

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.00 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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**Present**

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Croft, Goodridge & Keegan. M Watson (Prospective Cllr.), County Cllr. Patmore, P. Lewis Brown (RAF CDW).M Lumsdon (RAF MCO), W. Frost (Clerk), and one member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

13-094 Cllr. Bramma

**Declaration of Interest**

13-095 Cllr. Marston declared an ordinary interest in agenda item 13-103.2 as a resident of Linton Woods Lane.

**13-096 Co-Option of Councillor to Parish Council**

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Cllr. Croft Mark Watson, School House Linton was co-opted to the Council The necessary consent to act form was completed. The Chairman welcomed Mr Watson to the Council.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

13-097 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**13-098 Public Forum**

Mrs. Kirby reported that Mrs. Stringer was unable to attend the meeting but that she had sent information that the Celtic Cross for the apex of the roof had been ordered today and that the roofers had also arranged for a delivery of slates today. The delays to completion of the project had in part been caused by circumstances beyond the control of the contractor but finalization was now scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Mrs. Kirby also informed Council that the Countryside Stewardship Scheme had now ended and that because the footpath through to Hall Garth Ings was only a permissive one it would be necessary to close the path on occasion by locking the kissing gate so that it did not become a public footpath. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Kirby for her comments.

**County Councillor's Report**

13-099 Cllr. Patmore commented that August is a very quiet month for the County Council as many of the officers are on leave. Nevertheless all the usual services and functions are still carried out for and on behalf of the public of North Yorkshire .In early September elected members were invited to attend a seminar to debate the Government's required future savings that the Authority will be required to make before 2015/16. These are expected to amount to a further £77.2 million, on top of the £92 Million the County Council has already made. The financial situation in North Yorkshire's schools is expected to change over the next two years, but at present it is difficult to predict how and where the changes will be made, but many schools will be experiencing varying fortunes.

For information there are a total of 383 schools in the county including:

- 3 Nursery Schools.
- 322 Primary Schools, one of which is an academy.
- 44 Secondary Schools, 8 of which are academies presently.
- 4 Pupil Referral Schools.

Any school failing an Ofsted inspection will now become an Academy but any school can apply to become an Academy which will make them their own admission authority which can cause problems when there is only one school in an area and the school starts to refuse to accept certain pupils. An Academy does not receive any extra funding, and their funding comes directly from Government and not from the local authority as at present for ordinary schools.

Education has always been very good on the whole in North Yorkshire and the support that schools have received from the LEA has been excellent; but by becoming an Academy a school may possibly put this at risk.

As has been stated in local newspapers, the funding of Adult Services and Disabled People is also now at risk. North Yorkshire County Council is doing everything possible to keep these services delivering as much care as possible, but it is recognised that this will have to be provided differently

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in the future.

With the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire next July all the roads that are being used by the Tour are being brought up to standard. This of course, is not taking place in this area, but in and around Harrogate and the Dales. It is expected that there will be many visitors to the region and it is hoped that this will have a beneficial knock on affect for all parts of the County.

Consultation is at present taking place with the public on the proposed withdrawal of some of the subsidised bus services throughout the County. This is going to cause hardship to many people who rely on the services to access work or other necessary services. People who are likely to suffer from the consequences are being encourage to write to NYCC so that consideration can be given to their difficulty and help in finding alternative services..

**District Councillors Report**

**13-100** In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

**RAF Liaison Officers Report**

**13-101** In the absence of Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Mabey a report from the RAF was given by Mike Lumsdon Media & Communications Officer who informed Cllrs. that currently there were 5 fast jet courses running and that the next graduation day would be on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Night flying was scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November. He also advised Cllrs. that work had commenced on refurbishing a hanger and on the demolition and rebuilding of building No130 for the University Sq. Also work was to start shortly on refurbishment of the Officer's Mess and work on the alterations to the bowser park which was a considerable project. Linton had recently exercised the privilege offered by the Freedom of York to parade through the City after being granted permission by the Lord Mayor. The C.O. would attend the Armistice Day service on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Cairn and the Clerk was requested to see that posters advising the event were posted in the village. **(Action Clerk)**. Air Cadets would be on base during half term. Patrick Lewis-Brown enquired if any response had been made to N.Y.C.C. regarding the Subsidised Passenger Transport Consultation and the Clerk confirmed that a response had been made. Messers Lumsdon and Lewis Brown left the meeting.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

**13-102** *13-102.1* The Clerk gave his verbal general report and written financial report which was accepted by Council. The Clerk informed Cllrs. that he had responded to queries by Jan Jauncey concerning various matters. He had also contacted the Home to School Transport Service regarding the setting down of pupils on the wrong side of the road and the matter appeared to have been resolved for the moment. He also confirmed that the second tranche of the Precept had been received.

