

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7:30PM.**

***Councillors present: Pat Burden  
Ian Firmin  
Linda Potter  
James Smith***

***Also present: Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington and MBC Councillor Webb.***

***The meeting was chaired by Cllr Firmin.***

**1. Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Due to apologies being received from the Chairman, this item was deferred until the July Parish Council Meeting.

**2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Whitmarsh, Carpenter and Cresswell, KCC Councillor Stockell and MBC Councillor Parfitt-Reid.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman.**

It was proposed by Cllr Smith to elect Cllr Firmin as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Potter and agreed by all present.

Cllr Firmin accepted this position and took the Chair for the meeting.

**4. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Firmin declared an interest in planning matters concerning Wares Farm, Hill Farm and Vicarage Field.

**5. 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 Potter and agreed to by all present.

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

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

The Clerk stated that the recycling bin was still in the car park and she would follow its removal up with Maidstone Borough Council.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

**7. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

**8. Conservation Area Management Plan.**

It was noted that the MBC Conservation Officer had stated that the letters would be sent to all residents affected by the Conservation Area Review by the end of May.

***Action: Clerk to follow up with MBC.***

**9. Highways Matters.**

Cllr Firmin stated that the interactive sign had been reported to KCC, he had tried to follow this up with KCC, however he could not ascertain the timescales for repair.

The Clerk stated that she would follow this up with KCC Highways.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**10. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

**11. Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Ward Councillor Webb stated that a motion had been passed by MBC regarding potholes and this was due to be discussed at an MBC meeting during the next week.

He reported that Kent Highways Officer, Jennie Watson had now confirmed that the work on the A229 through the Parish was due to start on 8<sup>th</sup> June for two weeks, and the work would take place during the night.

He stated that they were due to refresh to 30/40 MPH signs, the road markings, clean the marker posts and cats eyes, and refresh the edge of road and give way markings.

**12. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

**13. Financial Matters.****a. Financial Statement.**

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members (Burden/Smith).

**Bank Balances****Lloyds TSB Account 02332818**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£29514.61
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Less Accounts for payment	£676.50
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<b>Closing Balance on Current Account</b>	<b>£28838.11</b>
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**14. Planning Matters.****New Applications Received**

None received

**MBC Applications Decisions**

18/501675/FULL

The Cottage Toke Place Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AP

Conversion of two self-contained residential flats into one family dwelling, conversion of storage annexe into habitable accommodation, including changes to front and rear elevations and associated internal and external alterations.

Application Permitted

**15. Environmental Policy.**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**16. Member Reports.**

**a. Parish Allotments.**

The following report was received from Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

*There has been one change of plotholder, with two Linton residents taking over a plot that had been neglected due to health problems, resulting in the tenancy being terminated by mutual consent.*

*The Seed and Plant Swap took place on 26 May on the Allotments. There were fewer plants available than previous years because of difficult growing conditions earlier on. But as a social occasion, it was very enjoyable. The plots are looking very good, despite some damage caused by partridges demolishing runner bean plants. There are several good crops of strawberries ripening, safely under netting.*

**b. KALC.**

No matters were reported.

**c. Playground.**

Cllr Potter circulated a written report regarding the playground to all members in her absence. This gave an update on the progress of the playground.

She reported that the alleyway to the playground from Cornwallis Avenue was in need of maintenance. Councillor Webb stated that he would look into this.

She stated that the No Dogs sign needed to be replaced, she stated that she would send a picture to the Clerk.

**d. Parish Website.**

The Clerk reported that the website had now been updated with the General Data Protection Regulations.

**e. Speed Watch.**

Ward Councillor Webb reported that a meeting had taken place regarding Speed Watch and they were hopeful that this would be restarted in the near future.

**f. Neighbourhood watch.**

Cllr Burden gave a Neighbourhood Watch report to the meeting.

**g. Linton Village Hall.**

Cllr Burden gave a report on the Village Hall to members.

**h. Community Liaison.**

It was reported that the Cream Tea event was due to be held at the church on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**17. Urgent Items.**

No matters were raised.

**18. Date of next Meeting.**

9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.00pm.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_