

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Brama, Croft, Goodridge, Gregson & Keegan, County Cllr. Patmore, Tony Elliott-Maybe ((O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), Patrick Lewis-Brown (Community Development Officer R.A.F. Linton), W. Frost (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

12-123 District Cllr. Rooke.

Declaration of Interest

12-124 Cllr. Croft declared a personal interest in item 12-130.3 as a relative of the payee.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

12-125 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2012 having been previously circulated were approved, subject to amending the date of the Christmas Spirit event under item 12-120 to the 22nd December 2012. The minutes were subsequently signed by the Chairman.

12-126 Public Forum

Both members of the public commented that they had attended to hear the reports on the bridge closure.

County Councillor's Report

12-127 Cllr. Patmore agreed that the item on Kyle Bridge Repairs (12.131.1) be advanced in the agenda and form part of her report. She confirmed that there had been further significant delays on the work due to further flooding and it was now unlikely that the work would be finished before Christmas. Cllrs. expressed concerns that there were periods of inactivity at the work site and with the additional costs falling on local businesses it was essential that the work was completed as expeditiously as possible. The condition of the diversion road, particularly from Aldwark Bridge to Linton was also a matter of great concern and Cllrs. pressed Cllr. Patmore to ensure that this was repaired to a high standard once the bridge was reopened. It was suggested that a one way system be operated with traffic flowing in one direction from the Tollerton Road to Linton via Youlton and returning via Aldwark to the Tollerton Road. Cllr. Patmore agreed to take Council's concerns to the Highways Dept. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

Cllr. Patmore gave details of cuts and spending within the County Council as follows:-

The Authority is required by Government to make a further saving over the next two years of £22m. This was increased by the Chancellor in his budget Statement on the 5 December by a further £2.5m, making a total saving in 2013/14 of £24.5m. NYCC has already, over the last two years, made savings of over £100m.

The present spend on the main services in the Authority is as follows:

- Older People = £55m
- Children's Social Care = £34m
- Waste Management = £26m
- Learning Disabilities = £37m
- Home to School Transport = £21m
- Highway Maintenance = £21m
- Supporting People = £14m
- Youth Service = £7m
- Winter Maintenance = £7m
- Care Assessment = £11m
- Children's Integrated Services = £7m
- Concessionary Fares = £9m
- Physical & Sensory Impairment = £8m
- Schools' Quality & Improvement = £5m
- Public Transport = £7m
- Mental Health = £6m
- Disabled Children's Services = £4m
- Trading Standards = £3m

Library Service = £7m

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The draft Settlement from Government is expected somewhere between the 19 and 21 December 2012. Until this time the actual Budget for the next year will not be known.

A new Director of Children & Young People's Services has just been appointed and will be Helen Watson, who is coming to NYCC from South Tyneside. Cynthia Welbourn is retiring at Christmas after having been at the County Council for well over 30 years and holding the position of Director of Schools and C&YPS for 17 years. She will be very much missed.

Cllr. Patmore also stated that the final full council of this year will be held on Wednesday, 19th December 2012

District Councillor's Report

12-128 In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received

RAF Liaison Officer's Report

12-129 Wg.Cdr Elliott –Maybe informed the meeting that the training programme was up to date and a new flying training course was due to start in January. Various groups of foreign nationals were also on camp to receive training. No formal decision had yet been made regarding Church Fenton and it was likely that it would be February before any decision was announced. The application for a grant to the village hall under the Community Covenant scheme had been approved locally and passes to the next level of authorisation. Flying would cease on the 14th December for Christmas and would resume in early January. The OAP's and children's parties had been held in the last few days. The Chairman requested the thanks of all who attended the OAP's party be passed to the Station Commander. Patrick Lewis Brown gave a short report on the Easingwold & Villages Forum meeting held last week. He had made a request for funding for next year's activity programme and the Clerk confirmed that this would be brought to the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

12-130 *12-130.1* The Clerk presented his verbal general report, including information from the Easingwold & Villages Forum meeting on the 6th Dec. Items discussed had included Emergency Planning for Parishes and a paper on the subject together with a Community Resilience Scheme had been presented. It was agreed that the information on the scheme be circulated. **(Action Clerk).** The County Council was currently conducting a review of Extra Care Costs and Hambleton Council's Scrutiny Committee was proposing to Cabinet that the formal Area Forums be abolished in their present form and support given to the more informal Community Forums. He had also been notified that the County Council had commenced a Budget Consultation and he would include details in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk).**

The Clerk confirmed that he had notified H.D.C. of the Council's precept requirements for 2013-2014. He had also been contacted about a Rowan Tree on River View that needed to be removed as it had died and was beginning to lean and had agreed that the work be done.

