

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 11th April 2022 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden
Bernard Cresswell
Patrick Gerrish
Peter Paterson
Caroline Richer
Julie Urquhart*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from MBC Cllr Parfitt-Reid and KCC Cllr Simon Webb.

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 Urquhart as a true record, seconded by Cllr Burden 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.

Linton Sign – Cllr Cresswell stated that the light was still not working on the Linton sign. Cllr Paterson stated that this should have been repaired, he would look into this.

Highways Improvement Plan – Members agreed that wording of the Highways Improvement Plan.

Action: Clerk to submit HIP to KCC.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancies.

No applications to consider.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

7. Public Participation.

No matters were raised.

8. Community Warden Report.

The Chairman stated that the Community Warden was not present as he was leaving his post.

9. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.

KCC Councillor Webb and MBC Councillor Parfitt-Reid gave their apologies to the meeting.

10. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

11. Highways Matters.

20 MPH – Cllr Paterson stated that he was still looking into the 20mph scheme.

Yellow Lines on Vanity Lane – Cllr Gerrish stated that he would progress this as previously agreed at a PC meeting.

Cllr Cresswell reported on the meeting he attended to discuss the Linton Crossroads.

He spoke regarding the proposed plans and the stated that the cost of the scheme was 1.9 million, and they had £900,000 Section 106 funds towards this, the S106 was valid until 2025.

He stated that there would be no action until 2024.

12. Planning Matters.

a. Applications Received.

22/501007/FULL Chestnut House 8 Vicarage Fields Linton Kent ME17 4XL

Conversion of roof space over garage to a hobby room, including installation of 2no. rooflights.

22/501231/FULL Rowan House 2 Vicarage Fields Linton Kent ME17 4XL

Erection of a garden office.

MBC Applications Decisions

22/500489/TCA

Miladys Forge House Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AW

Conservation Area notification: T1 Willow Tree to have crown reduced to previous levels to prevent snagging of electricity wires,

T2 Ash Tree to have crown tree (T2) is approximately 100 feet tall, and I would like to reduce it by 30 feet by approx. 1/3rd to protect neighbouring cottages should tree fall

No Objections

21/506759/LBC

Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BP

Listed Building Consent for replacement of 3no. decayed windows and 1no. door, installation of damp membranes, repair of decayed oak post, and construction of new floor to existing rear leanto, insertion of bi-fold doors to side, provision of 2no. new external doorways, and internal alterations including removal of modern partitions, creation of 2no. shower rooms to ground floor and an ensuite shower room to first floor.

Application Refused

21/505932/FULL

Wares Farm Redwall Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BA

Retrospective application for erection of a temporary single storey extension to existing packhouse including access, parking and associated works.

Application Permitted

20/501297/TPOA

Linton Park Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AB

Tree Preservation order application: Tree works to various species as set out in the Arboricultural Health and Safety Survey attached.

Application Permitted

The Chairman spoke regarding 21/504236/FULL Burford Farm planning application.

It was agreed that the PC would submit an objection to this application and call it into be determined before the MBC Planning Committee.

Action: Clerk to action.

b. Other Planning Matters.

Cllr Gerrish raised concerns regarding the removal of trees at a property in Hillside Park, Vicarage Lane.

He was asked to forward the details and pictures to the Clerk who would report this to planning Enforcement.

Action: Cllr Gerrish/Clerk to action.

Rankins Farm Poly Tunnels

The Chairman stated that the poly tunnels had they had not been taken down in line with the condition, they were taken down in February and only because of Storm Eunice warning, and to date they had not yet been re-elected, despite permission permitting this from March. He suggested that the Clerk liaise with MBC to see whether the conditions could be extended to include March.

Action: Clerk to submit to action.

13. Biodiversity and Climate Change.

Cllr Richer circulated a draft document for members consideration. It was agreed that members would make comments by email and a final draft policy would be put together for formal consideration.

14. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart updated members on the allotments.

She reported that a tidy up of the site would take place in April.

She stated that allotment holders had asked if they could plant a tree in memory of an allotment holder that had died. This was agreed.

b. KALC.

No matters were raised.

c. Playground.

The Chairman reported that Firmins, and Fernham Homes had each agreed to donate £5000 towards the refurbishment of the playground. The Clerk confirmed that this had now been paid to the PC.

Cllr Paterson informed the meeting that Berry Gardens and ISS had also each offered to make a contribution of £3500 each. He asked the Clerk to forward him the PC bank details.

The Chairman stated that to date the PC therefore had a budget of £17000 towards the playground refurbishment.

It was agreed that when the final budget was known new quotations would be sought for the work, and the PC would manage the project.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were raised.

e. Speed Watch.

The Chairman stated that he would arrange a handover for Cllr Gerrish who had now agreed to take the lead on Speed Watch.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were raised.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported that the village hall fire escape was due to be replaced during the Easter holidays.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick would take place on 2nd July 2022.

15. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The Chairman briefed members on the arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Parish that would be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7pm.

16. Other matters and future agenda items.

No matters were raised.

17. Date of the next Meeting.

9th May 2022

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 21.20pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____