

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.00 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllr. Croft (Chairman), Cllrs. Bamma, Goodrich & Keegan. County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke, Fiona Coleman & Amanda Madden (Broadacres), W. Frost (Clerk), Mrs Jan Jauncey (Prospective Cllr.) and four members of the public.

Immediately after the meeting commenced all attending stood for a minutes silence in memory of Cllr. John Brian Marston who died on the 23rd July 2014.

Apologies for Absence

14-064 P. Lewis Brown & M Lumsdon. (RAF).

14-065 Co-option of Parish Cllr. & Appointment of Vice Chairman

14-065.1 It was noted that only one application had been received and on the proposition of Cllr. Croft seconded by Cllr. Bamma Mrs Jan Jauncey was co-opted to Council. Mrs Jauncey joined the council and the necessary Consent to Act was signed.

14-065.2 On the proposition of Cllr. Croft seconded by Cllr. Keegan, Cllr. Bamma was appointed Vice Chairman.

Declaration of Interest

14-066 Cllrs. Croft, Keegan and Goodrich declared an ordinary interest in item 14-074.1 on the agenda as neighbours of the applicant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

14-067 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

14-068 Public Forum

Mrs. Jauncey in her capacity as Chair of the History Group reported that the information board had been installed on the playing field. And that a field walk had been organized on the 16th July on the site of the affordable housing. A report had been produced and would be included in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk)**. She also reported that she had attended the 70th anniversary of a crash at Wallingford of a plane from Linton that had been flown with great skill to avoid the village and saved many lives. Relatives of the Pilot and Flight Engineer were in attendance and two crosses had been laid by Mrs. Jauncey.

Mrs Kirby reminded Cllrs. that Cllr. Marston had carried out much of the work in organising V.E and Armistice Day services and with imminent changes in personnel on the base it was important to maintain contact so that the services could go ahead. **(Action Clerk & Chairman)**. Mrs Kirby confirmed that she would be happy to continue to assist with the arrangements for both services. She also stated that the grass had been strimmed alongside Jauncey Way and left in a disgusting condition with grass scattered all over the footway. The requirement was to maintain the hedge along this route and no work had been done in this respect. Cllr. Patmore agreed to take up the matter with Highways. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**. It was also reported that the large pothole near Grange Garth had been filled in. Some work had also been done on Linton Woods Lane but insufficient to make an adequate repair. The condition of Mill Lane continued to be a cause for concern. A mattress had been left on the playing field and arrangements had been made for it to be removed, there had also been a tent pitched on the playing field apparently overnight on one occasion recently. No permission had been given for this and it was understood to be contrary to the conditions agreed originally with H.D.C.

Concerns had been expressed to the Parish Council by Jenny Jackson and others regarding the event arranged in the village on the 13-14th September and in particular the "severed head competition", which had been arranged prior to events in the Middle East that involved the beheading of an American citizen. Under the circumstances it had been agreed that the competition would be inappropriate for a community event in the village and the Parish Council had been informed unequivocally that the competition had been cancelled. It was noted however that the posters advertising the event still showed severed heads, which was regretted.

14-069 Affordable Housing

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Fiona Colman extended hers and Amanda Madden's sympathy to Cllr. Marston's family and to Cllrs. She also apologised for her none attendance at the last meeting due to being delayed in travelling from a conference. She explained in some detail the basis of allocation for houses in the Linton Scheme and that the principle criteria was housing need, and that the stated allocation to applicants with only a connection to RAF Linton would only be made when an applicant could show a higher need for rehousing than a local applicant. The limit for such applicants had been set at 7 because one third of all applicants had RAF connections. Amanda Madden (H.D.C. Rural Housing Enabler) informed Cllrs. that there were 89 applicants for the properties with 62 having a local connection. Ms Colman also explained how the 5 working day window for confirmed applications worked and that there would be a consultation for applicants before Christmas to explain the process. All applicants would be notified as to the process to apply for a property. Cllrs. noted the arrangements and requested that details were given of the consultation meeting in the local media and parish website. With regard to progress on site it was noted that the piling work scheduled to start last Monday had not yet commenced, there has been some minor complaints regarding vehicles reversing in Linton Meadows but now the roadway had been installed that problem should have been alleviated. Further work with Linton School would take place over the coming months but the visit to school before the commencement of the contract had been effective and subsequently no incidents involving children on site. A sign board giving details of the project was to be positioned adjacent to the main road. The contract was still on target for the properties to be occupied by March or April 2015. Cllr. Rooke enquired if the problems with the drains had been resolved and he was assured that the matter had been resolved. The Chairman thanked both Ms Colman and Ms Madden for attending and for their reports. Mesdames Colman and Madden left the meeting.

