

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 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, District Cllr. Rooke, Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Mabey, (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), W. Frost (Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

12-168 Patrick Lewis-Brown.

**Declaration of Interest**

12-169 None Declared.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

12-170 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Public Forum**

12-171 No comments received.

**County Councillor's Report**

12-172 Cllr. Patmore said that the final full council of this four year term was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February as there will be local elections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May of this year. The budget for this year was agreed by the Council at the meeting. For the first time since she had become a councillor in 1997, a deficit budget has been agreed, leaving the sum of £4.6 million to be found from under spends or from reserves. NYCC is required to have reserves of 7% of the net Council funding and the figure that is held at present being £23 million. Council Tax was agreed by all but one political group at a nil increase for this year, and councillors have agreed to take the Government's funding that will increase the sums raised by 1%. Changes to the ratio of funding for the Authority from when Cllr. Patmore first joined the Council were given. Details were:-

1997 = 70% from Government Grants and 30% from Council Tax.

2000 = 50% was raised from Government Grants and 50% from Council.

2013 = 33% from Government Grants and 67% from Council Tax. (Approximate dates and figures).

In order to achieve the necessary savings there have been 1300 redundancies in staff to date.

£875,000 was to be transferred from the Council's reserves to help pay for improvements to drainage on the roads. This work would be prioritised. However overall the Council have agreed that £3 million will be set aside for repairs and maintenance to the road network in the County for this year.

The funding allocation to schools for this financial year has now been sent to the head teachers.

The Council are also to bring in changes to Highway Parking and this will mean restrictions on parking outside schools. It will become a civil offence and anyone violating the restrictions could be fined. She confirmed that the funding for the Allerton Park Incinerator had been withdrawn by Central Government.

**District Councillor's Report**

12-173 Cllr. Rooke informed the meeting that it had been a Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> February and the leader Cllr. Huxtable had resigned at that meeting. An election would be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> to appoint a new leader and revised committees would be appointed in May. There would be no increase in the Hambleton D.C. element of the Council Tax for 2013-2014. Increases in car parking charges for Northallerton had been confirmed at that meeting. The Scrutiny Committee was examining the operation of Council run markets in the District and one outcome was that Market Supervisors were to be issued with uniforms so that they could be readily identified when markets were in progress. The new refuse vehicles purchased by Hambleton were now in operation.

**RAF Liaison Officer's Report**

12-174 Wg.Cdr Elliott –Maybe reported that flying had recommenced on the 28<sup>th</sup> February following the grounding of Tucancos after the earlier air accident and that currently there were 5 flying courses in progress and in addition one helicopter course. Evening flying was being held this week with night flying next week. The RAF had not yet been informed as to the future operation of Church Fenton and a decision was now anticipated after Easter. Senior RAF personnel were scheduled to visit the station shortly and the C.O. would shortly be sending out invitations to the Spring Reception. There was to be a celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of RAF Linton on the 10<sup>th</sup> August

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2013 and invitations onto camp would be sent to villagers. A short discussion regarding an email to Cllr. Patmore from a Linton resident ensued regarding aircraft failures and a request for changes to flying patterns. It was agreed that the matter required no further action as there had been no flying when the incidents were said to have occurred. Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Maybe left the meeting.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

**12-175** 12.175.1 The Clerk gave his verbal report to Council and reported on his attendance at the February meeting of the Easingwold and Villages Forum. He also informed Cllrs. of the changes to PAYE reporting which come into effect in April and on the "Warmer Together" programme for disadvantaged people. It was agreed he would circulate the referral form for information. **(Action Clerk)**.

12.175.2 Council received details of the 2013/14 Precept Calculation of Band D charge for Linton from H.D.C. and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

12.175.3 Payment of the following accounts was approved:-

Linton Village Hall Room Rent to March 2013. £156.00

Jon Reid Surveyor £300.00 + VAT ££60.00

Revenue & Customs £299.25

Salaries Standing Order £237.20 for the month was also confirmed.

£30 was received by the Clerk from the sale of Jubilee Mugs.

The Clerk confirmed that no significant variations to annual wage/salaries had occurred in the year and no annual adjustments were necessary for the year to 31.03.2013.

**Planning and Highways**

**12-176** **Planning**

12.176.1 Council received N.Y.C.C. Update on Minerals & Waste Development Framework Feb 2013 and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk)**.

The Clerk also reported that he had received an application for a two and single storey extension and loft conversion at Sunrise View Main St Linton but that the application had been received too late to be included in this meeting. The Clerk would respond to the application under his delegated powers and include the application for approval at the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**.

Cllrs. also commented on the quality of the extension being built at 14 Main St Linton by P Watson and the Clerk was requested to write a letter to Mr. Watson expressing the Council's appreciation as to the quality of the work. **(Action Clerk)**.

