

Linton Parish Council  
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patrica Burden  
Patrick Gerrish  
Peter Paterson*

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

*In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Gerrish was voted as Chairman of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Burden, seconded by Cllr Paterson, and agreed by all.*

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gerrish.*

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cresswell (personal reasons), Dimarco (work), Urquhart (work), Richer (illness), 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 Paterson as a true record, seconded by Cllr Gerrish 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.**

Joint meeting re Linton Crossroads – The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed Loose, Boughton Monchelsea and Coxheath Parish Councils regarding holding a joint meeting to discuss the Linton Crossroads and was awaiting their responses.

**5. Public Participation.**

Three residents attended the meeting to speak regarding the public consultation for Hill Farm and their concerns regarding the proposed development.

They were advised that this was not a formal consultation as a planning application had not yet been submitted to MBC, this was a developer consultation to seek public views ahead of the submission of the application.

Cllr Gerrish stated that the Parish Council would not be responding to this consultation and would await the planning application and make representations as a Statutory Consultee to Maidstone Borough Council.

Residents raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Heath Road and they asked if Speed Watch had been considered.

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding Speed Watch and the rules and criteria for this. He stated that he thought the the sight lines on Heath Road would not be adequate for Speed Watch.

6. **Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

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 Burden and agreed by all present.

b. 2022/2023 Audit Completion Certificate.

The Audit completion certificate circulated to all members and noted.

9. **Highways Matters.**

No matters were raised.

10. **Planning Matters.**

a. Planning Applications.

No applications to consider.

b. Decisions and appeals.

23/503337/FULL

Stilebridge Paddock Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE

Erection of an agricultural barn

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES Planning Permission for the above for the following Reason(s):

(1) The development proposal, by reason of its size, bulk, massing, and design, would result in a prominent and incongruous feature that would fail to respect or enhance the character of the landscape which the Landscape Character Assessment notes as highly sensitive with guidelines to conserve. For this reason, it would be contrary to policies SP17, DM1, DM30 and DM36 of the Maidstone Local Plan, policies within the NPPF or guidance within the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment (2013).

c. Other Planning Matters.

**Maidstone Local Plan Review – Main Modifications Consultation following Examination.**

The Local Plan Review will provide the planning framework for development in the borough until 2038. The policies within the plan will be used to assess planning applications and guide future development in the borough.

Following the examination in public of the Local Plan Review, which was held by Planning Inspector David Spencer, Maidstone Borough Council is publishing his proposed Main Modifications, for consultation.

### Consultation on Main Modifications

The consultation will only be on the Inspector's proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan Review and will take place alongside consultations on the associated Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum.

### Additional Information

Alongside the consultation on the schedule of Main Modifications, the Council is publishing additional supporting evidence, for information.

Changes to the Policies Map along with minor modifications to provide factual updates and correct spelling error are also being published, for information. Any comments received on the policies map will be forwarded to the Planning Inspector for their consideration alongside the comments received on the main modifications schedule.

### How to Comment

The consultations on the Main Modifications to the Local Plan Review, the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum will run for a period of six weeks from 5pm on Friday 29 September 2023 until 5pm on Monday 13th November 2023.

All consultation documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's website at: <https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/local-plan-review-examination> The consultation documents will also be available for inspection at the following locations:

- Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ by appointment. Please contact the Strategic Planning Team, by email at: [ldf@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@maidstone.gov.uk) or by phone 01622 602000.
- All libraries in Maidstone Borough area during normal opening hours

Making representations: We encourage the use of the online Consultation Portal <https://maidstone.objective.co.uk/kse/> to make a representation during the consultation period set out above. Guidance is available on the portal that will assist you.

### What happens next?

Following the consultation, the council will submit all duly made comments to the Planning Inspector who will then consider them. All responses will also be made publicly available.

## **11. Member Reports.**

### a. Parish Allotments.

The Clerk updated members on the allotments.

### b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

### c. Playground.

It was agreed to defer the quotation for consideration at the next PC meeting.

### d. Parish Website.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would work with the Clerk to sort out the website domain.

**Action: Clerk Gerrish to progress.**

e. Speed Watch.

No matters were reported.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Burden to pass details over to Cllr Paterson.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that the ladies' toilets had now been refurbished.

h. Litter Pick

The next litter pick to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**12. Other matters and future agenda items.**

It was reported that the Church Car Park lights were not working.

***Action: Clerk to report to MBC.***

Cllr Burden raised concerns regarding the steps to the church car park and stated that these needed white lining as they were no visible in the dark.

Cllr Gerrish stated that he would look at these.

It was reported that one of the lights at the church was not working and Cllr Paterson stated that he would inspect this and act as necessary.

***Action: Cllrs Paterson and Gerrish to progress.***

**13. Date of the next Meeting.**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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 8.20pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_