

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 8th October 2018 at 7:30PM.**

***Councillors present: Bernard Cresswell
Patrica Burden
Darren Carpenter
Ian Firmin
Jerry Whitmarsh
Julie Urquhart***

Also present: Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington, MBC Councillor Webb, Parfitt-Reid and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith (work commitments).

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in Vicarage Field and Wares Farm applications.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members. These were proposed by Cllr Burden as a true record, seconded by Cllr Firmin and agreed to by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Public Rights of Way – Cllr Cresswell stated that Mr McGillivray would hand over the Public Rights of Way and Tree Warden duties to Cllr Smith as discussed previously.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

KALC AGM – Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would attend this meeting.

6. Conservation Area Management Plan.

The Clerk reported that MBC was in the process of recruiting a new Conservation Officer and when appointed they would work on the Conservation Area Management Plan.

7. Highways Matters.

The Clerk stated that KCC had confirmed that the Interactive Sign would not be replaced on the A229. Members asked her to contact KCC to see whether the cost of this was being recovered through an insurance claim and if so it should be replaced.

The work undertaken by Highways along the A229 was also discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would email Jennie Watson to see whether she would be available to meet onsite with the Chairman to discuss highway issues.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Litter Bins – Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the sponsored bins that the PC wished to have installed around the parish and stated that MBC would charge to empty each bin.

This was discussed by members and Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he felt it was wrong for MBC to charge to empty the bins and he suggested that the PC should write to MBC to challenge this policy.

This was agreed by all present.

Action: Letter to MBC.

Cllr Cresswell stated that he would inform the bin sponsors of the situation.

Playing Field Litter Bin – Cllr Cresswell reported that MBC had informed the resident emptying the bin the the Playing Field that he could no longer do this as it should be emptied by MBC.

Cllr Burden stated that she would speak to the resident to ascertain the situation and report back to the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Burden to action.

Litter Pick - Cllr Whitmarsh reported that the litter pick would take place on Saturday 20th October 2018 at 10am and with the assistance of Cllr Smith.

Cllr Firmin stated that he would organise the litter pick equipment.

Cllr Urquhart confirmed that she would arrange the transport, routes and parking.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting and spoke regarding the Parish Councils Website, and the bins at the play area.

He stated that he felt the new reflective signs placed along the A229 was an improvement.

He spoke regarding the pot holes along Wheelers Lane and reported that a water leak on this road since June 2018.

A resident clarified that there was a water leak near to her house in Wheelers Lane that was causing problems with her property, she confirmed that she had reported this to South East Water.

9. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillors Webb and Parfitt-Reid attend the meeting and gave their reports to members. Councillor Parfitt-Reid reported that she was meeting with MP Helen Grant regarding HGV movements, she stated that a Committee at KCC were looking at the issues regarding HGV's and how this can be improved.

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended a Meeting at Berry Gardens with Parish Councillors and he reported on this, he stated that the next meeting was due to take place in January 2019.

He reported that a Working Party meeting regarding the Linton Surgery was due to take place on 31st October 2018.

Linton Crossroad Improvements – it was reported that this work was due to be undertaken during the summer holidays of 2019, and the Redwall Lane Junction Improvements would be carried out in the summer of 2019.

10. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

11. Financial Matters.*a. Financial Statement.*

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members (Carpenter/Whitmarsh).

Bank Balances**Lloyds TSB Account 02332818**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£27112.27
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Accounts for payment	£842.23
	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£26270.04

12. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received****18/504791/FULL Stilebridge Paddock Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone**

Erection of a detached building to be used as a day room with ancillary facilities.

18/504649/FULL Five Oak Stables Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Change of use from agricultural to commercial equine Business including new storage barn, horse walker and Extension to stables.

18/503831/FULL Land West of The Barn Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent

Change of use of the land for the stationing of one static mobile home for ancillary gypsy/traveller accommodation in connection with the existing adjacent site. Provision of a shared day room. Associated hard and soft landscaping.

