

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.15 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

N° Present

Cllr. Brama (Chairman), Cllrs. Goddard, Goodridge, Keegan & Kirby, County Cllr. Patmore, Lucy Pope (Clerk). One member of the public was also present.

16-199 Apologies for Absence

Flt Lt Lumsden.

16-200 Councillors' Declaration of Interest

None received.

16-201 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

16-202 Actions from Previous Meeting

- **16-183:** The Clerk has written to Yorkshire Water regarding the drain problems in Beech Tree Court.
- **16-188.2:** The Clerk wrote to HDC reporting the Council's comments regarding the planning application 16/02476/TPO - Works to a tree subject to TPO 1998/10 at Chestnut Cottage – see 16-208.2 below.
- **16-196:** The Clerk has submitted a further S.106 action plan to HDC regarding the tree planting project for remaining unallocated funds

16-203 Public Forum

Mrs Kirby has given the date of the next Parish Council meeting to Ian Holbrook for publishing in the Parish newsletter. Mrs Kirby highlighted that there has possibly been a misunderstanding regarding the wreaths obtained for Remembrance Day and VE Day: the Parish Council is expected to give a donation of £37 to the Royal British Legion in lieu of the wreaths. Cllrs agreed that this payment can be authorised and a cheque written tonight.

Mrs Kirby is well into making arrangements for the VE Day service on Sunday 7th May but requested volunteers to help on the day: attendees should gather at 1045am for an 11am start. Cllrs discussed and then agreed the recipient for this year's Mitchener's Award.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Mitcheners

Finally Mrs Kirby highlighted that Hall Garth footpath has been reopened and asked that any users of the footpath are respectful towards residents who live close to the footpath; a notice to this effect has been placed on the village Facebook page.

16-204 County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Patmore reported that NYCC has now had its final full council meeting of this year. There is an important consultation currently ongoing regarding public rights of way : Cllr Patmore will forward details to the Clerk.

Easingwold library is thriving: a call for volunteers was put out since NYCC withdrew most of its financial support as a result of which 150 people volunteered. The inside of the library has been reorganised even enabling some office space which the library is letting.

NYCC's Broadband and mobile phones officer advised the Council that it is hoped that Phase 2 of the broadband rollout will be completed soon. Phase 3 (the most remote settlements) will hopefully start by the end of the year. Cllr Patmore has raised concern about most telephone boxes being removed: many of these are in remote areas where there is no mobile phone signal.

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16-205 District Councillors Report

In the absence of District Cllr Rooke no report was received.

16-206 RAF Liaison Officers Report

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

There are currently 4 Basic Fast Jet Training courses running: Course 261 is due for Graduation on 31st March 2017, Course 262 on 26th May 2017, Course 263 on 04th August 2017 and Course 264 on 03rd November 2017.

Night flying is currently underway and this phase is programmed to be completed by Thursday 23rd March. Night flying is planned to conclude at 2100 hrs each day.

Future of the Station: RAF Linton-on-Ouse was not included in the latest list of MoD sites that are to be sold-off. Work is ongoing to assess the long-term future of RAF Linton-on-Ouse as well as other MoD sites. While no decisions on the sites in question have yet been made, there are likely to be further announcements over the coming years which will further reduce the size of the military estate. It is recognised that this will cause continued uncertainty for those who work at RAF Linton-on-Ouse, their families and the local communities. However, as was set out in the Strategic Defence and Security Review, much of the planned additional capability enhancements will be delivered by the reinvestment of efficiencies, including a smaller defence estate. Once a decision on the future of the base beyond the end of the decade has been made, we will let you know the outcome.

16-207 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

16-207.1 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council currently holds funds to a total value of £11,132.83 in its three bank accounts. The focus now will be on the preparation of the accounts for the annual audit and as such the internal auditor needs to be appointed. The Council agreed that James Mackman should again be appointed to conduct this year's audit, subject to his agreement.

The Clerk then advised that she has prepared a detailed letter regarding the new statutory pensions' arrangements to be sent by the Council to both of its employees which Cllrs approved and signed.

16-207.2 This agenda item to review and consider adoption of updated Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Councillors' Code of Conduct was omitted in error: for the next agenda.

16-207.3 To approve payment of the following accounts:

- TSOHost for website hosting: £5.00
- Linton on Ouse Village
- Gross Salaries February 2017: £479.17
- As per 16-203 above, payment to Royal British Legion: £37.00 was approved.
- Cllr Kirby also delivered an invoice from the Village Hall committee for the Parish Council's 2016/17 meeting room hire. Council agreed that this invoice could also be approved at this meeting and a cheque issued.

16-208 Planning:

Councillors noted approval by HDC of the following planning applications:

16-208.1 Listed Building Consent for the installation of manual operating system to tailgates and polyurethane grouting to lock chamber, Linton Locks, 17/00023/LBC.

16-208.2 Works to tree subject to TPO 1998/10, Chestnut Cottage, Main street, Linton, 16/02476/TPO.

16-208.3 Cllr Brama highlighted concern regarding the ongoing sewage/drainage problems in the village and suggested that the Parish Council could block applications for new developments until a guarantee is given that the sewage system is fit for purpose. Cllr Patmore highlighted that HDC is the planning authority and so can override any Parish Council objections but there is nothing to stop the Parish Council from writing to HDC and Yorkshire Water to complain.

16-209 Highways

16-209.1 Comment was made that the recent pothole repairs in the Main Street are all sinking: the substrate obviously is not hard enough. Cllrs recommended that they be inspected.

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ACTION: CLERK TO WRITE TO HIGHWAYS**16-210 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received:

- Ripon Rotary (Acorn) Bike Ride 13 May 2017: request for 4 marshals

ACTION: PUT OUT ON FACEBOOK – ANY VOLUNTEERS TO MARSHAL AND/OR PUT BUNTING UP

16-211 New Items

16-191.1 Cllr Bramma had received a complaint about dog fouling on the Cairn: he checked the Village Hall CCTV however unfortunately the camera did not quite cover the particular area.

16-212 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk reported that still no applications or expressions of interest have been received for the vacancy. Cllr Kirby advised that he is aware of a local resident who may be interested possibly.

16-213 Playing Field & Village Hall

16-193.1 Cllr Bramma advised that he and Dave Pattison have been and reviewed the items that were highlighted in the most recent playground inspection: they are happy that everything is satisfactory at the moment except that some of the bark chips could do with renewing: Cllr Bramma will arrange this. Comment was also made about there being more graffiti on the shelter.

Cllr Kirby advised that the Post Office is fully paid up at the moment and is due to set up a standing order for future payments. Cllr Kirby also recently went and cut the playing field.

16-214 Allotments

Cllr Bramma advised that as agreed in previous meetings, further discussion about the level of interest and thus about sourcing a new site will be postponed until better weather.

16-215 Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr Goddard advised that there is no update at this stage. Mrs Kirby highlighted that there have been a few shed burglaries in the region recently.

16-216 S.106 Funding:

As at 16-202 above, the Clerk reported that she has submitted a further S.106 Action Plan to HDC requesting allocation of the remaining S.106 funding to support a project to purchase and plant a number of trees.

Cllr Bramma advised that he has sourced some benches and planters which he thinks would be appropriate: Cllrs agreed that they would trust Cllr Bramma's judgment in respect of what to choose.

16-217 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**Minor Matters**

Green bins – lack of information about how to sign up especially for those who do not have computers. Parish Hall green bin –

ACTION: CLERK TO ARRANGE FOR GREEN BIN REGISTRATION

Next Agenda**16-218 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.15pm.

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