

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

Present Cllr Marston (Chairman Parish Council), W. Frost (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Huntington and 7 members of the public.

1) Apologies

None received.

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:- The Minutes of the Meeting held 12th May 2009 were approved by the meeting, having previously been circulated, and were signed as a true record.

3) Welcome by Chairman and Chairman's Report:- The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Chairman of the Council commented that in the last year the major item had been the application to build three storage barns in close proximity to houses at Linton Woods Estate. Following objections and representations the application had been amended to move the site further down the lane. It had subsequently been approved. However the land had then been sold and leased to a local farmer. It was unlikely the barns would now be needed. No visit to Montcony had been made but the Chairman and Vice Chairman had entertained visitors from Montcony in July. The V.E. Day service and the Armistice Day services had been held and Ellie Richardson, a local young lady, aged 10, played the Last Post at both services as well as at Newton's service. A service of rededication of the Cairn was to be held this year on 23rd May 2010.

The Playground Committee had almost completed fund raising and the project should be completed by the end of June. Special Thanks were due to Maxine Forster for her tremendous efforts in this respect.

Thanks for support were given to Derrick Jauncey, Vice Chairman, all Parish Councillors and the Clerk, Bill Frost.

4) County Councillor's Report:- Cllr. Patmore reported that John Weighell continued to lead the Council which had a significant Conservative majority, and that a new Chief Executive was being sought following the resignation of the previous incumbent; it was hoped to make an appointment shortly as a short list had been drawn up. Budgeting had been very difficult over the last year with the financial crises but thankfully North Yorkshire had no funds invested in failing banks and the financial position was relatively good although all three Directorates overspent in the last year and monies had to be drawn from reserves. Spending cuts however were likely be draconian in the future.

Cllr. Patmore continued to lead on Children's Services within the Cabinet and a new inspection regime has been introduced to the Department but generally services were rated good, or at worst adequate, and N.Y.C.C. was ranked as one of the best authorities in the country in this respect. The Chairman thanked Cllr Patmore for her report.

District Councillor's Report:- No formal report received. Cllr. Huntington advised the meeting that the application for the Hydro Scheme had been granted on the 29th April 2010. Cllr. Huntington left the meeting at 7.55pm.

5) Parish Council Accounts to 31st March 2010:- The Parish Clerk presented the Accounts for the Parish for the year to 31st March 2010 which were approved by the meeting.

6) Reports from Parish Councillors:- No reports received.

7) Any Other Reports:-

Report from the School Governors:- Derrick Jauncey as Chair of the Governors reported that an application would be considered at the ensuing Parish Council meeting for a permanent replacement for the temporary classroom and which the Governors welcomed. Last year there had been no school swimming because of the problems with the pool liner, which, following a long battle and an independent survey at a cost of £600 had been resolved, and the children would be able to swim this year. Staff were now more settled following maternity leave, but unfortunately the school secretary was retiring after 30+ years and her skills and knowledge would be sadly missed. Interviews for the position were to take place later in the week. Over £1500 had been raised at the Spring Fair.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jauncey for his report.

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Report from RAF Community Support :- Wing Com. Justin Walters introduced himself to the meeting and commented that there appeared to be good relations with the village; the youth activities and summer activities attracting a good response, with participants from both the camp and local villages. Youth workers were working with the County Council to establish shared initiatives and it was hoped that a post of full time youth worker would be established from September. The RAF Benevolent Fund were funding refurbishment of existing play areas and the one at the rear of Linton Meadows was to be updated. Unfortunately the funding was specific to existing facilities so no assistance could be given to the new playground. It was also hoped to provide an astro-turf pitch sometime in the next 18 months. The Chairman thanked W.C. Walters for his report.

Report from Radcliffe Ings Playing Field Committee:- Vicky Abbiss Chair of Radcliffe Ings Playing Field Committee reported that fund raising for the Capital works was now almost at an end with just over £5600 still required, £5000 of which it was hoped to raise from North Yorkshire County Council. The committee had raised £1653 by their own efforts in the year and it was hoped that the playground would be installed before the village festival with a formal opening in September. Mrs Abbiss thanked her committee for the hard work in bringing the project to fruition. The Chairman thanked Mrs Abbiss for her report.

9) Comments and Questions from Members of the Public:-

None received

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.27 pm.