

Linton Parish Council  
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:30PM.

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

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

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from 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 Gerrish as a true record, subject to an agreed alteration, these were then seconded by Cllr Cresswell 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.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Participation.

No matters were raised.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

Parish Elections - The Clerk reminded members of the process and timescales for the elections.

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 Urquhart, seconded by Cllr Richer and agreed by all present.

Cllr Cresswell asked the Clerk for a breakdown of the Cil payments and the planning applications these referred to.

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

**9. Highways Matters.**

It was reported that there was a post missing on the verge outside of the allotments. The Clerk advised that this was a KCC responsibility, and she would report this.

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

HIP – it was agreed that the PC would submit the updated HIP to include traffic lights at the junction of Redwall Lane.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

Cllr Paterson asked the Clerk to write to Firmins to formally request that they take action to cut the hedges and clear out the ditches along Redwall Lane.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

It was reported that the verges in Loddington Lane were being washed away due to the water leaks along the road.

***Action: Clerk to report to KCC.***

**10. Planning Matters.**

**a. Planning Applications.**

24/500436/FULL - Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Conversion of former agricultural building to 3no. residential dwellings, with associated access, parking and landscaping.

***No objections.***

23/505091/HYBRID - Greensand Place Heath Road Linton Kent ME17 4NU

Application for the erection of a 73no. unit Care Home (Class C2), erection of 14no. Specialised Supported Living units for Autistic Adults (Class C3), access, drainage infrastructure and associated and ancillary works. Outline Application (Access sought, all other matters reserved) for erection of a new Hospice building (Class C2) with associated parking, In-Patient and Out-Patient facilities and erection of up to 70no. Affordable bungalows for the elderly (Class C3) and associated parking.

*It was agreed that further comments should be submitted to Maidstone Borough Council confirming that the Parish Council objections still stands and to seek their response in consulting with other statutory parties.*

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

**b. Decisions and appeals.**

23/505717/FULL

Court Lodge Vanity Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BP

Installation of 30no. solar panels on land to north of property.

Application Permitted

23/505165/TPOA

The Coach House Linton Park Linton Kent ME17 4AN

Tree Preservation Order Notification : T3 Beech - Fell to ground level, Primary unions at 4m and 5m have significant bark inclusion. G5 Sycamore - Fell to ground level, stem with cankerous wound at 1m. Remove squirrel damaged limbs overhanging the roof of The Coach House. G6 Group comprising of Sycamore, Elderberry, and Bay - Fell to ground level Bay on west of group, Crown raise group to give 2m clearance of structures.

Bay on west of group is windblown, resting on retaining wall in range of roof. Other trees in group have low crowns over roof of The Coach House. G8 group of Ash and Sycamore - Crown raise to give 2m clearance of structures, previously pollarded at 5m, Low crown over roof. G9 group of 6 Ash next to gate - Crown raise to give 2m clearance of structures. Low crown over roof.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

Licensing application, Cornwallis Academy - the Parish Council noted the email and comments from Loose Parish Council and considered the application.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make any comments. Therefore, no further action would be taken.

11. D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024.

The Chairman stated that official guidance had now been circulated regarding Beacon Lighting.

This was discussed and Cllr DiMarco spoke regarding the cost of purchasing a beacon for the official lighting.

This was discussed and it was agreed that no action would be taken by the Parish Council, however members would discuss this with the Pub to see whether they wished to progress with an event.

12. Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the need to make this more appealing to residents to encourage them to attend. This was discussed and agreed.

The date of the meeting was agreed a 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, subject to the hall being available.

**Action: Clerk to book village hall for meeting.**

13. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

Cllr Urquhart reported on the allotments.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

Cllr Gerrish reported that he was due to meet with the contractor on site to seek a quotation on the cutting of the perimeter of the play area.

He confirmed that the contractor appeared to have started work on the refurbishment of the play area.

d. Parish Website.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the .gov.uk domain to be updated on the website.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

e. Speed Watch.

Members discussed speed watch and Cllr Gerrish stated that he would progress this.

Members also discuss the option of having an independent traffic survey undertaken, and the Clerk stated that she would seek further details for members regarding cost and process.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Neighbourhood Watch email details now passed over to Cllr Paterson.

g. Linton Village Hall.

It was reported that a new water heater had been installed at the hall.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 24.

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

Cllr Cresswell reported that he had now received a quotation to have the historical minutes turned into text for £500/£600, he was hopeful that this could be funded through English Heritage.

**15. Date of the next Meeting.**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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 9.00pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_