

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.00 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

N<sup>o</sup>**Present**

Cllr. Croft (Chairman), Cllrs Brama, Goodridge, Keegan & Lund. Fiona Coleman (Broadacres), W. Frost (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**14-0139 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Jauncey, County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke and M Lumsden (R.A.F.).

**14-0140 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Croft declared an ordinary interest in an item he would raise under planning matters concerning 8 Beech Tree Court. Cllrs. Goodridge & Keegan also recorded ordinary interests as neighbours of the applicant.

**14-0141 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**14-0142 Public Forum**

No comments received from the public.

**14-0143 Affordable Housing**

Fiona Coleman informed Cllrs that although there had been some initial enquires for shared equity on the affordable housing none had been pursued and the decision had been made that all 20 properties would be available for rent. Registration of formal applications for a property had been completed and there had been 95 bids for two bedroomed properties and 53 for the three bedroomed. Whilst accepting that there could be some duplication, Ms Coleman commented that the response had been phenomenal with most applicants having a local connection through the village or employment rather than through the R.A.F. An open day would be held before the properties were let with the opportunity to see the interior of a two and a three bedroomed house. Cllr. Croft thanked Ms Coleman for attending and for her report. She left the meeting.

**14-0144 County Councillor's Report**

In the absence of Cllr. Patmore the Clerk reported on a telephone call in which Cllr. Patmore had informed him that there would be no increase in the H.D.C. element of the Council Tax for 2015-2016 and that she had raised the matter of the pot holes in Mill Lane with Highways.

**14-0145 District Councillors Report**

In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

**14-0146 RAF Liaison Officers Report**

M Lumsden had sent a report which was read to the meeting by the Clerk. It was noted that three fast jet courses were currently running and that the next graduation would be on the 7<sup>th</sup> May with subsequent graduations on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Night flying was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March. M Lumsden had also reported that the Tucano display team would not be operational in 2015 or at any time in the future because of proposed increase in the number of trainee pilots this year. There was the need to provide time to maintain the fleet of Tucanos to ensure their longevity to the end of the decade. Hawk T2 aircraft would showcase the fast Jet flying training capabilities at air shows etc. Use of the range on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February by Cadets was also recorded but it was noted that only small calibre weapons would be used so the noise level would be reduced.

**14-0147 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

*14-147.1* The Clerk gave his verbal general report and it was noted that a Dog Fouling Poster had been produced by the Clerk and used in the village. It was agreed that the website and parish magazine would be used to reinforce the message and the Clerk was requested to produce information for publication. **(Action Clerk)**. Cllr. Brama reminded everyone that the authorities could not take action without evidence and to take photographs where possible. Cllrs. were also reminded that the maximum fine was £1000. The Clerk also confirmed that he had obtained a small amount of rock salt and placed it in the requisite bin.

The Clerk also reminded Cllrs. that he was unable to progress the signature changes on the mandate until he had received the necessary forms from them. A programme for the distribution of

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documents for the upcoming elections had been published and the Clerk would be attending a training session on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. A draft advert for the vacancy of Parish Clerk was approved by Cllrs. and the Clerk advised Cllrs. that he intended to publish the advert in early March. Notification had been received from H.D.C. that the application for a Community Award for M Stringer had not been successful.

The Clerk reported that a further email had been received from S. Powers concerning the use of notice boards for commercial advertising and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response, circulate it to Cllrs. and then forward it to Mr Powers. **(Action Clerk)**. It was agreed that any notices of a commercial nature would be removed by Cllrs. after a period of one month and that they would only be permitted on the Mill Lane Board. Cllr. Goodridge to produce a notice for all boards to that effect. **(Action Cllr. Goodridge)**. Cllrs. agreed to monitor all boards and remove expired notices as quickly as possible. **(Action Cllrs.)**.

14-147.2 Payment of the following account was approved:-

Gross Salaries January 2015 £437.16.

Bank balances at the end of January were noted at £14978

**Planning and Highways**

**14-0148 Planning**

The Clerk reported that he had received information on the York & N.Y.C.C. Minerals & Waste Joint Plan and would include it in the circulation file. **(Action Clerk)**.

Cllr. Croft expressed concerns after another incident with a horse in Beech Tree Court. This prompted an enquiry as to the current position regarding the variation of condition 2 of planning consent No 2/05/093/0171 and which referred to the use of the building for commercial purposes at 8 Beech Tree Court Linton on Ouse for Ms Maxine Forster. A decision appeared to have been delayed as there had been no response from planners since September. 2014. Clerk to contact H.D.C. planning to enquire as to the current position. **(Action Clerk)**.

Cllr. Brama enquired if the Hydro Scheme at Linton Locks had progressed at all and was advised that in the application had expired in January 2015.

**Highways**

It was noted that work was progressing on refurbishment of the highway between Linton on Ouse and Aldwark Bridge and that the first stage had been completed. It had been reported that in places the verges were being back filled with hardcore and topped with soil and that this in some cases was effectively reducing the width of an already narrow road and it was foreseen that heavy vehicles passing each other would quickly damage the road. It was also noted that following the relaying of the road surface on Mill Lane two months ago potholes had already appeared in the road surface. Clerk to contact County Cllr. Patmore and Highways on both issues. **(Action Clerk)**.

**14-0149 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that no items for circulation had been received this month.

**14-0150 New Items**

14-0150.1 The Chairman informed Cllrs. that approximately 16% of householders had responded to the open space survey which was a good response. The Clerk had agreed to collate the responses and would produce a report for the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**.

14-0150.2 It was agreed that the priority project for Community Rehabilitation Co (CRC) would be the cutting back of the footpath opposite Jauncey Way and the other suggested projects follow on subsequently. Chairman to liaise with CRC. **(Action Chairman)**.

14-0150.3 Cllrs. having been circulated with information from the War Memorials Trust agreed that poppy wreaths and crosses placed on the Cairn would be removed one calendar month subsequent to their placing. Should extreme weather conditions prevail in the month it was agreed that the wreaths would be removed to the interior of the Village Hall. Cllrs. to be responsible for removal. **(Action Cllrs.)**

**Playing Field & Village Hall**

**14-0151** Council considered the request for funding for refurbishment of the village hall committee room and

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noted the additional work in progress by the Village Hall Committee including additional heating and repairs to exterior drains. It was unanimously agreed that a contribution of £1000 be made. Payment to be made at next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**. Cllr. Bamma suggested that when services were held at the Cairn it would be a welcome gesture if the relevant flags could be displayed suspended from the beams in the hall by means of pulleys. C Kirby (Treasurer Village Hall Committee) agreed to discuss the matter with the Village Hall Committee.

**14-0152 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda.**

**Minor Matters.**

It was noted that it should now be possible to access the filing cabinets in the store shed and it was agreed that Cllrs. Croft and Goodridge would examine the contents of the cabinets as soon as practical. **(Action Cllrs.)**.

It was noted that the Cherry Trees on Riverside Walk required cutting back and the Clerk was requested to contact owners to agree that the work be carried out. **(Action Clerk)**. Cllr. Bamma also informed Cllrs. that the pine trees in the garden of the Manor House appeared to be leaning and moved significantly in high winds. The Clerk was requested to try and find out the position if the trees were in a dangerous condition and who was responsible. **(Action Clerk)**.

**Next Agenda**

No items.

**14-0153 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman requested that in view of previous difficulties a set of terms and conditions be drawn up with the support of the Village Hall Committee to formalise arrangements for any future events involving use of areas surrounding the Village Hall and Playing Field including any advertisements and publications concerning any event.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

**Items for Circulation**

**Date of Next Meeting: - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00pm.**