

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7.30 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllrs. Marston (Chairman), Brama, Croft, Goodridge, & Keegan, County Cllr. Patmore, Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Mabey, (O.C. Support Wing R.A.F. Linton), P. Lewis Brown (RAF CDW). & W. Frost (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence

13-048 None Received.

Declaration of Interest

13-049 Cllr. Brama declared a possible pecuniary interest in certain matters concerning Affordable Housing and the site to the rear of Half Moon Street

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

13-050 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2013 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

13-051 **Public Forum**

No public present.

County Councillor's Report

13-052 Cllr. Patmore commented that the Council was now up and functioning again after the May Local Elections. A lot of seminars have taken place to help inform the new and old elected members, and all the normal services have been underway as usual.

The Government's Spending Review has been awaited with baited breath as it was expected to reveal that there would be more severe cuts to the Council's Government grants. The review had now been published (2 July 2013) and appeared to be proposing even more drastic cuts to all the services provided by NYCC with the exceptions of schools where funding was ring fenced. The precise figures were not yet known, but will be being considered and will no doubt be the main subject of debate at the next full Council when decisions will have to be made as to how the County Council's purse is divided up. The Full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 24th July 2013.

Consultation by NYCC and Hambleton DC on the turning out of street lighting in Hambleton Villages has now taken place with most parish council representatives in this Division, plans of the lights to be turned off at midnight until 5 am are available for anyone to see although the proposals for Linton had not yet been decided. It was not intended to turn off all street lights, the proposal being that a light will be left on in order to give anyone out between these hours a focal point. If parishioners' opinion, through their parish council, is that a different focus point light would give better support, then, Cllr. Patmore understood, the department dealing with this matter would consider the variation.

District Councillors Report

13-053 In the absence of Cllr. Rooke no report received.

RAF Liaison Officers Report

13-054 Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Mabey informed the meeting that there were currently five courses running with one graduating this next Friday the 12th July Arrangements for the celebration of the 75th anniversary on 10th August 2013 were in hand although there had been changes in the personnel organising the celebration. Patrick Lewis-Brown confirmed that the grants for the village hall roof had now been formally agreed and work was scheduled to start next Monday. Arrangements for the summer activities on camp were all in place. Wing Cmdr. Elliott-Mabey left the meeting.

Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

13-055 *13-055.1* The Clerk gave his verbal general report and presented his written financial report for the period 1st April to 30th June 2013. The financial report was accepted by Council. He also reported that he had received a letter from H.D.C. concerning future liaison between N.Y.C.C., H.D.C. and Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond positively to the proposals. **(Action Clerk).**

13-055.2 Payment of the following accounts was approved.

Gross Salaries May £437.66.

Tax on Salaries Apl-June. £226.00

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Clerk's Expenses Apl-June £106.68

Payment for the British Legion Poppy Wreaths was deferred.

13-055.3 Payments made in previous month under delegated powers were confirmed

Green Gardens £55.00. Village Hall Maintenance.

J Mackman £80.00 Internal Auditor.

It was also noted that an item was due for payment before the next meeting and the Clerk was authorised to draw the cheque for immediate payment. Cheque to be recorded next month.

(Action Clerk).

Planning and Highways

13-056

Planning

13-056.1 Council recommended for approval Proposed two storey side rear extension and double garage Mill House Linton Woods Lane Linton on Ouse Mr D. Otterburn 13/01300/FUL.

Highways

Cllr. Marston detailed work carried out on Linton Woods Lane which had not yet been completed and was inadequate for the needs of the local community. Cllr. Patmore to discuss with Highways.

(Action Cllr. Patmore).

It was noted that there was to be a meeting tomorrow at N.Y.C.C. to discuss the closure of the Aldwark to Linton Road (C92) for two weeks in August. Cllr. Marston would attend. A discussion ensued concerning access to premises during the closure and notifying Radio York and Emergency Services. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Croft to organize notification to public and services. **(Action Cllr. Croft & Clerk).** Cllr. Patmore informed the meeting that the spend on the proposed work would be much in excess of the figure included in the highways budget and in the order of £75,000.

The Clerk reported that he had received an appeal from Sustrans for funding and would include it in the circulation file for information.

Cllrs. expressed extreme concern regarding the recent very poor verge cutting alongside Jauncey way and the total lack of maintenance of the verge during the initial contract period of two years. Cllr. Patmore would again take the matter up with Highways. **(Action Cllr. Patmore).** Clerk also to write. **(Action Clerk).** A discussion ensued regarding grass cutting by the County Council in the Parish generally and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways to enquire as to the money available if the Parish took on the responsibility for the work and the areas required to be cut.

(Action Clerk).

13-057

Affordable Housing

The Clerk gave details of the July monthly email report receive from Fiona Coleman which stated that site investigations were still underway on the three sites. The site investigations showed peat at varying depths. Further investigations were needed in relation to foul and surface water connections and other utilities. Results expected shortly although it was taking longer than expected. No other information was available. Councillors requested the Clerk contact Broadacres to determine who had offered the land to the west of the village and since it had not been included in the consultation process why it was now being considered. No further discussion took place. **(Action Clerk).**

Correspondence

13-058

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received and Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk).**

YLCA E-Bulletin June 21st June & July 5th.

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2013.

Parkers Wholesale Catalogue.

YLCA Annual Review & Papers.

Village Hall Minutes 2nd July 2013.

Letter from Community Safety Committee, re speeding concerns. (Previously discussed, for information).

Thunderbird Squadron Magazine Apl 2013.

Letter of thanks Linton History Group.

New Items

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- 13-059** *13-059.1* Cllrs. noted that the necessary notice of vacancy for a Parish Councillor had been published on the 5th July 2013.
13-059.2 The Clerk had circulated details of a firm supplying notice boards and was requested to obtain a firm quotation for a board to be mounted on the existing posts at the village hall. **(Action Clerk)**.
13-059.3 Cllr. Marston gave details of the current plans for the visit from the residents of Montcony on the 6th August. It was intended that they visit the school from 2.00pm until 2.30pm and then the Memorial Room on camp with afternoon tea being provided in the Officers Mess at 4.00pm. Parish Councillors would be invited and the C.O. would be attending.
- 13-060** **Playing Field & Village Hall**
13-060.1 The Clerk stated that he had received further information regarding Community Assets Grants and would be discussing with H.D.C. the possibility of the Parish Council acquiring the playground freehold. **(Action Clerk)**.
 Cllr. Keegan reported on the Village Festival which despite poor weather had raised the sum of £540.50. The money had been paid into the Village Hall Committee bank account even though the event had been organised by Team Linton who usually paid it to the Parish Council as stakeholders. It was intended that this money be used to assist in the refurbishment of the village hall which the Parish Council accepted but agreed that any future monies raised by Team Linton be channelled through the Parish Council for the sake of transparency. Clerk to inform Village Hall. **(Action Clerk)**.
- 13-061** **Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda**
Minor Matters.
 The Clerk was requested to investigate funding for footpaths etc under the European Agricultural Funding Scheme for Rural Development. **(Action Clerk)**.
Agenda Items Next Meeting.
 Village hall notice board, to consider quotation.
 Refurbishment of village seats.
 To review provision of allotments.
 To consider call for volunteers to establish Village support for vulnerable residents in adverse winter weather.
- 13-062** **Chairman's Closing Remarks**
 Cllr. Marston thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.
Items for Circulation
 Items at 13-058.
Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 13th August 2013 at 7.00pm