

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.15 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

N° Present

Cllr. Bramma (Chairman), Cllrs. Goddard, Goodridge, Keegan, & Kirby, County Cllr. Patmore, District Cllr. Rooke, Lucy Pope (Clerk). O members of the public also in attendance.

17-001 Apologies for Absence

M Lumsden.

17-002 Councillors' Declaration of Interest

None received.

17-003 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

17-004 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 16-183: The Clerk wrote to Yorkshire Water regarding the drain problems in Beech Tree Court. Yorkshire Water investigated the points raised and has updated the Clerk in that they investigated a number of problems between 2008-2011 during which time they identified and rectified a blockage in the sewer going upwards towards the treatment works. Since then Yorkshire Water has only been informed of further problems by one resident a result of which they have conducted various investigations: they were not aware until the Clerk's letter that any other properties in Beech Tree Court were experiencing problems. Yorkshire Water has however established that it is the foul water sewer that is causing problems which occur after heavy rain; they have conducted various investigations however there is an outstanding camera survey upstream towards the treatment plant yet to be done; Yorkshire Water are escalating this as a result of the Clerk's letter. Michael Denny is the area engineer who has been progressing investigations and he will continue to lead those: an urgent case is being raised for him about which he has to update the Clerk by 8th May. Yorkshire Water will also raise and carry out a separate investigation regarding the RAF base connection to the sewer. Yorkshire Water requests that all residents who ever encounter such problems report these to them: numerous reports will highlight the problems and cause Yorkshire Water to prioritise their investigations as opposed to the problems seemingly appearing to be restricted to just one household. Mrs Kirby highlighted that Yorkshire Water were doing some jetting of the sewers last week and one of the workers did comment that the pipe that one appeared to be blocked.
- The Clerk confirmed that she reported the sinking potholes to Highways and have had confirmation that Highways will be attending to them.
- 16-203: The Clerk has drafted a letter to the Mitcheners inviting them to the VE Day service.
- 16-217: The Clerk has registered the Village Hall for one green bin at a cost of £35.00. The Clerk has paid the fee at the time of registration: a cheque to refund her has been raised for approval tonight.

17-005 Public Forum

Mrs Kirby advised that planning for the VE Day service is well advanced but requests that as many people can come about 1015am on 7th May to help set up; also that someone volunteer to read the dedication on the Cairn.

HDC has delivered an extra new green bin to those who have requested a new one however several residents have queried what to do with their current bin if they don't want it anymore: this seems like a waste of time and money delivering new ones when some could be passed on. Cllr Patmore advised that the green bins are not being collected immediately so as to allow people time to register for a bin.

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17-006 County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Patmore advised that she had nothing of significance to report.

17-007 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Rooke reported that at last week's meeting it was announced that HDC has allocated £5000 from their Economic Development Fund for each market town library. At the next planning meeting on 28th April the application for the new surgery in Tollerton is being heard: a plot of land on Back Lane has been donated for a new surgery to be built there along with 20 houses of which 6 will be low-cost housing; there will be some bungalows too. The current surgery is not fit for purpose and its sole partner has highlighted that it is not possible to continue as is and thus that it is likely that the surgery will close unless a new surgery is built. If that is the case the current 3500 patients will have to travel to Rawcliffe, Stillington, or Helperby surgeries. So far there have been 25 letters of objection to the new surgery and only one of support: Cllr Rooke advises that if any residents have any views then they need to make them known to HDC as soon as possible.

ACTION: Publicise Surgery planning on Linton Forum

17-008 RAF Liaison Officers Report

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

There are 4 basic fast jet training courses currently running: graduations will be in May, August, November and January.

Local residents may also wish to be aware that small arms training will take place at the 25 metre firing range during the day on Saturday 22nd April.

17-009 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

17-009.1 The Clerk gave her verbal general and financial report

The Clerk circulated the Q4 financial report and highlighted that this quarter's financial report would be superseded by the annual accounts when presented next month but at this time there is nothing of concern in the figures. VAT for the previous financial year is also being recovered to a value of £249.00.

17-009.2 The Clerk advised that the core Parish Council regulations had not been reviewed for a number of years. These include the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, its Standing Orders and also the Code of Conduct for councillors. The Clerk has therefore reviewed these documents in line with current national best practice models and has updated the regulations where she considered appropriate. Cllrs had been provided with draft copies prior to last month's meeting. Cllrs discussed the drafts and agreed that they should all be approved and adopted.

17-009.3 The Clerk confirmed that all the requirements from the Pensions Regulator have been completed for the Council and confirmation has been received of the Council's Declaration of Compliance.

17-009.4 Payment of the following accounts was approved:

- TSOHost for website hosting: £5.00
- HMRC for Q4 PAYE: £115.00
- Green Gardens for village hall grounds maintenance to 31/03/17: £55.00
- YCLA for 2017/18 membership: £294.00
- Clerk's Q4 expenses
- Repayment to Clerk of green bin registration fee (as per 17-004 above)

17-010 Planning

17-010.1 Reserved Matters Application for the construction of five dwellings, land adjacent and to the rear of Applegarth Cottage, 17/00541/REM. Cllrs raised concerns regarding the proposed size of properties and thus the potential for a significant number of vehicles at each property, increased traffic and multiple

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vehicles parking on the road: Cllrs suggested that the number of houses could be reduced to allow more space for parking and/or that a condition on the plan that all vehicles are kept within the curtilage of the properties.. Cllrs also highlighted that the current problems with the sewage system in the village need to be resolved before any additional properties are connected to the system. Indeed the sewers often bubble up at this plot already.

ACTION: Clerk to write to HDC Planning with Parish Council comments

17-010.2 Ground floor rear extension & new roof, Dunelm, Main St, Linton, 17/00354/FUL: Cllrs had no comments and recommended approval.

17-011 Highways

17-011.1: The Clerk advised that a resident had expressed concern regarding the amount of broken glass in the rubble laid on the public footpath that runs along the lane from the Main Road to Linton Locks. The Clerk has researched the footpath and provided details to the complainant including the path number and grid reference who will report to NYCC.

17-011.2: The Clerk advised that North Yorkshire Police (NYP) has contacted her following receipt of speeding complaints. NYP is enquiring whether the community may be interested in setting up a Community Speedwatch. Cllrs agreed that this was a good idea and volunteers should be sought.

ACTION: Clerk to advertise for volunteers to be trained for Community Speedwatch

17-012 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- YCLA: Latest NALC funding & grants bulletin – for info
- YCLA: NALC Digital Councils Event, 25 May 2017 –no interest
- HDC Parish Update - March 2017 – for info
- Parish Councillor Survey – Cllrs to review
- JPAG: new Governance and Accountability Guide – for info
- YCLA: Understanding the Planning System seminar, 20 April 2017, Leyburn – no interest

17-013 New Items

17-013.1 The Clerk advised that her position has been advertised in the Easingwold Advertiser last Saturday and is also on the website; the closing date for any applications is 30th April. The Council now need to agree the interview panel & authorise it to appoint new clerk. Cllrs Bramma, Goddard and Goodridge all agreed to be on the interview panel.

17-014 Playing Field & Village Hall

17-014.1 Cllr Bramma advised that Dave Pattison has reported that he keeps finding small jiffy bags on the playing field: Dave will monitor and if more are found it the RAF and local police should probably be advised. Cllr Kirby was recently approached by someone complaining that it looked like cola had been poured down the slide. Cllr Bramma went and had a look: he however the slide was clean enough.

Cllr Kirby and Cllr Rooke confirmed that they have laid mole bait on the field.

Cllr Bramma reported that the graffiti on the shelter was done in green chalk and he has rubbed it off.

17-014.2 To receive any reports or updates:

Cllr Bramma advised that the lead flashing at the top of the rear roof ridge and some tiles are loose; also that the foil at the base of the ceiling has dropped. Cllr Kirby will ensure that the Village Hal Committee are aware.

17-015 Allotments

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17-015.1 Cllr Bramma highlighted that no potential new allotment sites have been identified at this time until when no further progress can be made. Cllrs agreed that this agenda item should be removed in future until as and when a plot may be found.

17-016 Neighbourhood Watch

17-016.1 No update.

17-017 S.106 Funding: Cllr Goodridge reported that he has been researching playground equipment. He is still awaiting some quotes but has several ideas and will report further details at the next meeting.

Cllr Kirby reported that he has researched various bike racks and has found some reasonable ones. Discussion then ensued about where to locate the racks.

Cllr Goddard reported that he has surveyed the trees in the village: the best time for pruning and shaping the trees at the end of May and he has identified a contractor who can do the necessary work then and within the allocated budget. Cllr Goddard will arrange for the work to be carried out and will provide the date and cost to the Clerk. There will be a need to access some properties in order to complete the work.

ACTION: Cllrs Goodridge, Kirby & Goddard

17-018 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda.

Minor Matters

- Cllr Keegan advised that Team Linton will be running the annual children's Easter egg hunt for children between pre-school to 11 years of age on Easter Saturday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Next Agenda

- HDC re Local Plan Development Sites consultation with Parish Councils 31/05/16

17-019 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.15pm.

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