

Linton Parish Council
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 6th February 2023 at 7:30PM.

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

Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington and KCC, MBC Councillor Simon Webb and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

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 Gerrish as a true record, seconded by Cllr Richer 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.

Pedestrian signs for Redwall Lane – ISS/Berry Gardens to action.

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.

Residents attended the meeting to speak regarding the new Health Centre and to ask if any action was being taken regarding safe crossing.

The Chairman briefed the meeting on action taken to date and stated that this would be discussed later in the meeting.

8. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.

KCC Councillor Webb gave his report to the meeting as follows:

KCC budget – 54% of KCC budget was spent on social care.

He stated that there were likely to be significant cuts to some current services, possible cuts to adult social care, although these were not clear yet and KCC were seeking a legal view on voluntary sector contracts.

Health Centre Crossing – current cost of crossing is £35k, KCCs initial assessment of Heath Road is that it is not necessary as it is in a built-up area. He stated that he was challenging this and wanted an analysis of traffic flow, he stated that this would be a long-term battle.

The Chairman stated that Linton PC had included this on their Highways Improvement Plan. The road was a danger, and the tactile paving was misleading and led pedestrians straight into the road. He suggested that there either needed to be a crossing or the paving removed.

Cllr Webb spoke regarding the cost of the crossing and stated that the PC may be asked to contribute towards this at some point in the future.

He stated that there were S106 funds allocated to finance a bus to take passengers from the old surgery to the new one and this was also being challenged.

Cllr Webb reported that the MBC budget was being increased by 3%, a new refuse contract had recently been agreed and MBC would purchase the refuse lorries that will be fitted with trackers to check performance.

He reported that elections would take place in 2023 and identification was now needed to vote. Ward Boundary changes had been finalised and 1000 affordable houses would be purchased by MBC by 2024.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members.

10. Highways Matters.

Cllr Paterson reported that Redwall Lane was now open after being resurfaced.

Highways Improvement Plan

The Highways Improvement Plan was circulated to all members for their approval.

The Chairman stated that this included a request for a safe crossing of Heath Road to serve the new Doctors Surgery.

It was also agreed that a Structural Survey of the Lane would still be requested on the HIP.

This was approved by members and the Clerk was asked to submit to KCC. (Cresswell/Urquhart)

Action: Clerk to action.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would liaise with neighbouring Parish Councils to seek their support in pressing KCC for a safe crossing of Heath Road.

Action: Clerk to action.

11. Planning Matters.

a. Applications Received.

No new planning applications to consider.

MBC Applications Decisions

22/505956/NMAMD

White House Farm, Stilebridge Kennels Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE

Non-Material Amendment to 22/504528/FULL: To complete a slight adjust the side windows and slight widening of front windows of plots 1 and 3. Also, to make slight changes to internal layouts on both plots.

Application Permitted

22/505709/NMAMD

Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BD

Non-Material Amendment to Application 18/505786/FULL to Revision to the layout of the threshing barn.

Application Permitted

22/505631/FULL

Linton Park Cricket Club Cricket Pavilion Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4HT

Erection of cricket nets with aggregate /concrete base.

Application Permitted

22/505521/SUB

Rosehill Vanity Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BP

Submission of details to discharge condition 3 (Photographic and descriptive record) of planning application: 21/506664/FULL.

Application Permitted

22/505530/SUB

Vicarage Field at Wares Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent

Submission of Details pursuant to condition 21 (Surface Water Verification Report) of Application 16/505401/FULL.

Application Permitted

22/505513/TCA

Honey Cottage Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AS

Conservation area notification: Removal of one magnolia tree.

No Objections

22/505326/TCA

Land At Mullions Place Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AP

Conservation area notification: Carry out coppicing and felling works to various trees as detailed in the application form.

Application Withdrawn

22/505008/FULL

Elder House 2 Firmin Close Linton Kent ME17 4XR

Erection of a garden room and shed in rear of property.

Application Permitted

22/505083/SUB

Rosehill Vanity Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BP

Submission of details pursuant to condition 4 (tree protection) and 5 (demolition/construction method statement) of application 21/506664/FULL.

Application Permitted

Other Planning Matters

Clock House Poly Tunnels – Cllr Cresswell reported that a meeting with Clock House had taken place to discuss the poly tunnels and a way forward, he stated that hopefully an agreement had been reached subject to a proposal being submitted to the PC for approval.

He reported that a large part of the north section was uncovered, however the section to the east still covered and therefore this was in breach of their planning conditions. He briefed members on the meeting and thanked Cllrs Urquhart, Richer and Gerrish for assisting with this matter.

Chicken Farm – Cllr Cresswell stated that comments had been updated on the planning portal. Cllr Urquhart updated members on the application and asked if they wished to submit further comments.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Urquhart would draft a response to support the PC's original objections.

Action: Cllr Urquhart to action.

12. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart reported that there were two vacant allotments, and at present no one on the waiting list.

There had been an issue with drains on the pathway and the contractor had sorted this issue, access arrangements had now been resolved should further issues arise.

b. KALC.

No matters were raised.

c. Playground.

Third quote to be sought for the maintenance of the play area.

The Play Inspections from April were discussed and the quotation from Safeplay approved.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

No matters were reported.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

No matters were reported.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Cresswell updated members on the current situation with the Village Hall.

He spoke regarding issues with the building and stated that the Hall Committee may seek an independent survey.

Cllr Cresswell stated that there may be an opportunity for a new hall to be built at no cost to the parish should development take place in the parish.

The Clerk advised members that the Village Hall was run as a charity by a Management Committee, and this was a separate entity from the PC, therefore not a Parish Council matter for discussion. Members agreed and stated that they would support an independent survey, although they could not finance or be involved with it.

Action: Cllr Burden to liaise with the VHMC regarding this matter.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick would take place on 3rd March.

13. KALC Community Award.

The recipient for the KALC Community Award was agreed.

Action: Clerk to submit to KALC.

14. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Tuesday 16th May 2023.

Action: Clerk to book hall.

15. Other matters and future agenda items.

The Coronation events being arranged for Linton were discussed.

16. Date of the next Meeting.

13th March 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 9.15pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____