

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.00 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

N^o Present

Cllr. Croft (Chairman), Cllrs. Bamma, Goodridge, Kirby & Lund, District Cllr. Rooke, Lucy Pope (Clerk).
 One member of the public also in attendance.

15-0157 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Keegan, County Cllr. Patmore, M Lumsden, Patrick Lewis-Brown.

15-0158 Councillors' Declaration of Interest

Cllr Croft declared an interest as a neighbour regarding item 15-0166.1. Cllr Kirby declared an interest as a relative of the applicant regarding item 15-0166.3.

15-0159 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2016, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

15-0160 Actions from Previous Meeting

- Queen's 90th birthday beacons on 21 April 2016: the Clerk has established that no central funding is available. The Clerk has also been in touch with Newton on Ouse's Clerk: Newton is not intending to hold any similar events. Team Linton is intending to hold an event on June 11th.
- VE day: the Clerk has sent an invitation to the RAF base commander to VE day celebrations: his PA has confirmed receipt of the invitation and will let the Clerk know. Cllr Croft has also contacted Simon Rowlands regarding providing the banners and flags as usual.
- Mitchener's award: see item 15-0169.2 below.
- Ken Thompson highways concerns: on 10 February Cllr Patmore reported that Cllr Les received Mr Thompson's letter on 2 February he has advised her that he is going to make contact with Mr Thompson in regard to his concerns. Mr Thompson contacted the chair just prior to the meeting and informed him that Cllr Les has not contacted him yet: he will continue to seek a reply.
- Linton bridge: Cllr Bamma provided a very detailed report regarding flooding issues which all Councillors have seen and concurred with; the Clerk has formulated a letter based on this report and Cllr Bamma has provided a detailed map of the area highlighting the flood issues; these are now to be sent to the Environment Agency and copied to NYCC Highways, Kevin Hollinrake MP, Newton on Ouse and Alne Parish Councils. Mrs Kirby highlighted that the Environment Agency are responsible for releasing water from land but they still have not done so on the Kirby's land.
- Broken speed restriction sign: the Clerk advised that Cllr Patmore has confirmed that she has informed highways to arrange repair/replacement.
- Allotments mail shot: the Chair reported that a flyer was delivered to all households as a result of which there have been about 8 new expressions of interest. Further discussion at 15-169.4
- S.106 funding application: Councillors to compile list of projects with costs – see 15-0173 below.
- Village website: Daniel Croft and the Clerk have initiated transfer of the hosting account and registration of the domain name to the Parish Council: there is an initial cost of £13.99 (£8.99 transfer of registration and £5 for the first month of hosting; £5pcm hosting thereafter): approved by Cllrs. The Clerk also now has administrator access for the website.
- Village hall Wi-Fi: Cllr Kirby has explored various options but all have been prescriptively high.
- The Chair has requested the Community Payback Team schedule time to come and clean play

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equipment and walkways: the Team Leader has confirmed that they will schedule this in.

15-0161 Public Forum

Mrs Kirby outlined what needs organising for the VE Day service on 8 May. Also that the Archbishop of York is in the area 4-8 May: all Cllrs agreed to invite the Archbishop to attend the Service.

ACTION: CLERK TO WRITE TO ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO INVITE HIM TO VE DAY SERVICE

15-0162 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of County Cllr Patmore no report was received.

15-0163 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Rooke reported that there was a full Council meeting on 27th February at which they were informed that the Chief Executive Phil Morton has tendered his resignation and that Cabinet had appointed the current deputy Chief Executive Dr Christian Ives to succeed him. Also that the post of Dep Chief Executive has been withdrawn so in future there will only be 3 directors instead of 4 thus saving approx. £150,000 pa.

HDC Council tax is increasing by £5 on a Band D equivalent property. This is the first increase for 4 years and Hambleton's council tax is still the third cheapest in the UK.

HDC elected members' expenses are being increased by 10% albeit a third of members voted against this. The increase was determined by an independent panel which decided that expenses should increase by 10% due to increased workload as a result of their numbers decreasing from 44 to 28.

There are no particular planning issues for this area. Easingwold however currently has various planning applications totalling over 300 new houses. Concern was expressed about capacity of the local infrastructure including the primary school: Cllr Rooke advised that there is an intention to locate a temporary classroom in the school's playground however this would reduce the recreational area for the school to below what Ofsted requires. Officers are recommending refusal of all the housing applications due to lack of infrastructure but this is subject to consideration by Planning Committee.

15-0164 RAF Liaison Officers Report

The Clerk then advised that Flt Lt Lumsden had forwarded a written report as follows:

There are 4 Basic Fast Jet Training courses currently running. Course 256 is programmed for Graduation on 1st April, Course 257 on 27th May, Course 258 on 19th August and Course 259 on 4th November. The Red Arrows visited and performed a practice display over the airfield on Thurs 3rd March. The Station does not intend to run a special event for the Queen's 90th Birthday so we will not be taking part in the Birthday Beacons events that are being advertised. If there are any events in the Village for the Queen's 90th Birthday they will advertise them to Station personnel.

15-0165 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

15-0165.1 The Clerk gave her general report and advised that she had been in touch with the HDC Dog Warden after the Chair mentioned that dog fouling in the village was becoming a problem again. Once the weather improves the Dog Warden will come and spray temporary "No Fouling" signs around the village and also that he can supply a bag dispenser together with a small supply of biodegradable Poop Scoop bags: Cllrs agreed that it was worth trialling providing bags to see if there was any reduction in dog fouling.

The Clerk advised that she has started preparing for the year-end and this will be the focus for the next month. Cllrs agreed that the same auditor as in previous years (James Mackman) should be engaged to conduct this year's year-end audit.

