

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 8th November 2011 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllr. Marston (Chair), Cllrs. Brama, Croft, Gregson, Johnson, & W. Frost (Clerk), Mrs W Hutchinson (CDW R.A.F. Linton) Ms Amanda Madden (Rural Housing Enabler), and two member of the public.

Apologies for Absence

11-090 County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke & P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton).

Declaration of Interest

11-091 None Declared.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

11-092 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Forum

11-093 Mrs. Jan Jauncey reported on her visit to Montcony in October and outlined the arrangements for next year, which would be the 70th Anniversary. Linton had been requested to arrange part of the church service. She suggested that a small working party be set up to encourage more people from the village to attend the event next year which would be held on the 21st October. A framed embroidered badge of the 15th century Coat of Arms of the Chateau of Montcony was presented to the Council for display alongside the drawing of Chateau Montcony. Mrs. Kirby expressed concerns regarding the theft of metal from War Memorials and raised her concerns regarding the plaque on our own memorial. She requested that information provided by the War Memorials Trust be circulated to Cllrs. **(Action Clerk)**. Mesdames Jauncey and Kirby left the meeting.

Rural Housing Enabler Report

11-094 Ms Amanda Madden updated Cllrs. on the preferred choices for a site for affordable housing in the village and confirmed that they were all acceptable to Highways Dept. Since the sites were mainly in the proximity to the RAF Camp entrance Mrs Hutchinson agreed to set up a meeting for Ms Madden with a senior member of staff on the camp to discuss any possible difficulties with any of the sites from the RAF's point of view. **(Action Mrs Hutchinson)**. Details were given of the various schemes used to make the properties affordable and details of the time scale to complete the project which was approximately 2 years. Cllrs agreed that as the next stage in the process, the preferred sites, be the subject of a consultation with the Village in the New Year. **(Action Mrs Madden)**. Cllr. Marston thanked Ms Madden for her attendance and she left the meeting.

County Councillor's Report

11-095 In the absence of Cllr. Patmore no report received.

District Councillor's Report

11-096 In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

RAF Liaison Officer and Community Development Worker's Report

11-097 Mrs. Hutchinson passed on W.C. Owens's report as he was unable to attend. Night flying had been confirmed between 28th November and 2nd December. Currently there were only two courses running as opposed to the normal nine and both courses had low numbers of participants. Speeding vehicles had again been a problem locally and the RAF was taking all possible action to ensure that RAF personnel and contractors were aware of speed restrictions in local villages. The RAF Police would be using a radar gun in the near future. Cllrs. suggested that the main problem was in the morning between 7.30am and 9.00am and that the North Yorkshire Police should be involved in the campaign. The camp shop would not now be operational until the New Year and had been confirmed as small scale and not in competition with the village shop. Mrs Hutchinson informed the meeting that this would be her last meeting as she was retiring in early December. Activities for the over eights would be run in the future by Airplay with the new CDW running those for the under eights. She mentioned that she had written to Council requesting a grant for new equipment. It was agreed that the letter would be circulated for consideration at the next meeting and included on the agenda. **(Action Clerk)**. Cllr. Marston thanked Mrs Hutchinson for her report and her contribution to the Council over the last eight years and wished her well for the future. Mrs Hutchinson left the meeting.

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Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

- 11-098** *11-098.1* The Clerk reported that he had written to Mrs Jauncey to thank her for representing the Council in Montcony. All other matters would be dealt with during the course of the meeting.
11-098.2 The Clerk presented his draft budget for the financial year to 31st March 2013 which was agreed by Council. It was agreed that the Precept Request for 2012-2013 would be agreed at the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**
11-098.3 Payment of the following accounts was approved:-
 Dean Landscapes Ltd Grass cutting £95.00 + VAT £19.00 Total £114.00
 Green Gardens £120 Security two months, Village Hall Maintenance twelve weeks £112.50, Total £262.50.