18/505006/FULL 27 Cornwallis Avenue Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BW

First Floor rear extension.

MBC Applications Decisions

8/500618/FULL

Land South of Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4NU

Erection of new doctors' surgery building with associated parking, landscaping and creation of new vehicular access onto Heath Road.

Application Permitted

18/501181/FULL

Land South of Redwall Lane Linton Kent

Proposal: s73 application: Variation of conditions 10, 16 and 17 of application 16/508659/FULL (Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of B8 warehouse building with ancillary offices, dock levellers, access, parking and landscaping including the creation of new woodland and attenuation pond.) to amend condition 10 to refer to 'a maximum of 32 one-way HGV movements (equivalent to 16 HGVs entering and leaving the site) are permitted between hours of 2300hrs and 0700hr', condition 16 to refer to the Noise Mitigation Plan Ref: 403.06466.00004.001 version 5; condition 17 to refer to the Noise Mitigation Plan Ref: 403.06466.00004.001 version 5 and a rating level maintained no greater than 3dB above the existing measured ambient noise level LA90, T during the day time and night time periods.

Application Permitted

13. Environmental Policy.

Cllr Whitmarsh circulated a draft Environmental Policy to all members, it was agreed that all members to add items that could express all that Linton does to comply with the policy.

The Clerk informed members that NALC had now issued new revised Standing Orders and it was agreed that these would be circulated and placed as an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to circulate Standing Orders to members.

14. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was presented by Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

The new allotment holders for plots 3 and 16 have already made a good start.

As plot holders plan their crops for next year, there is some anxiety about the possibility of disruption and damage to crops if the central path is taken up and surface water disposal pipes laid underneath. In addition, several plots have fruit and brassica cages near the path as well as mature fruit bushes. It should also be noted that the water supply to the three standpipes runs below the west side of the path.

It is understood that the original proposal to carry out this work in October has been postponed till next year though no date has yet been given. The uncertainty makes planning difficult as to what to plant and sow, where and when.

Mrs Sawyer stated that the Allotment Holders were anxious about the proposed Easement and the work due to be undertaken at the allotments. She stated that the existing water pipe ran along the west side of the footpath. She suggested that it would be less disruptive if the gully was constructed to the east boundary of the allotments as only eight plots would be affected rather than 16. She asked if this option could be considered.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the Parish Council did agree in principal to grant an Easement and suggested that it was based on the condition of a more detailed plan and time scales via the Parish. Councils Solicitor.

The Chairman reported that he and Mrs Sawyer had met at the allotments to consider the proposals. He stated that it was necessary for the Vicarage Field development to deal with surface water drainage.

He agreed that the east boundary option could be considered, no work was due to take place without detailed plans and without consultation with allotment holders. He suggested that he held a further site meeting at the allotments.

Cllr Cresswell confirmed that the Parish Council would give written authority to Gullands to act on behalf of the Parish Council, with all costs being recovered from the landowner of Vicarage Field.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the KALC AGM was due to take place on Saturday 17th November 2018. Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would attend this to represent the Parish Council.

The Chairman referred to an email from KALC regarding the Local Plan Review and the housing numbers. He stated that Cllr Whitmarsh had emailed a response to this that covered all the

concerns of Linton Parish Council. He asked the Clerk to forward this onto MPs Helen Grant and Helen Whateley.

Action: Clerk to progress.

c. Playground.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Smith had attended that site and looked at the fence and would secure it temporarily. The slide is in need of attention as there is some corrosion on the frame. He had arranged for a local engineering firm to look at it and give a quote to repair it on site. He confirmed that it was not in dangerous condition, but preventative work was needed.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Speed Watch Group had held further checks in Linton and this had been successful.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Burton stated that there were no matters to report.

Cllr Firmin reported a problem with poachers on private land and stated that this was due to pheasant season.

g. Linton Village Hall.

No matters were reported.

15. Urgent Items.

No matters were raised.

16. Date of next Meeting.

12th November 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.10pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____