

**LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30 pm  
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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**Present**

Cllr. Marston (Chair), Cllrs. Bamma, Croft, P Gregson & W. Frost (Clerk), County Cllr. Patmore (from 8.00pm) , District Cllr. Rooke, P Owens (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), Mrs W Hutchinson (CDW R.A.F. Linton) and one member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

11-076 Cllr. Johnson.

**Declaration of Interest**

11-077 None Declared.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

11-078 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Public Forum**

11-079 Mrs. Jan Jauncey informed the meeting that she would be travelling to Montcony tomorrow to attend the annual Memorial Service and would be laying a wreath on behalf of the village and Parish Council. She also requested that the Parish Council endeavor to raise awareness in the village that next year would be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the French Resistance and it would be appreciated if other members of the village could attend. She also requested that when Jauncey Way is completed, hedges and trees removed to complete the work be reinstated. The Chairman informed her that this had already been agreed by the Parish Council. Mrs. Jauncey left the meeting.

**County Councillor's Report**

11-080 Cllr. Patmore report deferred.

**District Councillor's Report**

11-081 Cllr. Rooke reported that there had been a planning meeting last week where the development of 85 houses opposite Easingwold School had been discussed. H.D.C. normally required 50% of any development to be affordable houses but the developer had offered several alternatives in this instance; lying between 40% affordable housing, £210,000 for open space and £40,000 towards a new school sports hall at Easingwold School to 25% affordable housing, £210,000 for open space and £1.8 million to completely build a new school sports hall. Cllr. Rooke questioned Parish Cllrs. which option they would favour. There was a proposal to develop a retail facility on the site adjoining the proposed housing development. He confirmed that Easingwold Town Council were to take on the management of the toilets in Easingwold but those in Northallerton would close as the Town Council there had declined to run them.

**RAF Liaison Officer and Community Development Worker's Report**

11-082 W.C. P. Owens informed the meeting that there was currently little flying on the base as student numbers were low but that there would be an increase in numbers in the spring. Night flying was scheduled for the 30-31 November. Wing Commander Owens gave details of the Minster flypast on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct when a flight of Tucano's would be involved. The issues with disposal of waste fats on site had been resolved and the contractors had left site. Regular chemical dosing was now taking place in kitchens and food outlets throughout the site. The I.S.S. retail facility was not yet in place but a new location for the facility had been agreed. Training on simulators for helicopter pilots was now taking place with up to 20 students attending each course and up to 10 courses per annum being held over at least the next two years. There would be no actual flying of helicopters from Linton associated with the course. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance was to be based at Topcliffe and 85 Squadron had ceased training at Church Fenton. W.C Owens commented on the very poor state of the road towards Aldwark Bridge and Cllr. Patmore agreed to take the matter up with N.Y.C.C. Highways Dept. (**Action Cllr. Patmore**). Cllr. Bamma informed W.C. Owens that there had been significant problems with unacceptable behaviour at the new MUGA site which he had personally witnessed and he requested that the RAF Police be made aware of the situation. (**Action W.C. Owens**). Mrs. Hutchinson informed the meeting that the programme of activities was still aimed towards the younger children and that 2 days of activities were planned for the half term. She informed the meeting that she would shortly be making an application for a grant to the Parish Council to help support youth activities over the next year but that the next meeting would be her last, as she was retiring.

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**County Councillor's Report**

- 11-080** Cllr. Patmore apologised for her late arrival and stated that there had been a full council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October and among items discussed was Council Tax for the ensuing year. It seemed that it would be unlikely that there would be any increase as a grant was to be paid by Central Government to maintain current levels. However the grant was to be for one year only and despite cuts of £69m over the next 4 years it seemed that future rises were inevitable. No pay rises were to be given by County including to Councillors and there was the possibility of strike action by employees. A new draft Children's Plan had been completed to cover the next three years from 2012 and it was hoped to finalise the plan shortly. Easingwold Library would continue to operate with the support of trained volunteers and there would be little apparent change to the service. The problems with Alne tip had not been entirely resolved and N.Y.C.C. had been remiss in their monitoring and control procedures concerning its management. It was proposed to reduce the height of the spoil heap significantly. Proposals for constituency boundary changes had been made nationally and Thirsk and Malton constituency would become the Malton constituency but would have little effect on local boundaries.

**Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

- 11-083** *11.083.1* The Clerk presented the financial report for the first six months of the year which was approved by Council. It was noted that the second tranche of the precept had been received and the Clerk reminded Councillors that a budget for the ensuing year would have to be prepared shortly and if any additional items were required to be included they should be notified by the end of November. The Clerk also informed Council that the police were to have an additional non-emergency telephone number from the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and the number would be 101. An acknowledgement had been received confirming renewal of registration under the Freedom of Information Act.

*11.083.2* Payment of the following accounts was approved:-

Deans Landscapes Ltd Grass cutting £47.50 + VAT £57.00

Revenue & Customs Tax on Salaries £178.16

Clerks Expenses £69.04

*11.083.3* Council noted that the next H.D.C. Area Forum Meeting would be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Easingwold.

**Planning and Highways**

- 11-084** **Planning**

*11-084.1* Council noted approval of the following application by H.D.C.:-

Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling 14 Main Street Linton on Ouse York YO30 2AX Mr P Watson.

*11.084.2* Council received a booklet from CPRE, How to respond to planning applications an 8 step guide and agreed to circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

**Highways**

*11-084.3* The Clerk reported the details of Road Closure at Newton from N.Y.C.C. for resurfacing work.

Cllr. Marston expressed extreme concern regarding the proposed redirection of the footway from Linton Meadows to the school whilst the work to provide the cycleway was in progress, which would involve crossing the main road twice and using a footway too narrow to allow a push chair to travel along it. He requested that Cllr. Patmore take up the matter with Highways. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).**

**Correspondence**

- 11-085** The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed the following actions:-

Boundary Commission Update on Boundary Review. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

H.D.C. Update. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

Clerks & Councils Direct. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

YLCA Minutes. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

RAF Christmas Fayre. Appeal noted but legally unable to make a donation. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

Fire & Rescue summary of accounts. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

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White Rose Update. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

Jubilee Beacons. To circulate. **(Action Clerk).**

**New Items**

**11-086** 11086.1 Cllr. Croft informed the meeting that he was aware of a possible candidate for the vacancy on Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the person concerned and invite them to the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

11086.2 It was agreed unanimously that Linton Parish Council would support the development of affordable housing in the village and requested that the Rural Housing Enabler be invited to the next meeting and that she conduct a preferred site consultation within the village. **(Action Clerk).**

11086.3 It was agreed that Cllrs. would examine the Woodland Trust Web site before the next meeting and a decision made then as to further action for tree planting for the Queen's Jubilee. **(Action Cllrs).**

11086.4 Council considered the letter from H.D.C. re Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans and agreed that the Clerk finalise the audit of open spaces required by the programme and forward the information to H.D.C. **(Action Clerk).**

11086.5 Council discussed the possibility of lopping or removing and replacing Cherry Trees in Riverside Walk and agreed that before any further action the wishes of residents in Riverside Walk be determined. The Clerk to contact residents. **(Action Clerk).**

**11-087** **Playing Field and Village Hall**

11087.1 Cllr. Croft reported that the Playing Field Committee needed to know the sum that they would be required to raise, on an annual basis, as a contribution to the cost of running the playing field. The Clerk reported that the cost of insuring the equipment at Shipton playground was 45.6p per £100 of equipment and he envisaged that a similar cost would be applicable at Linton. In addition it was equitable that a contribution be made toward public liability insurance. It was agreed that an initial contribution towards overall costs of £700 would be acceptable. Cllr. Croft to discuss with the Committee and report at the next meeting. **(Action Cllr. Croft).** A fund raising Ladies Pampering Night was to be held by the Playground Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

11087.2 The Clerk reported that there had been problems with a neighbour of the Village Hall at a recent dance class and that a meeting of the Village Hall Committee was to be held shortly to discuss the position.

**Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**

**11-088** **Minor Matters.**

Cllr. Brama raised the point that with the loss of the 29A bus service there were a number of vulnerable people in the village who were now unable to collect prescriptions etc and with the imminent onset of winter, neighbours etc., should be aware of the situation and be prepared to help. He stated that there was possibly a need for a community volunteer service in the village.

**Agenda Items Next Meeting.**

To co-opt additional member to Council.

Tree Planting for Queens Jubilee.

Grant for Youth Activities RAF Linton.

**Chairman's Closing Remarks**

**11-089** He thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

**Items for Circulation**

How to respond to planning applications an 8 step guide, correspondence at 11-085.

**Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**