

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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- N° Present**  
 Cllr. Brama (Chairman), Cllrs. Goddard, Goodridge, Keegan & Kirby, District Cllr Rooke, County Cllr. Patmore, Lucy Pope (Clerk).
- 16-160 Apologies for Absence**  
 Flt Lt Lumsden.
- 16-161 Councillors' Declaration of Interest**  
 None received.
- 16-162 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 16-163 Actions from Previous Meeting**
- 16-149.1: The Clerk has purchased a 1TB external hard drive for £44.99 to ensure that all electronic Parish Council records are backed up adequately.
- 16-164 Public Forum**  
 Mrs Kirby advised that she will start making arrangements for the VE Day service but also that the Station Warrant Officer (SWO) Simon Rowland is retiring on 17 January 2017. Mrs Kirby will be in touch with the new SWO regarding VE Day. Mrs Kirby also advised that Mrs Jauncey has handed an ordnance survey map to Mrs Kirby as well as some Yorkshire Rose bunting which was bought for Montcony celebrations both of which were bought by the Parish Council: Mrs Kirby will look after these items for the time being.  
**ACTION: CLERK TO WRITE TO SWO SIMON ROWLAND**
- 16-165 County Councillor's Report**  
 County Cllr Patmore advised that there has only been one seminar so far since Christmas which unfortunately she had to miss as she was in Planning Committee all day. County Hall is missing its roof at the moment while it is repaired. Cllr Patmore was also at a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) this morning: the PCC is proposing that Police, Fire and Ambulance should be combined in order to save money. Cllr Patmore then passed around the National Overview of the Emergency Services Collaboration Working Group document for Cllr's information.
- 16-166 District Councillors Report**  
 District Cllr Rooke advised that he also has very little to report. It was a very busy planning schedule last week with two full days of planning visits and then a full day of Planning Committee but none of the sites related to Linton. Cllr Goodridge enquired whether there was any update regarding the proposed explosives' store at Great Ouseburn: nothing at this stage.
- 16-167 RAF Liaison Officers Report**  
 The Clerk advised that Flt Lt Lumsden had informed her that there was nothing of relevance to report this month.
- 16-168 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**  
**16-168.1** The Clerk presented her written financial report for Q3. The Parish Council currently has deposits to the value of £12,440.42 and is running pretty much to budget. The only anomaly that Cllrs will note on the financial report is a deficit of £1144.77 regarding the expenses budgeted for Team Linton this year: this is purely administrative as a result of transferring all of the Team Linton funds held by the Parish Council to Team Linton for deposit in own their new bank account.

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Following last month's meeting the Clerk advised HDC that the Parish Council had approved a precept request for the year 2017/18 of £11,730.

The Clerk highlighted that the Village Hall now has a regular booking from a dance class every Tuesday evening which does not finish until 7pm; this obviously could delay the start of Parish Council meetings. The Clerk suggested that the start time of future Parish Council meetings could be amended to 7.15pm: Cllrs decided that the start time should be kept as 7pm for the time being; this can be reviewed if and when there is a problem. The Clerk also suggested that meetings in 2017/18 should continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month: Cllrs agreed.

**16-168.2** Payment of the following accounts was then approved:

- Mrs Kirby for Remembrance Day expenses: £20.00
- TSOHost for website hosting: £5.00
- HMRC (Post Office Counters Ltd) for Q3 PAYE: £115.00
- Clerk's expenses Oct-Dec 2016: £104.83
- Gross Salaries November/December 2016: £958.34

**16-169 Planning:**

**16-169.1** Mrs Kirby advised that she attended a meeting in October 2016 at which affordable housing was discussed and what strategies can be used to develop such sites: there was the suggestion that local groups are set up rather than District and Parish Councils taking the lead. Cllr Patmore updated that she had been at a presentation regarding similar ideas too but it sounds like there are a lot of potential problems with such a process. Discussion then ensued regarding future development and the new Local Plan currently being drafted. Cllr Rooke highlighted that the whole point of developing and updating a Local Plan is to ensure that adequate planning and assessment of housing needs and potential sites is undertaken. Cllr Patmore however highlighted that once the new Local Plan is ratified then no new development will be allowed in any other locations except, in certain circumstances, if it is for low cost housing.

**16-170 Highways**

**16-170.1** Cllr Brama advised that he attended a further flooding meeting with Highways on 12 December. He was thoroughly disappointed at the outcome: he was informed that the repairs at Linton Bridge have been completed however there was still work ongoing just today. Highways also advised that they had done some basic costings regarding Ella Bridge which total approximately £300k which NYCC are not prepared to outlay. Cllr Patmore advised that NYCC are looking at removing the Kyle gates later this year however because no houses have actually been flooded in this area, it is not considered a priority area. NYCC agreed that this area will be added to the list of areas for protection work but it is likely to be low on the list of priorities. Ella Bridge £300k to lift the bridge, £12k to do the road, but it is likely to be several years, if at all, before this work is done. Cllr Patmore and Cllr Brama insisted that there should be a further meeting with Highways once the gates are removed. Cllr Kirby enquired whether any progress had been made in providing some fold-down signs to be kept by the bridge: no signs will be provided however.