**Highways**

12.176.1 Cllr. Rooke informed Cllrs. that the meeting arranged to discuss drainage problems under the highway at Linton Woods Lane corner had been cancelled at short notice and had now been re-arranged for the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. Rooke hoped that the field drainage work adjacent to Linton Woods Lane would be completed by then. Cllr. Patmore had attended a meeting with Nigel Smith (Area 2 Highways Director) and County Cllr. Sowrey and subsequent to that meeting work had been carried out to repair the worst of the potholes along the Linton Woods Lane.

12.176.3 The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Leeds Amalgamated Anglers and also the Police regarding parking on pavements in village, particularly Jauncey Way. The Police had agreed to monitor the situation. Currently vehicles appeared to be parking on the roadway and it was possible the problem had been resolved.

12.176.4 The Clerk informed Cllrs. that the Community Safety Partnership had agreed to use Data Loggers to record speeds of vehicles in the village and the Parish Council would be informed of the results. Cllr. Croft confirmed that the data loggers had already been deployed.

12.176.5 The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Footpaths Officer concerning the ongoing blockage of the Linton to Youlton bridleway and he understood that the Footpaths Officer would take further remedial action.

12.176.6 The Clerk had also contacted the Footpaths Officer and Highways to see if a footway could be established between the south side of Half moon Street and Fishermans Walk. No response had yet been received.

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**Correspondence**

**12-177** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

E-mail re Events for Armed Forces Day.  
 Local & Family History Day.  
 Police & Crime Commissioner Consultation.  
 Leaflet, Sovereign Play Equipment.  
 Leaflet , Memorial Cleaning.  
 N.Y. Forum Streetlink re Homeless People.  
 Clerk & Councils Direct March 2013.  
 Came & Co Insurers Spring Newsletter.

**New Items**

**12-178** 12.178.1The Chairman confirmed the arrangements for V.E. Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.45am. Clerk to contact School etc. **(Action Clerk).**

12.178.2 Arrangements for the Mitchener Award were also confirmed and the Clerk was requested to arrange publication of details in the Parish Magazine. **(Action Clerk).**

12.178.3 Cllr. Marston outlined details of the visit by Montcony to the York area on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and confirmed that an ad hoc committee of mainly none Council persons would make the necessary arrangements.

**12-179** **Affordable Housing**

District Cllr. Rooke updated Cllrs. on the sub-soil problems on the proposed site and informed Cllrs. that there was a small layer of peat at a depth of 4 metres that because of fears of it drying out would necessitate all the houses being built on rafts or piles and it was considered that this would increase costs by up to £250,000 and if funding were not available for this cost could lead to a reduction in the number of houses built. Broadacres had stated that they would not look at the alternative sites. Cllr. Gregson stated that he wished to see the other shortlisted sites in Linton reconsidered to avoid at least some of the additional costs and he would be contacting Cllr. M Robson (Cabinet Member for Housing H.D.C.) on a personal basis. It was agreed that the Clerk would write on behalf of the Parish Council to the various interested parties expressing concern at the additional cost. **(Action Clerk).**

**12-180** **Playing Field & Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that he had not received any further information from the Playing Fields Committee regarding the closure of the Committee but it was hoped that the matter could be resolved shortly.

Cllr Gregson expressed concern that certain areas of the village were looking unkempt and scruffy and he wondered if a person could be employed to carry out cleaning and tidying up duties. He had no complaint regarding litter in the village as D Pattison did an excellent job in that respect. He mentioned Jauncey Way as an instance of his concerns where weeds were smothering the hedge planted alongside the fence. The Clerk stated that there was nothing in the budget to cover the expense of employing someone. There followed a discussion concerning the possibility of a volunteer group taking on the tasks. Cllr. Gregson to investigate. **(Action Cllr. Gregson).**

A short discussion on the arrangements for grass cutting was held and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek further information. **(Action Clerk).**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Image Playgrounds regarding a replacement seat for the Zip Wire but had not yet received a response.

**12-181** **Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**Minor Matters.**

Cllr. Croft informed the meeting that once again he had today observed school children being dropped on the wrong side of the road by the school bus and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact N.Y.C.C. to express the Council's concern. **(Action Clerk).**

**Agenda Items Next Meeting.**

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**12-182**

**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Cllr. Marston thanked everyone for their attendance, reminded Cllrs. of the informal meeting with Newton Parish Council on Thursday evening, the 14<sup>th</sup>, and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

**Items for Circulation**

"Warmer Together" referral form, Precept Calculation of Band D, N.Y.C.C. Update on Minerals & Waste Development Framework, Items at 12-177.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm**