

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Croft, Goodridge, Gregson & Keegan. County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke, W. Frost (Clerk), and three members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

12-093 Cllr. Bramma & Patrick Lewis-Brown (Community Development Officer R.A.F. Linton.)

Declaration of Interest

12-094 None declared.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

12-095 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Forum

12-096 Mrs. Calaminus informed the meeting that she was disappointed with the latest response from Yorkshire Water; the letter of 11th Sept. She informed the meeting that over the summer there had been a 30% build up of fats in the system and following treatment it had taken 4 weeks to clear. It had been hoped to carry out a camera survey in September but this had had to be postponed because the water flow was too high. No response had been made regarding storm water. Mrs. Calaminus left the meeting. Mrs. Stringer (Village Hall Booking Sec.) enquired of the Council the current position regarding the porch between the Village Hall and School House as it was hoped to apply for a large grant in November to fund the disabled access, the work on the roof and the front entrance. Council confirmed that the dispute had been resolved and there was no difficulty in proceeding with the application. It was agreed at the request of the Village Hall Committee that Cllrs. Croft and Bramma would review the quotations for the grant application work before the application was submitted. **(Action Cllrs. Croft & Bramma)** Mrs. Stringer requested that thanks to Cllr. Keegan be recorded for organizing a fund raising team who were to hold a horse racing night shortly. Mrs. Stringer left the meeting. Ken Thompson requested an update regarding the Newton Bridge closure and the Chairman informed him that this was already an agenda item for discussion later.

County Councillor's Report

12-097 Cllr. Patmore updated Cllrs. and informed them that there was to be a full Council meeting on the 10th where among other items the Capital Plan would be discussed and the financial implications of that plan, appointments to committees and outside bodies would be considered, delegation of powers to the Chief Executive, and the annual report of the Audit Committee. North Yorkshire, York & East Riding Enterprise Partnership had set out its priorities for the future which included support for small businesses support for major growth opportunities, particularly in the potash industry and agricultural innovation and representation at local and national level. A new way of assessing school funding was being introduced by the Government which is causing much concern at County level as many schools will lose substantial amounts of their grants. This was being raised with the appropriate Minister. Linton School would lose £17,153 under the new system in the first year. Cllr. Patmore noted that the bridge closure would be discussed later. The Primary Care Trust budget deficit had increased and it would be necessary to make further cuts to health care provision. N. Yorks was one of the lowest funded areas but had a high proportion of older people whose health care needs are higher. Members continue to lobby MPs to improve this funding. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Patmore for her report.

District Councillor's Report

12-098 Cllr. Rooke gave details of the ward boundary changes that, although not finalised, proposed a new ward, South Hambleton which would come into being at the next election in three year time and that there would be two Councillors to cover a much enlarged area previously covered by 3.5 Councillors so the work load would increase dramatically. The ward would cover from Shipton in the South to Brandsby and Crake in the North. Additional funding had been made available for the Council's Apprentice Scheme which was aimed at unemployed 18 to 24 year olds. The Scrutiny Committee had been examining leisure facilities in the District and had determined that the subsidy provided by H.D.C. amounted to 1p per person per visit so the facilities were almost self supporting.

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Cllr. Rooke was to attend a training course on travellers sites and informed the meeting that Meadowside in Linton was still designated as a travellers site. Cllrs. expressed concern at this information and requested the Clerk to contact H.D.C. to endeavour to have this designation removed. **(Action Clerk).**

RAF Liaison Officer's Report

12-099 In the absence of RAF personnel no report received.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

12-100 *12-100.1* The Clerk presented his verbal general report and written financial report. It was noted that there was a significant saving on insurance, the actual charge being much lower than budget. Other costs were much in line with budgeted figures. Total balances amounted to £15914.41 at the end of September.

12.100.2 Council recorded receipt of the second tranche of precept £5500.00.

12.100.3 The Clerk confirmed that insurance cover on Playground Equipment had been increased to £70,000.00 and that all other risks had been insured at the sums agreed.

12.100.4 Council noted the renewal of registration under Data Protection Act 1998.

12.100.5 Council approved payment of the following accounts:-

Revenue & Customs. Tax on Salaries £145.10.

