

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Brama, Croft, Goodridge, & Keegan, County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke, 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 8 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

12-138 Cllr. Gregson.

Declaration of Interest

12-139 None Declared.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting12-140 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.**12-141 Public Forum**

All members of the public were all attending to comment and discuss the delays on the work to reopen the Kyle Bridge and the lack of progress; seemingly few contractors or employees being deployed on the site at any one time, which was of great concern. Cllr. Marston invited Cllr. Patmore to update everyone on the latest position but she had little additional information. Various reports were given including that kerbing work at the site indicated that the road width would be reduced when the bridge reopened and that additional drainage work at the site meant that the bridge would not reopen until March 2013; this however had not yet been confirmed. The strength of feeling and dismay at the delays was forcefully voiced and Parish Cllrs., County and District Cllrs. all accepted and acknowledged the concerns. It was agreed that Cllr. Patmore would try to arrange for the Manager of Highways Dept. & Cllr. Gadd (Member responsible for Highways) to attend a Public Meeting to be called for next week so that they could be made aware of the strength of feeling in the Parish and explain to parishioners the delays and lack of focus on the contract. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**. The Clerk suggested that if the meeting could not be arranged the matter be brought to the County Committee for Hambleton on the 28th January next. Comment was also made that signs had appeared on the diversion route indicating that there was damage to the side of the road and enquiry was made if this indicated that the road would be repaired.

It was also reported that the potholes on Linton Woods Lane had deteriorated further and there was a strong possibility that a car would ground if it hit one of the major holes. Cllr. Patmore agreed to once again discuss this with Highways and would bring the matter to any public meeting. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**. The problem of flooding at the corner of Linton Woods Lane was also discussed. Cllr. Rooke said that although he was proposing to carry out drainage work in the adjoining field as soon as possible, this would not resolve the problem until work was carried out by the County Council as he believed the drain under the road had collapsed. A request was made that a footpath be installed from the western end of the village to the bridle way at Fisherman's Walk due to the dangers of traffic. Cllr. Patmore agreed to make the request. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**. All members of the public left the meeting.

County Councillor's Report

12-142 Cllr. Patmore informed the meeting that the newly appointed Director of Children's Services had given back word at the last moment and County were now repeating the process to find a successor for Mrs. Welborne. It was hoped to make an appointment shortly but any appointee would not be in post until at least February. The Government Grant for the following year had been settled and as outlined in last month's report it was expected it would lead to further significant cuts in services. No progress had been made with maintenance and repair work on Jauncey Way.

District Councillor's Report

12-143 Cllr. Rooke reported that there had been Scrutiny Committee meetings today but he had been able to attend only one of the two meetings. The Area Forums in their present form were to be discontinued which was disappointing as he felt they served a useful purpose. A new Planning Manager had been appointed and was in post. The Budget for the following year had been agreed.

RAF Liaison Officer's Report

12-144 Wg.Cdr Elliott-Maybe commenced his report by informing Cllrs. that there had been an "aircraft incident" today when a Tucano had crash landed at the end of the runway at Linton. No-one had

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been injured in the incident but as a matter of course all flying had been stopped and already an Air Accident Investigation was taking place and until the initial results of that enquiry were available there would be no further flying. Flying training had in fact recommenced after the Christmas shutdown only yesterday with a new intake of students.

Patrick Lewis-Brown commented that he had had to supply additional information to progress the Community Covenant Grant for the Village Hall and it was hoped that the grant claim could now be progressed by the end of February. It was hoped that a team from Modern Housing Solutions, who were responsible for maintenance on MOD housing, could assist with the clearing of the Linton Woods Lane footpath when the working party met later in the month.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

- 12-145** 12.145.1 The Clerk presented his verbal general report together with his written financial report which was approved. He had received a response from the Boundary Commission regarding the changes to the Hambleton Cllrs. and he would include it in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk)**.
 12.145.2 Cllrs having been previously circulated with copies of revised Standing and Financial Orders together with copies of the Code of Conduct for Cllrs. and Complaints Procedure formally adopted the documents on the proposition of Cllr. Marston seconded by Cllr. Croft. Carried unanimously.
 12.145.3 Council approved payment of the following accounts:-
 Revenue & Customs Tax on Salaries £142.20.
 Clerks Expenses Oct-Dec £99.50.
 Standing Orders for Staff Salaries/Wages in the sum of £391.05 for the month were also confirmed.

Planning and Highways

- 12-146** **Planning**
 12.146.1 Council noted approval by H.D.C. of the following application:-
 Construction of a replacement storage building. The Green RAF Linton on Ouse. Carillon Enterprise I201941/FUL.
Highways
 12.146.2 Kyle Bridge Repairs having been discussed previously were not considered further. The Clerk informed the meeting that it had proved impossible to obtain keys for the bridleway from Linton Woods Lane to Youlton due to the intransigence of Youlton Parish Council and the land owners. However the N.Y.C.C. Footpaths Officer had been helpful in persuading the land owner to remove the concrete blocks that had been placed in the bridleway. Cllr. Rooke reported that the route was currently almost completely blocked by a disc harrow and he would contact the Footpaths Officer to get this removed. **(Action Cllr. Rooke)**.
 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a Safety Partnership leaflet regarding speeding in villages and he would include it in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk)**.

Correspondence

- 12-147** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk)**.
 H.D.C. re Area Forums Review.
 Rural Action Yorks. Stay Warm leaflet & correspondence.
 H.D.C. letter re Changes to Council Tax Base.
 H.D.C. Update Dec 2012.

New Items

- 12-148** 12.148.1 Council acceded to the request for assistance with funding from R.A.F. Linton for next year's children's activity programme in the sum of £500.00. Clerk to contact the RAF Community Development Worker. **(Action Clerk)**.
 12.148.2 Cllrs. agreed meeting dates for 2013-2014 having been previously circulated.

12-149 **Affordable Housing**

No update available.

12-150 **Playing Field & Village Hall**

Cllr. Keegan informed the meeting that the Christmas Spirit event had been very successful and had

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broken even on cost which had been the intention as it was intended to create goodwill within the village. Patrick Lewis-Brown commented that if the village wished to engage with the RAF they must be pro-active. There was a short discussion of possible events to mark the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of RAF Linton later this year.

The Clerk confirmed that he had not yet received a response from the Playing Fields Committee regarding the possible closure of the committee.

12-151 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda

Minor Matters.

It was noted that the working party to cut back the verge on the Linton Woods Pavement would be held on the 26th January between 9.00am and noon.

Cllr. Croft expressed concern that he had again this morning witnessed children having to cross the main road en block to catch the school bus rather than the bus picking them up on the correct side.

Agenda Items Next Meeting.

None

12-152 Chairman's Closing Remarks

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

Items for Circulation

Safety Partnership leaflet, Items at 12-147.

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7.30pm