

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 14th February 2012 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllr. Marston (Chair), Cllrs. Bamma, Croft, Gregson, Johnson, Keegan & W. Frost (Clerk). County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke, P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), and two members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

11-134 None received.

Declaration of Interest

11-135 Cllr. Marston as a neighbour of the applicant declared a personal interest in the application for the amendments to retrospective planning application re Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a 2.9KW Solar PV system and auxiliary equipment. Hawkes Barn Linton Woods Lane Linton on Ouse.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

11-136 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Forum

11-137 Mrs Calaminus reported that just under 3 tonnes of fat had been removed from approx 340 metres of sewer along Main St and a subsequent camera inspection had revealed that the sewer was now clear. A further inspection would be carried out in approx. six months. Yorkshire Water was continuing to liaise with the R.A.F. to ensure that the problem did not repeat itself. Wing Commander Owens confirmed that all macerators were working and that the agreed regular dosing regime was in place and operating. Information leaflets were to be distributed to all households on the base.

Mrs Calaminus expressed concern regarding the development of any affordable housing in the village that could exacerbate the problems and suggested that careful consideration must be given to the location of any development. Mrs Calaminus left the meeting.

County Councillor's Report

11-138 Cllr. Patmore reported that there was to be a full Council meeting tomorrow and that the Budget round had been easier this year as the Council had prepared three year budgets last year. It seemed that savings made this year were in excess of those planned and there could be a surplus carried forward into next year. There would be no increase from County or the Police in the Council Tax and although they still had to report it was unlikely that H.D.C. or the Fire Service would propose increases. Easingwold library's future appeared to be secure and would be manned in part by volunteers.

District Councillor's Report

11-139 Cllr. Rooke informed Cllrs. that legal action was to be taken against the owner of Alne tip as illegal tipping had been carried out for at least ten years. The height of the tip had increased recently as soil had been overlaid on the top whilst further tipping continued. This would ultimately be removed. Local residents did not want the top removed as this would create tremendous odour problems. The Boundary Commission were to start their review next month and H.D.C. Cabinet favoured 28 wards for Hambleton. Cllr. Patmore commented that the merging of wards in the rural areas would significantly increase the workload of District Cllrs. A decision on the supermarket planning proposals for Easingwold had been deferred because N.Y. Highways had not yet responded on the proposal. The application for a proposed Burial Ground at Huby had been withdrawn as the water table was too high.

RAF Liaison Officer's Report

11-140 W.C. Owen gave his report to the meeting. Snow and ice and high winds had resulted in a significant loss of flying time recently to the extent that students were up to 100 hours behind schedule. Morale generally was low, with both service personnel and civil servants being considered for voluntary redundancy. 16 aircraft would be involved in a display marking the Queen's Jubilee and formation training would be taking place over the next few months. It was anticipated that a considerable number of personnel would be seconded for security duties during the Olympics and it was likely that leave would generally be unavailable over the coming months. The camp shop was now due to open on the 20th February the necessary work having been completed. Wing Comm. Owens requested that the application for funding for replacement children's play

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equipment at RAF Linton (item 11-144.1 on the agenda) be withdrawn. Recruitment for a new Community Development Worker was in progress it would be beneficial to review any needs once someone was in post. W.C. Owen left the meeting.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

- 11-141** *11-141.1* The Clerk gave his verbal general report and confirmed that Yorkshire Water had supplied the same information to him that had been reported by Mrs Calaminus. He also reported on the meeting of Easingwold & Villages Forum on the 2nd Feb where considerable opposition to the proposed supermarket in Easingwold had been voiced and information regarding future possible grants for refurbishment of village halls had been given. The Clerk informed Cllrs. that the S137 expenditure limit for 2012-2013 had been set at £6.80 per elector.

11-141.2 Cllrs. signed the direct debit mandate for payment of H.D.C. Election Costs and requested the Clerk to submit. **(Action Clerk).**

Planning and Highways

- 11-142** **Planning**

Council considered the following amended application for Listed Building Consent received from H.D.C

11-142.1 Amendments to Retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a 2.9KW Solar PV system and auxiliary equipment. Hawkes Barn Linton Woods Lane Linton on Ouse Dr Donald Richardson. Cllrs. agreed this be recommended for approval.

11-142.2 Council noted the letter from York City Council re the L.D.F. Opportunity for consultation.