12.130.2 The Clerk reported that Lloyds TSB were now offering a system of authorisation of payments by Internet Banking for Parish Councils. Council agreed that the Clerk make arrangements to obtain the necessary documentation. **(Action Clerk).**

12.130.3 Council approved payment of the following accounts:-

D Croft Web site hosting etc year to 31.12.2012 £150.00

Farm & Land Services Grass Cutting £294.00 V.A.T. £58.80 Total £352.80

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

12.130.4 Cllrs received copies of revised Standing and Financial Orders together with copies of the Code of Conduct for Cllrs. and Complaints Procedure and it was agreed that these be reviewed and confirmed at the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

Planning and Highways

12-131 **Planning**

No items.

Highways

12.131.1 Kyle Bridge Repairs, previously discussed under 12-127

The Clerk reported that various minor matter had been raised recently including:-

A resident of the Parish had once again raised the matter of the use of a double decker bus for

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transport of pupils to Easingwold School. Council noted the correspondence and agreed to circulate for information. **(Action Clerk).**

Concerns had also been raised by a resident over the footpath from Jauncey Way along Linton Woods Lane and it was recorded that Highways Dept had already agreed to cut back the overgrown tarmac surface to improve the width of the path. Cllr. Patmore agreed to discuss the matter with Highways to see if any further work could be done. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

Details of a consultation concerning the speed limits for H.G.V.s on single track roads had been received and it was agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

It was also noted that the Footpaths Officer for N.Y.C.C. had agreed to provide new combination locks for the bridleway from Linton Woods to Youlton. However concrete blocks had been placed in the centre of the route and the Chairman agreed to speak to the Police Community Support Officer to try and have these removed. **(Action Chairman).** The Clerk to inform the Footpaths Officer. **(Action Clerk).**

A response had also been received regarding the use of the Speed Matrix unit in Linton and it was noted that the deployment of the unit in Linton in September last, had shown that approx 85% of vehicles complied with the limit. Cllrs. questioned the location of the unit for the assessment, which was in the area of the village shop, where parked vehicles usually reduced vehicle speeds. The Clerk was requested to contact the Safety Partnership responsible for the equipment and request that it be redeployed in a different location. **(Action Clerk).**

Following enquiry Highways Dept had confirmed that the diversion route during the closure of Kyle Bridge was being gritted as a Priority 1 route and would continue to be so treated as a priority one route until the road was reopened.

Correspondence

- 12-132** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

NYP Community Messaging Farm Buildings Security
 NYP Community Messaging Bogus Window Cleaners
 Winter Newsletter Rural Housing

New Items

- 12-133** *12.133.1* Council agreed to promote and support a Village Self Help Group to carry out local tasks of benefit to the village and Cllr. Gregson agreed to take this forward. **(Action Cllr. Gregson).**
12.133.2. Arrangements were discussed for the proposed visit to York from Montcony in 2013 and the return visit next October. The Chairman suggested that anyone intending to visit in 2013 liaise with Mrs Jauncey and the R.A.F.
12.133.3 Council received the Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Hambleton Draft Recommendations and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

- 12-134** **Affordable Housing**

12.134.1 The Clerk reported that Cllr. Rooke had informed him that there were significant concerns over the ground conditions on the proposed site and that a second opinion to the initial survey was to be sought. No further information was currently available.

12.134.2 Council discussed possible projects for \$106 monies available when the affordable housing project was built and it was agreed that provision of a cover for the school swimming pool and provision of a ride on tractor and ancillary equipment for playing field grass cutting were possible projects. However no decision could be made until the funds available were determined.

- 12-135** **Playing Field & Village Hall**

It was confirmed by Cllr. Keegan that as reported by the RAF a grant application towards the cost of the roof refurbishment had been made to the R.A.F. Community Covenant Fund and following local approval and support had been forwarded to the next stage of approval.

- 12-136** **Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**
Minor Matters.

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Cllr. Croft confirmed that the measured survey of the village hall had been done and the report was anticipated shortly.

Cllr. Brama expressed concerns regarding pedestrians wearing dark clothing at night on unlit roads and wondered if some information was available to make the public aware of the problem. Clerk to investigate. **(Action Clerk).**

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

To approve revised Standing and Financial Orders, Code of Conduct for Cllrs. and review Complaints Procedure.

To consider a request for funding from R.A.F. for next year's children's activity programme.

12-137 Chairman's Closing Remarks

He thanked everyone for their attendance and wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Items for Circulation

Community Resilience Scheme information, details of N.Y.C.C. Budget Consultation web-link, consultation concerning the speed limits for H.G.V.s., email re School Transport, Copy letter re Children's Activities & 2013Items at 12-132

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.30pm