*13-102.2* The Clerk had received the audited annual return from the external auditors and apart from one comment, which required no further action, and had arisen because of an error by the internal auditor, the return had been approved. The necessary period of display of the return had commenced.

*13-102.3* Payment of the following accounts was approved:-

Gross Salaries September £437.66.

Green Gardens £55.00. Village Hall Maintenance.

York Poppy Appeal £68.00 Wreaths

Revenue & Customs £226.20 Tax on Salaries Apl-June.

PKF Littlejohn £100.00 + £20.00 VAT £120.00 Audit Fee

Clerks Expenses July-Sept. £93. 70

**Planning and Highways**

**13-103** **Planning**

*13-103.1* Council noted approval of the following application by H.D.C.

Demolition of existing building and construction of a replacement operations building. Building 130 R.A.F. Linton on Ouse 13/01647/FUL.

The Clerk reported that he had received the application for the affordable housing scheme too late for inclusion on the agenda and the response date was too early for the next meeting. He would endeavour to obtain a deferment of the response date so that the plans could be considered at the

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next meeting and in the meantime would circulate them to Cllrs. for consideration. **(Action Clerk).**

**Highways**

*13-103.2* Cllr. Marston gave details of a road extension for a bio-mass plant in Youlton Parish accessed from a new road construction off Linton Woods Lane. Cllr Patmore agreed to investigate the highways aspect. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)** and Cllr. Rooke the situation regarding planning for the actual plant. **(Action Clerk).**

*13-103.3* The Clerk reported that the hedge at the corner of Linton Woods Lane had been cut back shortly after the last meeting and no letter had been sent. He had also received a communication from the school regarding the twigs and thorns on the footpath to the school along Linton Woods Lane following hedge cutting and he agreed to respond to the school. **(Action Clerk).**

Cllr. Goodridge enquired of Cllr. Patmore the position re maintenance of the verge along Jauncey Way and she confirmed that she had contacted Highways regarding the lack of any work to maintain the trees as required under the contract but had received no response. Cllr. Goodridge agreed to produce a report for Cllr. Patmore of the work required. **(Action Cllr. Goodridge).**

It was also confirmed that the drainage culvert under the road close to the entrance to Linton Locks was still blocked and the Chairman commented that it was within the Highways own Maintenance Plan that such blockages would be dealt with expeditiously. Cllr. Patmore again agreed to take up the matter with Highways. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

**13-104 Affordable Housing**

It was confirmed that a copy of the planning application had been received and it was also recorded that a complaint had been received from Iain Buckle of 36A Linton Meadows that he had been unaware of the proposals even though the development adjoined his property. The Chairman had responded as the Clerk had been on holiday.

**Correspondence**

**13-105** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

Minutes Annual Meeting Hambleton Branch YLCA June 2013& YLCA Executive Board Minutes April 2013.

Information re N.Y. Healthwatch.

Lloyds Bank re changes.

.V.G. Energy Community Renewable Projects.

Notice of Inaugural Parish Liaison Meeting.

NYCC Consultation re Waste Recycling.

**New Items**

**13-106** *13-106.1* The Clerk informed Council that there were now some 15 requests for allotments in the village and it was noted that there was a possible site adjoining the affordable housing.

**13-107 Playing Field & Village Hall**

*13-107.1* It was reported that despite problems the current work was now scheduled to be completed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It was noted that the cross for the apex to the roof had been ordered today and that the scaffolding would remain in place until the cross had been installed. It was agreed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman that the Parish Council would make a grant of £3000 to the Village Hall Committee to cover the cost of the purchase of the cross, deep cleaning of the hall and carpet cleaning plus the waxing of the roof beams. Cheque to be drawn at next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

*13-107.2* It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold the funds for Team Linton in the Parish Council Treasurers Bank Account.

*13-107.3* The Clerk informed Cllrs. that he had now heard from the Treasurer of Radcliffe Ings Playing Field Committee and arrangements had been made to transfer the funds held by the committee to the Parish Council.

**13-108 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**Minor Matters.**

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Cllr. Keegan requested permission to erect a Christmas Tree with lights on the grassed area to the front of the village hall. No objections.

**Next Agenda**

Allotments. To consider approach to Broadacres and Landowner with a view to obtaining area of land for allotments.

**13-109**

**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

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

**Items for Circulation**

Items at 13-105

**Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.00pm**