14-070 County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Patmore advised Cllrs. that at a recent Hambleton Area Committee the Police reported that crime figures were significantly down compared with last year in all areas except for shoplifting. Due to changes in May next year she recommended that no School Governor to replace Cllr. Marston be appointed by the Parish Council. An additional full council meeting was to be held on the 24th September to consider the Allerton Park incinerator and she confirmed that the public could attend the meeting. Cllr. Patmore also agreed to enquire if further work was to be carried out on Linton Woods Lane. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

14-071 District Councillors Report

Cllr. Rooke informed Cllrs. that there was to be a full Council next week and the main item for discussion was the Northallerton Prison site which had been offered to the Council by the Ministry of Justice. There were however problems with one aspect of the site, the Victorian female prison, which was listed grade 1 and required extensive restoration as a condition of any purchase. A planning site visit was to be held shortly. Easingwold continued to expand and further developments were in the pipeline including applications for blocks of up to 6 houses as infill. There could be up to 400 houses developed in Easingwold eventually. Cllr. Rooke also outlined the proposed timetable and changes to the L.D.F. when Linton could become a service village.

RAF Liaison Officers Report

14-072 M. Lumsdon having apologised had sent a report to the meeting which gave the following information:-

Three fast jet courses were currently running with the next graduation due on the 14th November 2014. Night Flying for two weeks would commence on the 3rd November 2014. There were to be various changes to personnel on the camp shortly and in particular, Officer Commanding Base Support Wing, Wing Commander Tony Elliott-Mabey - will shortly be leaving, he will hand-over to Wing Commander George Hannaford on 7th October 2014. Also the Station Commander – Group Captain David Cooper – will be leaving during October and will hand-over to Group Captain Ian Laing. RAF Linton-on-Ouse will unveil and dedicate a new Groundcrew Memorial Stone on Monday 15th September 2014 commemorating all those killed on the ground at the Station; in particular, the 13 Station personnel killed as a result of the German Luftwaffe attack in the early hours of 12th May

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1941. Current family members of those killed will attend the dedication of the new Memorial. The Memorial Stone is situated directly opposite the front entrance to Station Headquarters (behind the RAF Ensign).RAF Linton-on-Ouse will also be attending a Battle of Britain and Turning of the Page Service at York Minster on Sunday 21st September 2014.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

- 14-073** 14-073.1 The Clerk gave his verbal general report
 14-073.2 Council agreed that the insured values for the year to 30th September 2015 were adequate, confirmed a new term agreement and approved payment of the net premium demanded of £799.15.
 14-073.3 To approve payment of the following accounts.
 Information Commissioner renewal of registration £35.00
 Green Gardens £110.00.Village Hall Grass cutting two months.
 Gross Salaries July & August £875.32.
 The Clerk informed Cllrs. that he had received a request to release £500 of the Team Linton Funds held by the Parish Council and Cllrs. agreed the transfer of funds.
 Total Bank Balances at the end of August were noted at £13977

