LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Bramma, Croft, Gregson & Keegan. W. Frost (Clerk), County Cllr. Patmore, P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton) Patrick Lewis-Brown (Community Development Officer R.A.F. Linton) & two members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

12-062 None received

Declaration of Interest

12-063 Cllrs. Bramma & Keegan declared interests under 12-073 as family members wished to apply for or had applied for affordable housing in the village.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

12-064 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th July 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

12-065 Public Forum

Mrs. Calaminus thanked the Parish Council for their further interest in the problems relating to sewerage and storm water and reported that all had been well up to early July when there had been a reoccurrence of the problem of suction in her toilet bowls indicating a problem in the system once again. Yorkshire Water had informed her that there was some evidence of fat in the system but had not identified where; they were to treat the system with an enzyme. She requested that the Council write to Yorkshire Water asking where the problem was, why it was happening and if the culprit had been identified. She also expressed concerns about the possibility of a further 20 houses being added under the affordable housing scheme and whether the sewerage system could cope with the addition. Council agreed to write to Yorkshire Water and to raise the question of capacity of the system with Broadacres. (Action Clerk). Mrs. Kirby raised the matter of flooding in the village and that there could be a blockage in front of their property. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact H.D.C. and N.Y.C.C. to see if the problem could be resolved. Cllr. Gregson reported that there was a similar problem at the entrance to Grange Garth. (Action Clerk). Mrs. Kirby informed the Council that the pole that supplied the light on Mill Lane and stood in Mill Farm's orchard was rotten and was to be replaced by the electricity supply company. She understood that this pole was subject to a peppercorn rent from the Parish Council.

Mrs. Calaminus left the meeting.

County Councillor's Report

12-066

Cllr. Patmore presented her report and informed Council that there had been a full County Council on the 18^{th} July where it was agreed that there would be a full restructuring of the Management Board of N.Y.C.C. with the posts of Director of Finance and Central Services and that of Assistant Chief Executives being merged into a new post of Corporate Director. The other three Directors would remain in post. It was anticipated that the change would result in savings of £175K per annum. 2011/2012 had shown savings of £27.271M on top of the budgeted £67M so effectively the proposed savings of £17 million this year had already effectively been made. A new Youth Justice Service Plan had been agreed and £2M had been granted for highways and footpath maintenance and each County Cllr. had been given £25,000 to use in their own division on a maintenance project. A new Standards Regime had been adopted and Cllr. Patmore would serve on the Standards Board. Finally Cllr. Patmore informed the meeting that new legislation for the adoption of children would come into force on the 1^{st} September.

District Councillor's Report

12-067 In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

RAF Liaison Officer's Report

12-068

W.C. Owen reported that a considerable number of personnel were away at the Olympics and Paralympics and would be until October. The recent good weather had enabled the students to catch up on their flying programme and two courses were now scheduled to graduate in September and two next March. The C.O. was keen to push a speed awareness course and driving on the camp was being more strictly controlled. A Community Covenant bid had been received for the Kyle Valley Scout Group for a new scout hut and it had received the necessary local approval. W.C.

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Owens confirmed that he would be reposted in November and that his replacement would be in post at the end of October.

P. Lewis Brown informed the meeting that summer youth activities were currently running three days per week and local families had been involved.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

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12-069.1 The Clerk presented his general report and the financial report to June 2012 which was approved by Council. He also reported on his attendance at the H.D.C. Area Forum and that the necessary statutory notices for a replacement Cllr. had been displayed. A copy of the proposed ward boundaries would be included in the circulation file.

12.069.2 Council approved payment of the following accounts.

Green Gardens £40.00 Village Hall maintenance.

Information Commissioner £35.00

Standing Orders for Staff Salaries/Wages in the sum of £391.05 for the month were also confirmed. It was noted that Mrs Kirby had not been paid for the flowers for the Cairn although it had been approved at a previous meeting. Payment was therefore made.

The following payment previously made was approved.

Farm & Land Services £198.00 + Vat £39.60 £237.60.

£9.00 was received from sale of Jubilee Mugs.

Planning and Highways

12-070 Planning

No item.

Highways

Council considered possible locations for the speed matrix camera to be used and agreed two locations, near the entrance to Grange Garth and by Linton Meadows subject to discussion with the operators of the equipment.

Correspondence

12-071 The Clerk report

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

H.D.C. Update July 2012.

Community Resilience Speed Training Event.

N.Y.C.C. Highways update.

Notice of Chose2Reuse Fair.

Lloyds TSB Changes to Charging.

New Items

12-072 None.

12-073 Affordable Housing

It was agreed that a meeting with the Rural Housing Enabler, Broadacres and possibly the Architect would be held in the Village Hall on the 4th September at 4pm to discuss the Council's concerns with regard to the development.. Cllr. Croft agreed to arrange. (Action Cllr. Croft) The Clerk to book the Village Hall. (Action Clerk).

12-074 Playing Field & Village Hall

12-074.1 The surveyor acting on behalf of the Parish Council in the dispute with the owners of School House had requested sight of the original deeds. Advice had been received that the only original document relating to the sale would be the conveyance of which he already had a copy. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a copy of the land registry documents for School House to try and resolve the issue. (Action Clerk). It was further agreed that the Clerk would now forward the letter detailing the dispute to the vendor's solicitors.

12-074.2 The Clerk reported that he had been notified by Cllrs. that the playing field grass cutting had been unsatisfactory in recent weeks. He had contacted the contractor who had explained that because of the wet conditions it had proved difficult to provide a satisfactory service. Cllrs.

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considered alternative ways and means to achieve a good surface for the playing field but no formal conclusion was reached. It was reported that there was ragwort growing in the woodland corner which should be removed.

A price for cutting the hedges had been obtained but the person who had been requested to cut the inaccessible areas had declined the work. It was agreed that Farm and Land Services and Bartlett Tree Experts be requested to quote for the entire work.

12-075 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda Minor Matters.

Agenda Items Next Meeting. No items.

12-076 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Items for Circulation

Items at 12-071.

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 11th September 2012 at 7.45pm