

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.45 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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**Present**

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Brama, 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), N Goodridge (Prospective Cllr.) and one member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

12-077 None received

**Declaration of Interest**

12-078 Cllrs. Brama &amp; Keegan declared interests under 12-089 as family members wished to apply for or had applied for affordable housing in the village and Cllr. Marston as an applicant for a property.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**12-079 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.**Co-option of New Councillor**

12-080 Cllrs. noted that there was only one application for the vacancy on Council and agreed that Neil Goodridge be co-opted as a new councillor. Mr Goodridge completed the necessary Consent to Act Form and joined the Council.

**12-081 Public Forum**

Mrs. Jan Jauncey reported on her visit to Wallingford on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 for the memorial service for 426 Squadron crew who died in a crash near the village in 1944. She commented that in 2014 it would be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash and she hoped that representation from the Parish Council could attend that year. She also confirmed that she would be attending the memorial service in Montcony on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and that there would be a total of 4 persons representing Linton at the service. She had made the necessary arrangements to present a white rose bush to the village for their memorial garden. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Jauncey for representing the Parish Council at the services. Mrs. Jauncey left the meeting.

**County Councillor's Report**12-082 Cllr. Patmore informed the meeting that Cynthia Welbourn the director of Children's Services had retired and it would be a great loss to the County Council. The repairs to the road surface water drains had been carried out in the village and Highways Dept were also doing some work on the surface water drainage. Cllr. Gregson requested that Cllr. Patmore ask Highways to try and find a solution to the problem of surface water standing at the corner of Grange Garth after rain. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).****District Councillor's Report**

12-083 In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

**RAF Liaison Officer's Report**12-084 W.C. Owen reported that this would be his last meeting as he was shortly to be posted to Kabul in Afghanistan. However his replacement Tony Elliot would be in post from 29<sup>th</sup> October. He stated that personnel were still involved with the Olympics although about 50% of the staff involved had returned and the camp was now trying to organise leave for those that had missed scheduled leave in the summer. Flying training was ahead of schedule and the next graduation was on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The latest course to start only had two pupils on it. The closure of Church Fenton had been agreed but not the actual date of closure and the University Squadron based there would move to either Linton or Robin Hood Airport. Some £90K had been spent on refurbishing the children's nursery on camp, the funding coming mainly from outside grants.

Council thanked W.C. Paul Owen for his contribution to Council over the last 20 months and wished him well on his new posting to Kabul. The Chairman presented him with a small token of appreciation for his assistance during his stay at Linton. Wing Commander Owen left the meeting.

P. Lewis Brown informed the meeting that the summer youth activities had gone very well and there had been good feedback. The Youth Club was to restart next week and two youth workers had been given contracts.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

12-085 12-085.1 The Clerk gave his general report and informed the meeting that he had written to

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Yorkshire Water once again regarding the sewerage problems and had received a verbal acknowledgement but nothing more. He had also completed the speed matrix request and again was waiting for a response.

*12.085.2* Council approved payment of the following account:-

Green Gardens £40.00 Village Hall maintenance.

Standing Orders for Staff Salaries/Wages in the sum of £391.05 for the month were also confirmed.

The Clerk also requested that Messrs Mazars the auditors be paid the sum of £120.00 + Vat £24.00

Total £144.00 which would be due before the next meeting. Council acceded to the request.

**Planning and Highways**

**12-086 Planning**

No item.

**Highways**

No items.

**Correspondence**

**12-087** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

Audit Commission re Change of Auditors.

Brochure Komplan Playgrounds.

Notice of H.D.C. Area Forum 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine September 2012.

Invitation to join Fields in Trust.

**New Items**

**12-088** *12.088.1* The Clerk informed Council that the insurance renewal quotation for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013 had been received in the sum of £550.55 and apart from playground equipment, sums insured were deemed adequate. However it appeared that the equipment previously installed by the playground committee, was currently uninsured and it was agreed that cover should be taken in the total sum of £70,000 an increase of £62,790 on current insured values and an increase in premium estimated to be £286.00. The Clerk was authorised to proceed with the renewal and payment of the premium. **(Action Clerk).**

*12.088.2* Mrs Jauncey had provided the details of the visit and it was agreed that Council would meet the cost of the purchase of a memorial rose for Montcony Village.

**12-089 Affordable Housing**

Cllr. Croft gave a resume of the meeting with the Rural Housing Enabler, Broadacres and the Nominated Contractors when concerns had been expressed regarding the lower specification of the proposed Linton properties compared with the affordable housing at Newton on Ouse. Broadacres responded that all affordable housing was now built to code3 whereas at Newton the properties had been built to code4 as the available grants then had been higher than at present. Up to 5 properties could be offered for shared ownership but if not sold within 6 months they would be made available to rent. The Parish Council also expressed concerns that no bungalows were included in the scheme and Broadacres agreed to readdress the issue before the development commenced. Sewerage and drainage issues were also discussed and it was confirmed by Broadacres that no surface water would enter the foul water system from the development and that assurance would be obtained from Yorkshire Water that the foul water system was adequate to sustain the development.

**12-090 Playing Field & Village Hall**

*12090.1* The Clerk reported that he had now received from the purchaser of School House an assurance by email that he accepted the boundary to be 3ft 5" from the gable end of School House into the porch and that the dispute was therefore resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the vendor's solicitor, the surveyor and Kelly Kirby to inform them of the position. It was further agreed that gift vouchers be purchased as a thank you to Mrs Kirby for her pro bono help in this matter. **(Actions Clerk).**

*12090.1* The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the contractors regarding hedge cutting on the

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playing field and was to arrange a meeting shortly.

Concern was expressed by Cllrs. that following the demise of the playing field committee the responsibility for the management of the playing field appeared, at the moment, to be entirely with the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee and other interested parties be invited to meet to try and resolve the situation. The Clerk was requested to determine the legal issues and inspection requirements and produce a report before any further action be taken.

**(Action Clerk).**

**12-091 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**Minor Matters.**

None.

**Agenda Items Next Meeting.**

No items.

**12-092 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

**Items for Circulation**

Items at 12-087.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm**