

Linton Parish Council

The Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting of Linton Parish Council

held in Linton Village Hall on 2nd May 2023 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden
Bernard Cresswell
Patrick Gerrish
Pater Paterson
Caroline Richer*

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

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Cresswell was nominated as Chairman, proposed by Cllr Richer, seconded by Cllr Gerrish and agreed by all present.

Cllr Cresswell accepted this position and took the chair.

2. Elected Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Cresswell signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Urquhart, KCC Cllr Webb and MBC Cllr Lottie Parfitt-Reid.

4. Election of Vice Chairman.

In her absence, Cllr Urquhart was elected Vice Chairman, proposed by Cllr Cresswell, seconded by Cllr Burden and agreed by all present.

5. Appointment of Committees, Representatives and Outside Bodies.

The following Committees, Representatives and Outside Bodies were approved, (Cresswell/Gerrish)

Representatives for Outside Bodies

Responsible Finance Officer – Parish Clerk

Footpaths Officer – Cllr Paterson

Village Hall Representative – Councillor Burden

Tree Warden – Cllr Gerrish

Highways – All Councillors

KALC – All Councillors

Webmaster – Parish Clerk

Maidstone Police – All Councillors

Allotments Manager – Cllr Urquhart

Playground – All Councillors

Community Liaison – All Councillors

Neighbourhood Watch – All Councillors (Cllr Paterson – Lead Councillor)

Speed Watch – Cllr Gerrish

Planning – All Councillors

Linton Archivist – David Sendles

Litter Picks – Cllr Richer

Appointment of:-

Internal Auditor – Martin Thomas & Co
Bankers - Lloyds TSB
External Auditors – Mazars LLP
Insurers - Gallagher
Solicitors – Gullands

Memberships:-

Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)
Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK)
Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

6. **Declaration of Interests.**

No interests were declared.

7. **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 Burden and agreed to by all present.

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

8. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Highways – Cllr Cresswell reported that members of the PC had met with the KCC Highways Officer to discuss the Highways Improvement Plan and he reported on this meeting and the discussion regarding Redwall Lane which was in need of a structural survey to cope with the two-way HGV movements and a HGV prohibition / restriction sign west of Wares Farm.

He stated that Geoff Nicolls was the KCC liaison for highways and he was going to raise the issues with regards to the blocked drains along Linton Hill.

He confirmed that the damaged flint wall was not a KCC responsibility this was the property of the church.

Linton Crossroad – Cllr Cresswell stated that the Parish Council had responded to KCC Cllr Simon Webb regarding this.

9. **Public Participation.**

No matters were raised.

10. **Parish Councillor Vacancies.**

No applications to consider.

11. **Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

12. **MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

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

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

14. Highways Matters.

No matters were raised.

15. Planning Matters.

a. Applications Received.

No applications to consider.

b. Decisions and appeals.

23/500956/SUB

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

Submission of details pursuant to conditions 4 (Renewable or Low-Carbon Energy Details), 6 (Landscape Scheme), 8 (Fencing, Walling and Boundary Details) and 14 (Fabric-Led Biodiversity Enhancement Details) of Application 22/504528/FULL.

Application Permitted

23/500542/SUB

Farm Redwall Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BD

Submission of details to discharge conditions 14 (charging point) and 15 (external lighting) of planning application: 18/505786/FULL.

Application Permitted

23/500189/FULL

Five Oak Stables Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE

Change of use and conversion of an existing stable block comprising of 13no. loose boxes, office, separate wc and kitchen/rest area to 3no. three-bedroom holiday lets, including erection of a single storey infill extension under existing roof overhang. Change of use and conversion of existing single stable and storage to 1no. one bedroom holiday let, including erection of a single storey side extension.

Application Permitted

22/505891/SUB

Rosehill Vanity Lane Linton Kent ME17 4BP

Submission of Details Pursuant to Conditions 8 (Method Statement and Brick Sample Details) and 10 (Large Scale Joinery Drawing Details) of Application 21/506664/FULL.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

The Clerk confirmed that the land south of Mullions Place was now in the hands of Planning Enforcement.

16. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

It was reported work had taken place outside of the allotments on the drainage.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

- *Awaiting third quotation.*
- *Damaged play equipment removed.*

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 Burden reported in the Village Hall and the decisions of the Management Committee. She stated that David Sendles had now stood down and resigned from the Management Committee.

CLlr Cresswell spoke regarding the excellent work undertaken by David Sendles, as Chairman of the VHMC, and thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.

h. Litter Pick

CLlr Richer reported that a date for the next litter pick would be arranged in June.

A discussion took place regarding the litter pick equipment and the Chairman thanked the sponsors for this.

17. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman spoke regarding the arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

18. Other matters and future agenda items.

CLlr Richer reported on the arrangements for the Coronation event in the Parish, due to be attended by over 150 people.

The Chairman thanked all concerns for their work on the event.

19. Date of the next Meeting.

12th June 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 8.40pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____