15-165.2 Payment of the following accounts was approved:

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- Park Lane for playground inspection 11/02/16: £42.00 (£35+VAT)
- YLCA for 2016/17 membership: £284.00
- Squidhost for website hosting (£5pcm) and transfer of website registration (£8.99): £13.99
- Gross Salaries January 2016: £479.17

15-0166 Planning

15-166.1 Revised application for new basement, garage conversion & first floor extension, Valley Boys, Beechtree Farmhouse, Main St, Linton on Ouse, Mr & Mrs Flatekval, 16/00366/FUL. Councillors recommended approval with no comments.

15-166.2 Extensions to existing dwelling, Belle Garth, Main St, Linton on Ouse, Mr Peter Watson, 16/00386/FUL. Councillors recommended approval with no comments.

15-166.3 Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of five dwellings, land adjacent to rear of Applegarth Cottages, Main St, Linton on Ouse, Mr William Kirby. Cllr Rooke explained some background in that the in the 10 year LDF done 3 years ago it was decided that all future development should go into the market towns. After about 18 months ago the Planning Committee raised concerns that it was unfair and potentially detrimental to blanket refuse any applications in villages. After consultation it was therefore agreed that small developments of up to 5 houses in secondary and service villages could now be considered. Cllr Rooke clarified that this is just an outline application and all matters are reserved i.e. all the detail regarding size and type of house will have to be subject of further planning application(s) which will come back to the Parish Council as and when they are submitted: this application is just the initial proposal.

15-0167 Highways

The Chair advised that he wrote to Kevin Hollinrake MP at the time of the floods in which he also suggested that a new road connecting Linton could be built. He has received a reply from Andrew Jones from the Dpt of Transport advising that funding for any potential new transport infrastructure has, since 2014, been devolved to Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) through the Local Growth Fund (LGF). LEPs are able to bid for LGF funding to deliver their priority projects, including transport schemes. Linton is in the York, North Yorkshire, East Riding LEP and it is recommended to contact the leader of NYCC to make representations to the LEP in respect of any suggested transport priorities in the area.

Cllr Rooke advised that following the last meeting he reported the blocked bridleway to NYCC and then the Police. The Police subsequently visited the landowner who has moved the obstruction.

Cllr Rooke also advised that he met with Broadacres and the builders after the last meeting however they do not consider that any damage was caused to Linton Meadows during construction of the affordable housing and thus none that they should remedy.

15-0168 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- HDC: Joint Housing Need Survey report – 14 replies to the survey resulting in an identified need of 6 houses.
- NYCC Highways: response to Linton Bridge questions. All Cllrs agreed that there is not any merit in discussing the recent issues again and that the planned letter to the Environment Agency (see 15-0160 above) is the best way forward now.
- YCLA: NALC Funding And Grants Bulletin

15-0169 New Items

15-169.1 Team Linton money: the Clerk reported that the Council currently holds a balance of

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£1,219.77 for Team Linton. She has requested Team Linton set up their own bank account so that the Parish Council does not hold any of their funds in future: Michael Keegan has advised that Team Linton is setting an account up and will hopefully have this done by the end of the month.

15-169.2 Mitchener's Award: the head teacher of Linton primary school has provided a nomination. In the absence of any other nominations Cllrs all agreed this nomination should receive the award.

15-169.3 Chairman's notice of retirement: Cllr Croft explained that he had been intending to retire but the last Clerk then announced his retirement last year. Cllr Croft felt it inappropriate and a little unfair to leave the Council with a new chairman and a new clerk and so decided to stay on. Now that the new Clerk has been in place for several months Cllr Croft has decided that he will not be standing for re-election at the AGM in May. Mrs Kirby highlighted the hard work that the Chair has put in over the years and thanked him for his effort: all Cllrs agreed and also expressed their thanks.

15-0170 Playing Field & Village Hall

15-0170.1 The Clerk advised that Team Linton has requested permission to locate a small plaque next to the defibrillator. Cllrs approved in principal: the Village Hall Committee to be asked too.

ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

15-0170.2 Cllr Brama reported that there are no particular issues to be highlighted. Cllr Goodridge also advised that he plans to cut the hedges on the playing field this coming weekend.

15-0171 Allotments

The Chair met with the landowner, builders and Broadacres regarding the drainage issues at the site. Cllr Rooke advised that he believes that the drainage problem is more due to the fact that most of the topsoil has been removed and/or compacted during the building work. Cllr Rooke will however be able to provide several tonnes of topsoil for the site which hopefully will help alleviate the issues. Cllr Croft advised that as a result of the recent mail drop we now have 8 interested parties. The plan now is to have a meeting with them and the landowner and to then take it from there.

15-0172 Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Croft advised that the village now has 7 coordinators. The next step is to send a letter to all households and to produce some information booklets which the Chair Phil Moss will arrange. A public meeting will then be held to hopefully identify a few more coordinators after which the group will apply to the police for registration.

15-0173 S.106 Funding: the Chair has had an outdoor fitness equipment company visit which has provided an initial quotation for three pieces of equipment. Cllr Brama highlighted that issues regarding insurance, maintenance need to be considered alongside cost of installation. The Clerk highlighted that the most important step at the moment is to get the initial action plan completed with estimated costs and with the projects listed in terms of priority so that this can be submitted to HDC to ensure that the funding can be earmarked. The Clerk will recirculate the draft action plan from last month's meeting for Cllrs to review and to add estimated costs and priorities to.

ACTION: CLERK TO RECIRCULATE DRAFT ACTION PLAN

15-0174 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda.

Minor Matters

- None raised

Next Agenda

- No items suggested

15-017 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.00pm.

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