Planning and Highways

- 14-074** **Planning**
 Council considered the following application received from H.D.C:-
 To14-074.1 Variation of Condition 2 of planning consent No 2/05/093/0171 use of the building for commercial purposes. 8 Beech Tree Court Linton on Ouse Ms Maxine Forster.
 Following declarations of interest from three Cllrs. the meeting was not quorate to consider the item. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the planning officer today and they were still awaiting further information. The applicant Ms. Maxine Forster informed Council of the activities proposed at the site which were noted by Council. No response would be made except to inform planning that the meeting was not quorate. **(Action Clerk)**.
 Council noted the following applications which due to there being no meeting in August were out of time for response.
 14-074.2 Construction of a single storey shared front entrance porch 4 School Row Linton Mrs Blakelock 14/01401/FUL
 14-074.3 Construction of a single storey shared front entrance porch 5 School Row Linton Mrs Wilson 14/01402/FUL
 14-074.4 Single storey rear and side extensions 4 River View Linton Mr D Tesseyman
 Council noted the following approvals by H.D.C.
 14-074.5 Listed Building Consent Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling. Linton Woods Barn Linton Woods Lane Linton Mr & Mrs J Clarke.
 14-074.6 Demolition of storage building and construction of new storage building. RAF Linton on Ouse Mr K Staples.
 Single storey rear and side extensions 4 River View Linton Mr D Tesseyman
- Highways**
 It was noted that the condition of Mill Lane was still very poor. The Clerk confirmed that Highways Dept. had written to say that it would be resurfaced before the end of the year.
 Cllr. Bamma informed Cllrs. that vehicles were stopping on the bend at the end of the RAF runway to take photographs and on the blind corner this was very dangerous. He requested that yellow lines as at most other airfields be installed from the western boundary of the airfield to the viewing area.
 Cllr. Patmore agreed to take up the matter with Highways Dept. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**.
 It was also confirmed that Jauncey Way had been strimmed by N.Y.C.C. and left on a very poor state. No work had been carried out on the boundary hedge which under the terms of the agreement was to be maintained for a period of three years. Cllr. Patmore again agreed to take the matter up with Highway Dept. **(Action Cllr. Patmore)**.

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- 14-075** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received. Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**
 Heritage Craft Alliance Thorpe Perrow.
 Info re Commons Act 2006.
 Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act Consultation re site licence conditions.
 Letter re Medieval Market event. Council noted the letter from Ms Jackson about which she had spoken during in the public Forum. Agreed No further action as the matter had been resolved.
 Glasdon Brochure.
- New Items**
- 14-076** The Chairman commented on the report produced by the Clerk concerning mobile phone coverage and it was noted that coverage was generally patchy in the Parish; none of the major networks provided a good service. Cllrs. were informed that the small local mast at Manor Farm had been removed. Cllr. Patmore advised Cllrs. that a member of Stillington Parish Council had been very involved with trying to get improvements to the mobile phone service and she would provide contact details to the Chairman and Clerk. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**
- Playing Field & Village Hall**
- 14-077** *14-077.1* The Chairman advised Cllrs. that discussions were continuing with TVC regarding work on playing field and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting. It was again stressed that work carried out on the trees at the bottom of the field should acknowledge that some of the trees were planted as memorial trees by members of the community.
14-077.2 Cllr. Keegan informed Cllrs. that because of the unexpectedly high cost of the initial quote it was considered and that a power supply to the playing field was not viable and no further quotations had been obtained.
- Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda.**
- 14-078** **Minor Matters.**
 Cllr. Jauncey advised Cllrs. that she would be travelling to Montcony in October for the annual memorial service.
 Cllr. Jauncey also requested that the Council consider production of a welcome pack for new residents of the village and produced for circulation a leaflet produced by the History Group that could be utilized in any pack. Leaflet to be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**
- Next Agenda**
 Update on work by TCV and to consider the establishment of Management Committee for the playing field.
- Chairman's Closing Remarks**
- 14-079** The Chairman suggested that with the additional work recently proposed on the playing field and the possibility of enhanced facilities in the future it was perhaps time to appoint a management committee to take over the day to day running of the Radcliffe Ings Playing Field maybe as a working party under the auspices of the Parish Council. He requested that the matter be added to the next agenda. A short discussion ensued regarding the lease and planning conditions when the scheme was inaugurated. Clerk to try and obtain copies of lease and conditions.
 A request from S Powers that the Village Hall Committee embrace a recycling policy was noted and Cllr. Keegan as village hall representative agreed to discuss the matter with the Village Hall Committee. **(Action Clerk).**
 Cllr. Rooke informed Cllrs. that there had been a number of break-ins in the Newton and Shipton area recently and asked that Cllrs. be aware of the situation.
 The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.
- Items for Circulation**
 History Group Leaflet and items at 14-075.
- Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday October 21st 2014 at 7.00pm.**