

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 8th January 2024 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden
Bernard Cresswell
Tony DiMarco
Patrick Gerrish
Caroline Richer*

Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Paterson (personal reasons), Urquhart (sickness), KCC Cllr Webb and MBC Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

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 DiMarco 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.

Website Domain – Cllr Gerrish and Clerk to action.

Neighbourhood Watch – Details now passed over to Cllr Paterson.

5. Public Participation.

No matters were raised.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

The Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) is linking up with Communities Prepared to highlight a series of free online training workshops taking place in the New Year for local community volunteers looking to develop their skills and create their community resilience plans.

We are encouraging parish and town councils, and other community groups, to take part in these courses, to help them become better prepared to respond to a range of potential emergency situations in their local area, from flooding and severe weather to a loss of utilities.

Please find below the details for the upcoming free training sessions offered by Communities Prepared:

Snow volunteer training session
Wednesday 17 January 2024 6pm

Flood Volunteer Session
Thursday 18 January 2024 6pm

Community Emergency Planning Workshop – Part 1
Wednesday 24 January 2024 6pm

Community Emergency Planning Workshop – Part 2
Wednesday 31 January 2024 6pm

Community Emergency Planning Troubleshooting
Wednesday 7 February 2024 6pm

7. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.

Councillors Parfitt-Reid and Webb gave their apologies to the meeting.

8. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members. Proposed by Cllr Gerrish, seconded by Cllr Richer and agreed by all present.

b. 2024/2025 Budget and Precept.

To consider the draft budget and agree the 2024/25 Precept Demand.

Members considered the circulated draft budget and report, this was discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr Cresswell to increase the precept Band D figure by 5%, making the precept £18512, this was seconded by Cllr Gerrish and agreed by all present.

2024/2025 Precept agreed - £18512.

Action: Clerk to submit Precept application form to MBC.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr Gerrish reported that the drains in the parish had been cleared by KCC.

Members discussed the work identified on the Highways Improvement Plan and the signage that had been suggested by the Highways Officer.

Cllr Cresswell reported on the joint meeting with neighbouring parishes to discuss Linton Crossroads. He stated that this was attended by representatives from Loose, Boughton Monchelsea and Linton Parish Councils, Coxheath did not attend the meeting.

He spoke regarding the proposed funding of the Linton Crossroads and stated that this was not available at present as there was not enough CIL funds were available for Linton Crossroads, but MBC decided not to allocate but might reconsider in the future when more funds become available.

As this was on Linton Parish Council patch it was agreed that Linton would take the lead monitoring this matter.

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan was circulated to all members for their information.

The planning application for Greensand Place was discussed at this meeting and it was agreed that additional objections would be submitted to Maidstone Borough Council when approved by members.

ACTION for those present to review the circulated infrastructure plan and circulate comments and how it impacts on the Greensand Place. It was agreed that no action would be taken for the next few years until Cil Funds were allocated to the project by Maidstone Borough Council.

10. Planning Matters.

a. Planning Applications.

23/505091/HYBRID - Greensand Place Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU

Application for the erection of a 73no. unit Care Home (Class C2), erection of 14no. Specialised Supported Living units for Autistic Adults (Class C3), access, drainage infrastructure and associated and ancillary works. Outline Application (Access sought, all other matters reserved) for erection of a new Hospice building (Class C2) with associated parking, In-Patient and Out-Patient facilities and erection of up to 70no. Affordable bungalows for the elderly (Class C3) and associated parking.

PC Action: Objections submitted by LPC.

23/505717/FULL - Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Installation of 30no. solar panels on land to north of property.

No Objections.

23/505718/LBC - Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Listed Building Consent for the Installation of 30no. Solar panels on land to north of property.

No Objections.

b. Decisions and appeals.

23/503414/TCA

The Bull Inn Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AW

Conservation Area Application: T1 Acer pseudoplatanus - sycamore: Early mature tree located in the pub garden on the boundary with the village hall. It has been identified as this tree that is causing the wall to move; -fell this tree to ground level.

No Objections

c. Other Planning Matters.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the banner/sign was still advertising the Hillside Development Site, and it was agreed that it should be reported to enforcement.

Action: Clerk to action.

11. KALC Community Award.

We are delighted to announce that we have now launched the 2024 KALC Community Awards Scheme, with support from Kent County Council, the High Sheriff of Kent, and the Mayor of Medway. This follows a very successful 2023 Awards Scheme, which was adopted by 79 member Councils.

The Award Winners receive a Framed Certificate. The Council can decide whether to present something extra to their winner.

The first step is for the Council to agree to adopt the Scheme. The Council would then need to submit its Nomination to manager@kentalc.gov.uk by Friday 2nd February 2024.

Members agreed a recipient for this award.

Action: Clerk to submit application to KALC.

12. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

No matters were reported.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

Members considered the quotation for the play area improvements, and it was agreed to accept this with the inclusion of the higher slide.

Action: Clerk to action and accept quotation.

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the overgrown hedges at the playing field, and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a site meeting with the contractors onsite with Cllr Gerrish to discuss this.

Action: Clerk to action.

d. Parish Website.

No further matters to report.

e. Speed Watch.

No matters were reported.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Burden to pass details over to Cllr Paterson.

g. Linton Village Hall.

It was reported that the emergency lights had been replaced at the hall.

h. Litter Pick

Litter pick to be arranged. The drop off locations for the bags were discussed and agreed.

Action for Cllr Gerrish to map out preferred rubbish bags collection points.

13. Other matters and future agenda items.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to place the Annual Parish Meeting on the next agenda.

Action: Clerk to action.

14. Date of the next Meeting.

12th February 2024

The Chairman thanked all members for attending the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.40pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____