**16-170.2** The Clerk reported that she had she had been doing some research regarding responsibility for street maintenance and she has found that NYCC's Highways Register appears to indicate that Half Moon Street has been adopted and thus that NYCC is responsible for its maintenance; also that Linton Meadows has been adopted too. Cllr Brama however advised that he has had several conversations with Highways who have stated that the Highways Register is "only a guide" and Half Moon Street is actually private.

**16-171 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- Mr Thompson: resurfacing of Linton & Newton Main Streets

Mr Thompson has asked if the Parish Council would contact the NYCC regarding any plans to resurface the Main Streets of both Linton and Newton; also to request what the procedure is in the case of any claim. Cllrs commented that NYCC will resurface, or at least top dress these roads at some stage and that there is a clear procedure for making claims to NYCC in the event of any damage

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occurring as a result of poor road surfaces.

***ACTION: Clerk to respond to Mr Thompson***

- Anne Harvey: book research enquiry.

Ms Harvey is currently carrying out research for a novel which involves one of her main characters, an RAF Serviceman, being posted to RAF Linton-on-Ouse in the late 1950s. She has asked if there is anyone in the village who might have been around at that time who might be able to provide her with general background detail about life in the village at that time etc. A number of current residents were suggested who the Clerk will contact.

**16-172 New Items**

**16-172.1** Parish Councillor vacancy: the Clerk advised that HDC has informed her that the Council has received insufficient requests from eligible electors for an election to fill the vacancy. The procedure now is to follow Rule 8(3) of the Local Election (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986 in that the Parish Council must, as soon as practicable, co-opt a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. The Clerk has posted an advertisement requesting expressions of interests by 7<sup>th</sup> February so that the Parish Council can make a decision on who to co-opt at the next meeting on 14 February.

**16-173 Playing Field & Village Hall**

**16-173.1**

Dave Pattison and Cllr Bramma have inspected the play area: the equipment is getting a bit slippery however there are adequate signs warning users of the potential for slips. When the weather improves Cllr Bramma will contact the Community Rehabilitation Team to come and help clean the equipment. It will probably be necessary to close the playground for a day.

***ACTION: Cllr Bramma to contact Community Rehabilitation Team, Maureen Stringer***

Cllr Bramma also suggested that the hawthorn be removed from the play area hedges and replaced with privet hedge which would be more child friendly but also slower growing and easier to cut. Cllrs recommended that the hedges are just topped this year and that a decision about their future be made at a later stage. Further, Cllr Bramma advised that he and other Cllrs have been discussing whether there is the potential to plant some fir trees in one corner of the playing field which can be then be used in future years as Christmas trees for the village. Cllr Kirby suggested that such a project may be eligible for S.106 funds.

Cllr Bramma advised that a few molehills have reappeared on the playing field: Cllr Rooke will come and deal with them.

Cllr Kirby advised that the contractor has been booked to come and cut the hedge for when it's next frosty so not to damage the land too much.

Cllr Kirby updated that the Village Hall now has two new regular bookings: Stay and Play and the Dancing group. It is also the Village Hall AGM next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> to which all are welcome.

**16-174 Allotments**

Cllr Bramma advised that there is no update regarding a new site and reinforced that it is probably advisable to wait until the Spring and then to investigate what interest there is.

***ACTION: For the next meeting***

**16-175 Neighbourhood Watch:**

Cllr Goddard: there is a meeting next week to discuss publicising the scheme within the village however they are still waiting for the official signs.

**16-176 S.106 Funding:**

The Clerk reported that she contacted HDC in respect of Cllr Keegan's suggestion that some of the S.106 funding might be used to purchase a "net" of professional heavy duty Christmas tree lights and decorations. Unfortunately HDC has advised that S.106 funding has to be used to specifically fund "public open space, sport and recreation facilities" and such lights would not adequately fall within the requisite criteria. HDC has suggested that there are some small grants sometimes available and that the Parish Council could perhaps apply for such a grant to purchase some lights and decorations. A request has been made for further information regarding available small grants and

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the application process. Cllr Kirby asked whether S.106 funds could be used to purchase some Christmas trees to grow for future use: Cllr Rooke suggested that this would meet the S.10 criteria.

***ACTION: Clerk to contact HDC re S.106 funding for tree planting***

**16-177 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**Minor Matters**

Cllr Goodridge enquired whether the permissive path will be reopened or not. Mrs Kirby advised that they are considering doing so but they will have to look at issuing some rules on its use.

Cllr Brama advised that he will clean the Cairn and steps in the next month or so.

**Next Agenda**

**16-178 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm.**

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