Clerks Expenses July-Sept £179.39.

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.

Planning and Highways

12-101 **Planning**

12-101.1 It was agreed to circulate the information received regarding Allerton Park Incinerator.

(Action Clerk).

Highways

Cllr. Patmore updated Council on the on damage to the roadway and Kyle Bridge following the floods. Although she had been unable to obtain a definite timetable it was likely that the bridge would be closed for up to 3 months as the repair was a major job and even utility pipes had been exposed and could have suffered damage. Comment was made that pressure must be maintained on the Highways Dept to complete the work as expeditiously as possible because of the effect on local businesses, farms and the RAF. Concerns were also expressed regarding the adequacy of information and diversion signs erected and the Clerk was requested to contact Highways to discuss. **(Action Clerk).**

12-101.2 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received information from the Footpaths Officer regarding future access to Youlton Bridleway. He had suggested that the present locks be replaced with combination locks. This would it was agreed be an acceptable solution. Clerk to contact Footpaths Officer. **(Action Clerk).**

12-101.3 The Clerk reported that he had received no further information regarding the use of the Speed Matrix Equipment in the village.

12-101.3 The Clerk also confirmed that he had received a response regarding the overgrown condition of the footpath along Linton Woods Lane to the School and work would be carried out to improve the width of the footpath.

Correspondence

12-102 The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

Letter "Local Works" re community decline.

Emails from Safer Neighbourhoods re local incidents.

Yorkshire Water re Sewers.

New Items

12-103 *12.103.1* Council agreed to authorise payment for four Poppy Wreaths at a cost of £64.00 and the Chairman confirmed the arrangements for Armistice Day on 11th November 2012.

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12-104 Affordable Housing

Cllr. Rooke informed the meeting that additional site survey work had taken place and that test bore holes had been drilled to a depth of 60ft. These had confirmed that the site would require properties to be built on concrete rafts at an additional cost of approximately £10,000 per property. Funding was available for this additional cost. Rainwater recovery systems would be installed to the properties and a collection pond developed at the rear of the properties for roadway surface water. Cllr. Gregson expressed disquiet at the additional cost and wondered if there would be a cost benefit even at this stage of using an alternative site. Agreed Clerk contact Rural Housing Enabler. **(Action Clerk).**

12-105 Playing Field & Village Hall

12.105.1 The Clerk had circulated information on possible future management arrangements for Playing Field and informed the meeting that he was currently awaiting a response from Y.L.C.C. to several queries.

12.105.2 It was noted that the Playing Field hedge still hadn't been cut and the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter. It was further agreed that the possibility of maintaining the area around the play equipment to a higher standard than that currently achieved be investigated. **(Cllr. Rooke & Clerk to implement).** It was further agreed that Cllrs. would try and organise personally the removal of ragwort from the playing field. **(Action Cllrs.).**

12.105.3 The Clerk had forwarded the gift voucher to Kelly Kirby and the dispute was now considered closed. No response had been received from the surveyor regarding a partial site survey of the Village Hall and Cllr. Croft agreed to contact him again. **(Action Cllr. Croft).**

12-106 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**Minor Matters.**

12-106.1 Cllrs. Expressed disquiet regarding use of the RAF firing range particularly on a Sunday morning by cadets and Cllr. Marston agreed to speak to the C.O. at RAF Linton. **(Action Cllr. Marston).**

12-106.2 The Clerk informed members that he would raise the matter of a litter bin for the western end of Jauncey Way with HDC once again. **(Action Clerk).**

12-106.3 Cllr. Rooke informed the meeting that work on the field drain close to the entrance to Linton Woods Lane would be carried out shortly and this would alleviate the problem of the road flooding in front of the bus stop.

12-106.4 Cllr. Patmore advised Cllrs. that the latest proposals for Broadband in North Yorkshire should ensure that 100% of residents enjoyed at least 2mg download speed within a year and 90% should enjoy 25mg.

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

No items.

12-107 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Items for Circulation

Allerton Park Incinerator. Information. Items at 12-102..

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