

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllr. Marston (Chair), Cllrs. Bamma, Croft, Jauncey & Johnson. W. Frost (Clerk), County Cllr. Patmore, P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton) & W. Hutchinson (C.D.W. Worker R.A.F. Linton). One member of the public.

Apologies for Absence

11-001 Cllr. Fox.

Declaration of Interest

11002 Cllr. Johnson declared prejudicial interests at agenda items 11-008 as the partner of the person receiving the payment.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

11-003 The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Forum

11-004 S Powers commented that perhaps a removable post would be a better option rather than the current arrangement of the security gate for the playground facility as this would allow access on light evenings to families and children whilst still preventing access to vehicles. Council agreed that the matter be included on the next agenda. **(Action Clerk)**. He also expressed concern that the contractors for grass cutting had cut the playing field at 2.30 pm on a Saturday which had meant that the field had to be cleared at a busy time for children and which he thought was unacceptable. The Clerk was requested to write to Messrs Dean Landscapes to try and prevent this occurring again. **(Action Clerk)**. Mr Powers also reported that the hedges and many of the trees at the bottom of the field were in poor condition with a number dead and requested Council to consider further action. S Powers then left the meeting.

County Councillor's Report

11-005 Cllr. Patmore apologised that she had been unable to attend recent meetings. She informed the meeting that she had resigned her post as the cabinet member responsible for Children's and Young People's Services but would be continuing as a County Councillor for at least the next two years until an election was due. She had however stood for District Cllr. for her own White horse ward and was returned unopposed so would be automatically elected. Phillip Huntington was to stand down and C Rooke had been returned unopposed in the Shipton ward. Cllr. Patmore thanked the Council for their invitation to the V.E. Day service and confirmed that she would attend. She agreed to follow up the home to school cycleway now that all the land had been paid for. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**.

District Councillor's Report

11-006 In the absence of Cllr. Huntington no report received.

RAF Liaison Officer and Community Development Worker's Report

11-007 W.C. Owens informed the meeting that there was a slightly more positive feeling on the base although no further information was available and that all voluntary redundancy applications had been completed. A response for civilian staff was due in June and for M.O.D. staff, October. Those staff to be taken on by I.S.S. would transfer on the 1st June with the contract becoming operational in August. It had been agreed that the retail facility would be very small, offering only basic essentials. Mrs Hutchinson thanked Cllr. Patmore for her time participating in the Children and Young Persons Forum. The base was supporting the fight to prevent closure of the Easingwold Library and was involving the library in this year's reading challenge. 45 children had been taken to Thorpe Perrow this week as part of the Easter activities and it was proposed to start a formal first aid course under the auspices of St John's Ambulance. Two new youth workers had now started, Mrs Beth Anderton a Full time Youth Worker and Miss Heidi Carey a sessional Youth Worker. The posts being funded by the RAF Benevolent Fund.

11-011.2 Arrangements for V.E.Day

Council agreed unanimously to advance item 11-011.2 on the agenda. It was confirmed that all arrangements were in hand for the service on the 8th May and that the service sheets were available. Wreaths had been organised but unfortunately the Padre would not be available to conduct the service so the service would be taken by Cllrs. Marston & Jauncey unless the RAF could provide an

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alternative Padre. The Clerk reported that he had not as yet received a response from the Mitcheners so had been unable to contact the prospective recipient of the Mitchener Award. Cllr. Jauncey agreed to provide an alternative contact address. **(Action Cllr. Jauncey)**. Paul Owens and Mrs Hutchinson left the meeting at this point.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

- 11-008** *11.008.1* The Clerk presented both his general and financial reports to the meeting which were approved. It was noted that total Bank Balances at 31st March 2011 were £7877.80. The Clerk reported that the Rural Housing Enabler had asked for Council's support to follow up a few leads in respect of land availability and also to display some Call for Land posters in the village. Council requested the Clerk to accept the request. **(Action Clerk)**. The Clerk confirmed that there would be no election for the Parish Council on the 5th May 2011 as there were only 5 Cllrs. standing for six vacancies. Councillors were requested to consider prospective co-optees. Further correspondence had been received concerning the Adopt a Kiosk scheme and the Clerk was requested to complete the necessary contract. **(Action Clerk)**.
- 11-008.2* Payment of the following accounts was approved:-
Customs & Revenue £242.00
Clerks Expenses £98.71
Cllr. Johnson withdrew from the meeting.
D Pattison Balance of Salary 2010-2011 £115.61
Cllr. Johnson returned to the meeting.
YLCA Subscription 2011-2012 £268.00
The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had submitted an account for meetings for the previous year in the sum of £144.00 which was approved for payment.

Planning and Highways

11-009 Planning

- 11-009.1* Council approved the Clerk's Response to a Planning Application received too late for the previous meeting – Proposed two storey side extension, rear conservatory and detached garage 117 Linton Woods Lane Linton Mr & Mrs Knott. Recommended for approval.
- 11-009.2* Council noted H.D.C.'s response to an enquiry regarding the occupation of House Boats at Linton Lock and noted that they had contacted Harrogate Borough Council. No response had been received to the Council's enquiry to H.B.C. and the Clerk was requested to follow the matter up. **(Action Clerk)**.
- 11-009.3* Council received the amended Open Space, Sport & Recreation SPD Summary and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by C2C who were carrying out the survey of drains on the camp to say that the draft report had been completed but ran to over 200 pages. It had been agreed that a summary report would be prepared and a copy sent to the Parish Council.

Highways

It was noted that Hodgeson's were stopping their Sunday Bus Services through the village. The Clerk was requested to endeavour to obtain up to date timetables from Stephenson's. **(Action Clerk)**. Following Cllr. Jauncey's comments last month regarding gully emptying Cllr. Patmore agreed to take up the matter with the Highway's Dept. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Highways regarding a spike in the verge near the Half Moon St bus stop but that no action had yet been taken.

Correspondence

- 11-010** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed the following actions:-
Letter re Library Closures from N.Y.C.C. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
Review of Polling Places H.D.C. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
Information Commissioners update. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
Safer Neighbourhoods report. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

New Items

- 11-011** *11-011.1* Council agreed to defer the review of Council Salaries until next month.

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11-011.2 Arrangements for VE Day Service. Dealt with previously at 11-007.

Playing Field and Village Hall

11-012 No Report.

Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda

11-013 **Minor Matters.**

It was noted that a skip had been placed close to the Cairn in front of the village hall and the Clerk was requested to write to the occupants of School House to ensure that it was removed by the 8th May 2011. **(Action Clerk).**

The plaque for the bench for Montcony had been finalised at a cost of £80 and would be forwarded to Montcony as soon as possible.

The sewage pump at Linton Woods appeared to be leaking and the Clerk was requested to write to Yorkshire Water to inform them of the position. **(Action Clerk).**

Council discussed the accessibility of the website ouse.info and were updated by Cllr. Croft who informed the meeting that rankings were determined by the number of "hits" to the site and therefore the more it was used the more it would become "visible" within search engines

It was agreed that Cllrs. would meet for a Council dinner at their own cost on 25th May at Raskelf at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Cllr. Jauncey reported that George Thomas would be unable to attend the V.E. Day service on the 8th May.

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

Review of Council Salaries.

Chairman's Closing Remarks

11-014 Cllr. Marston thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Items for Circulation

Items at 11-010, amended Open Space, Sport & Recreation SPD Summary.

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 10th May 2011. A.P.M. & A.G.M.