Planning and Highways

11-099 **Planning**

Council considered the following application which were both recommended for approval:-

11-099.1 Proposed conservatory to existing dwelling 94 Linton Woods Linton on Ouse YO30 2TF Mr & Mrs Rush.

11-099.2 Application for listed Building Consent for the installation of 2 sets of access steps and safety rails. Linton Locks YO30 2AZ British Waterways.

Highways

Cllrs. noted that work had commenced on the new cycleway to the Primary School.

Correspondence

- 11-100** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed the following actions:-
 E-mail from Cllr. Patmore re N. Yorks. Bus Services. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
 Clerks & Councils Direct. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
 Country Air Autumn 2011. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.
 Lloyds TSB Changes to Banking. To circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

New Items

- 11-101** *11-101.1* It was confirmed that there were three candidates for co-option to the Parish Council and following discussion, on the proposition of Cllr. Gregson seconded by Cllr. Johnson it was agreed that Mrs Judith Keegan of Beechtree Court be invited to join the Council. Clerk to notify all candidates accordingly. **(Action Clerk)**.
11-101.2 Cllr. Croft informed the meeting that he had made further enquiries regarding tree planting for the Queen's Jubilee and grants were available for batches of 105 trees. Council agreed that Cllr. Croft complete the necessary application for grant on behalf of Council for 105 trees suitable for wildlife. **(Action Cllr. Croft)**.

11-102 **Playing Field and Village Hall**

11-102.1 Playing Field Committee. Cllr. Croft informed Council that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Playing Field Committee but he had discussed with them in general terms the annual costs associated with the playground. There was to be a ladies pampering night on the 25th November and all the tables available for suppliers etc had been sold.

11-102.2 The Clerk read a letter from Ms Beverly Fielding requesting to use playing field for an exercise class from January 2012. Whilst expressing some concerns regarding the time of the proposed class i.e. Sundays at 10am it was agreed that this was a matter for the Village Hall Committee and the Playground Committee. The Clerk was requested to pass copies of the letter to both committees. **(Action Clerk)**.

11-102.3 Four members of the Village Hall Committee joined the meeting. Mrs Pat Hunter, Chair of the Village Hall Committee was invited to speak. She explained that an internal wall had been built by the owner of School House across the porch of the joint entrance shared by the Village Hall and School House. This effectively blocked the doorways to the Village Hall at both the front and back of the porch thus denying the hall any access to their premises through the porch. A letter had been sent to Mr Brooks the owner of School House giving him seven days to remove the wall otherwise injunctive proceedings would be instigated. The Solicitor acting initially for the Village Hall had informed the committee that any legal proceedings would have to be instigated by the Parish Council

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as trustees of the hall and if an injunction was to be effected it would have to be done quickly. The Clerk was requested to investigate the position with regard to insurance on legal fees. **(Action Clerk)**. The Solicitor who was acting, who was also a Barrister, specialising in property matters, had agreed to act on a pro bono basis up to the commencement of any court action, after which fees would be incurred. Cllr. Marston thanked Mrs Hunter for her report. He informed Council that he had initially been asked to mediate in the dispute, but, as Chairman and therefore a Trustee of the hall, he would be precluded from doing so. Mrs Hunter agreed to keep Council informed of any subsequent actions or information. **(Action Chair Village Hall)**.

Mrs Stringer, Secretary to the Village Hall, requested that a Parish Council representative be appointed to the Village Hall Committee, Cllr. Croft agreed to take the position.

Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda

11-103 Minor Matters.

Cllr. Marston stated that he would defiantly attend next year's Montcony Memorial Service and would support the proposed working party.

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

To consider request for funding from CDW RAF Linton.

To agree Precept request to H.D.C. for the year to 31st March 2013

Chairman's Closing Remarks

11-104 He thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Items for Circulation

Information from War Memorials Trust, Appeal for funds RAF Youth Project, Correspondence at 11-100. Copy of Letter re Village Hall dispute from Chair of Hall to the owner of School House.

Items re Montcony.

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 13th December 2011.