and notice of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2011. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

Census 2011 Information Sheet. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

YLCA Info Bulletin. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

Email re Workshops Transitions. Already circulated electronically. No action.

British Legion Poppy Party Week-end. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

**New Items**

**10-173** *10-173.1* Cllrs. having been circulated with the revised draft Standing Orders electronically, agreed unanimously, on the proposition of Cllr. Jauncey, seconded by Cllr. Brama to adopt them as drafted.

*10-173.2* Having been previously circulated the proposed meeting dates for 2011-12 were confirmed.

*10-173.3* The Clerk reported that he had not received any nominations for the 2011 Michener Award and it was agreed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**.

**Playing Field and Village Hall**

**10-174** Carol Watson Treasurer, was invited to report on the current financial position for Radcliffe Ings Playing Field. Following her report Council noted that there was £1000.01 outstanding to Image Playgrounds Ltd and agreed that the outstanding balance be paid as a contribution to the funds of the Playground Committee for payment to Image Playgrounds. **(Action Clerk)**.

**10-175** **Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**Minor Matters.**

*10-175.1* Cllr. Jauncey reported that N.Y.C.C. was proposing to close a number of the public

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libraries and stop all mobile libraries except for one “supervan”. This was obviously a loss of an amenity in the village where the mobile library called fortnightly and in the district as Easingwold Library was one of those to be closed or possibly run by community volunteers. There was a consultation on the proposed closures which ran to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. It was agreed that the Clerk produce some information leaflets and endeavoured to obtain some consultation forms to place in the shop and Post Office. **(Action Clerk).**

10-175.2 Cllr. Brama reported that the pavement from Mill Corner towards the shop had developed a large crack and was in danger of collapsing. Clerk to notify N.Y.C.C. Highways. **(Action Clerk).**

Cllr. Croft reported that he had observed the evening school bus dropping children on the south side of the highway in an evening which was contrary to the safety arrangements made. The Clerk was requested to contact Schools Transport. **(Action Clerk).**

10-175.3 Cllr. Jauncey commented that there had been a positive response to the provision of allotments in the village and requested that the Clerk try and get a notice in the Parish Magazine to try and get an indication of the number of parishioners interested in taking an allotment. **(Action Clerk).**

10-175.4 It was suggested by Cllr. Jauncey that a good way of promoting local businesses would be by means of either an exhibition of local craft interests or a selling week-end on the basis of “Made in Linton,” such event to be supported financially by the Parish Council. To be considered at a future meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

10-175.5 Cllr. Jauncey also reported that a very large houseboat had been moored on the north side of the riverbank and enquired whether there was any restriction on moorings at this point. Clerk to investigate. **(Action Clerk).** He also expressed concerns about the difficulty of older people crossing the main road particularly with zimmer frames as there was no safe crossing point. He asked that Cllrs. considered any ideas to resolve the situation. **(Action Cllrs.).**

10-175.6 Cllr. Jauncey as Chair of the Governors reported that Linton Primary School had in the recent inspection by OFSTED received an Outstanding grading and comment was made that it was the best report ever seen by senior staff. The Clerk suggested that he write to the Headteacher congratulating her on the achievement which was agreed by Council. **(Action Clerk).**

**Agenda Items Next Meeting**

To consider and agree any further action on correspondence from L Hale regarding Council communications and liaison with the Parish.

To consider adjourned item re Mitchener Award.

**Chairman’s Closing Remarks**

10-176

10-176. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Archbishop was to conduct the service at Newton this next Sunday. He also suggested that the Parish Councillors join together for a meal, with their partners, at their own cost, sometime in the next couple of months.

There being no further business, Cllr. Marston thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

**Items for Circulation**

Items at 10-172, Housing Needs Survey, Ofsted Report & Clerks Reports.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**