11-142.3 Council received the Booklet Guide to neighbourhood planning from NALC and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

11-143.4 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received an application too late for inclusion in the agenda which was for the installation of a pitched roof on one of the R.A.F. Camp Office Blocks. He confirmed that he would respond under his delegated powers for minor applications and report to the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

Highways

The Clerk reported that N.Y.C.C. had informed him that there could be no division on the new home to school route between cyclists and pedestrians as modifications had had to be made to the pathway because of bats in a tree adjoining the path. Cllrs. expressed concern over this response and requested that the Clerk pursue the matter on Health and Safety grounds. **(Action Clerk).**

Correspondence

- 11-143** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

Email from Yorkshire Water re Sewer Clearance.

Email NYWAG re incinerator opposition.

Country Air Winter 2012.

Notice and minutes YLCA.

White Rose Update 1/12 and other YLCA papers.

Letter re Tollerton Surgery.

Letter re Future of Northallerton children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital.

Letter from Primary School re Bulb Planting.

Notice of Area Forum 29th March 2012.

NYWAG email re Allerton incinerator.

National Transport Tokens. Offer of service.

Notice of Family History Fair 10th March 2012.

New Items

- 11-144** *11-144.1* Application for funding for replacement children's play equipment, RAF Linton. Application withdrawn. Minute 11-140 above.

11-144.2 Council considered possible events for the Diamond Jubilee and noted that both the playground committee and village hall committee were considering events. It was noted that the Village Hall was proposing an open day with a barbeque for the 2nd June. It was agreed to reconsider at the next meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received information regarding Jubilee Beacons from Richmondshire D.C. and would include them in the circulation file. **(Action**

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Clerk).

11-144.3 It was agreed that Cllrs. Marston, Gregson & Johnson would meet in the next two weeks to consider publicity and arrangements for the for visit to Montcony in October 2012. **(Action Cllrs.).**

11-144.4 Cllr. Croft updated Council on his discussions with H.D.C. on Broadband in the village and that he had agreed to become the village's Broadband Champion. It seemed that if fifty people from the village requested high speed connection via wireless connection this triggered action.

11-144.5 It was noted that there had been no nominations for the 2012 Michener Award and Cllr. Marston agreed to speak to the Head at the Primary School **(Action Cllr. Marston)** and the Clerk would contact Easingwold School. **(Action Clerk)** to try and determine a suitable nominee.

11-144.6 Council considered the annual cutting contract for the playing field and agreed to put the contract out for tender this year. **(Action Clerk).**

11-144.7 Council noted that the Clerk had carried out a review of Financial and Standing Orders previously which had not yet been adopted. It was agreed that they be re-circulated with a view to their adoption at the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

11-145 Affordable Housing

Council noted the consultation report from the Rural Housing Enabler and on the proposition of Cllr. Marston seconded by Cllr. Croft agreed that the preferred site for possible future development was that adjoining the new cycleway marked as C on the consultation document. Cllr. Johnson abstained from the vote. Clerk to inform Ms Madden. **(Action Clerk).**

11-146 Playing Field and Village Hall

Cllr. Croft informed the meeting that he had nothing to report from the Playground Committee but that the Village Hall Committee had drawn up an action plan to try and progress the necessary work still required. A copy of the plan and last village hall minutes of 17th January 2012 would be included in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk).**

It was noted that the neighbour to the Village Hall was still disputing the boundary and that it would now be necessary to incur costs to settle the dispute. The Clerk was requested to contact DAS in order to progress the matter. **(Action Clerk).**

Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda

11-147 Minor Matters.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mrs Calaminus to thank her for all her efforts in resolving the sewerage problems and keeping the Council informed. **(Action Clerk).**

Cllr. Johnson reported that several holes had appeared in the highway on Main Street particularly near the entrance to Beechtree Court. Cllr. Patmore agreed to report this problem. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

Damage had also been caused to Neighbourhood Watch Signs. It was noted that without a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator little could be done.

The hedge close to the zip wire on the playing field required cutting and the Clerk was requested to contact Chris Kirby. **(Action Clerk).**

Cllr. Johnson requested that a litter bin be provided at the western end of the cycleway. Clerk to contact H.D.C. **(Action Clerk).**

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

Queens Jubilee.

Montcony Visit.

To review and agree Financial and Standing Orders.

11-148 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Items for Circulation

Booklet Guide to neighbourhood planning from NALC, Correspondence at 11-143, information regarding Jubilee Beacons from Richmondshire D.C., and action plan and last village hall minutes.

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 13th March 2012.