

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 10th June 2019 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Patricia Burden
Darren Carpenter
Bernard Cresswell
James Smith*

Also, present: *Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington.*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs Firmin, Urquhart and Whitmarsh, MBC Councillor Webb and Parfitt-Reid.

The Parish Chairman paid tribute to former Maidstone Borough Councillor and Mayor of Maidstone Brian Mortimer who sadly passed away on the 24th of May 2019.

He sent the condolences of Linton Parish Council to the family.

He spoke regarding his work and commitment to the Parish Council over the years and stated that he would be sadly missed.

Members held a minute silence in memory of Brian Mortimer.

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 Carpenter as a true record, this were 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.

The Chairman spoke regarding the property 'Cherry Patch' that had been reported to the MBC Conservation Officer due to its poor condition. He stated that this was not enforceable by Maidstone Borough Council and he explained what constituted an untidy site enforceable by the Borough Council.

Highway Matters – The Chairman asked the Clerk to liaise with KCC Councillor Paulina Stockell regarding the interactive sign at Linton Hill, as to date no response had been received.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Parish Defibrillator – Cllr Carpenter confirmed that he had labelled the Defibrillator as agreed at the previous meeting, however this was now peeling off and he stated that he would replace this with a more permanent label.

Action: Cllr Carpenter to action.

Parish Litter Picks – The Clerk confirmed that volunteers working for the Parish Council were insured under the Parish Councils Public Liability Insurance.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

6. Conservation Area Management Plan.

No matters were raised.

7. Highways Matters.

CLlr Cresswell spoke regarding correspondence received from Highways Officer Jennie Watson, this was discussed by members.

It was noted that KCC were going to fund the bend warning sign and the slow markings. The Chairman spoke regarding the quotation received for a new interactive sign and asked the Clerk to liaise with KCC Councillor Paulina Stockell regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

He referred to the item in KCC correspondence suggesting that there were other enhancements that could be done at cost to the Parish Council and ask the Clerk to liaise with Jennie Watson regarding this. He also asked the Clerk to enquire when the high viz road side bollards would be made good and replaced where necessary.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Highways Officer Jennie Watson.

8. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised

9. Ward Councillors Report.

Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Richard Webb and Lottie Parfitt-Reid.

10. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

11. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

Bank Balances

Lloyds TSB Account 02332818

Opening Balance on Current Account	£32700.06
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Accounts for payment	£2002.13
	£0.00
Closing Balance on Current Account	£30697.93

b. 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk circulated the 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return to all members, she informed members that these had now been audited and no issues were found.

These were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Burden to accept the 2018/19 Accounts and Annual Return, this was seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all present.

The Chairman then signed the Accounts and Annual Return on behalf of the Parish Council.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

- 19/502380/FULL The Coach House Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent
Proposed loft conversion and gable roof extension with 4 No roof lights to South elevation and link pitched dormer to North elevation. Erection of a single storey extension to North elevation with part first floor roof terrace above.
No objections.
- 19/502560/FULL Linton Park School Heath Road Linton Maidstone Kent
Proposed Entrance reception and link foyer extension
No objections.
- 19/502441/FULL 23 Cornwallis Avenue Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BW
Erection of single storey front and side extension with associated detached garage and new gate
No objections.

Other Planning Matters.

No matters were raised.

13. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

A written report from the allotments manager was noted as follows:

The Tenancy Agreement (para 2.14) has been amended to prevent the erection of large poly tunnels in future. Permission must be sought from the Parish Council to put up any small structure covered in polythene not to exceed: width 2.25m (7'), length 2.46m (8') and height 1.85m (6').

One tenant has had to give up his plot because of health reasons. Possible successors whose names were on the waiting list are no longer available. The plot has become somewhat overgrown and parts will need to be covered in Mypex. It would be advisable to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible with the agreement of the Parish Council, to maximise the use of the land during the current growing season.

The Seed and Plant Swap on 18 May was a successful afternoon, with some excellent plants changing hands.

Members approved the request from the Allotment Manager to advertise the vacant allotment plot.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he would circulate the Easement Document when this had been received from the solicitors.

b. KALC.

The Chairman informed members that the KALC minutes had been circulated.
He stated that KCC were operating a HGV Pilot Scheme in some areas of the Borough.

c. Playground.

No matters were reported.

d. Parish Website.

No matters were reported.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported on Speed Watch.

He informed members that repairs to the equipment had been undertaken as agreed at the last meeting.

He stated that there are currently a team operating with two people. He updated members on the process of submitting data on to the Speed Watch website.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

No matters were reported.

g. Linton Village Hall.

Cllr Burden reported on the progress of the Village Hall, she spoke regarding the hall garden and the use of this.

h. Litter Pick

Cllr Cresswell thanked all who worked on the last litter pick.

He spoke regarding the new litter bins in the parish and stated that one had been damaged by a lorry and this was being looked into by Maidstone Borough Council.

14. Urgent Items.

The Chairman informed members that Brian Mortimer's funeral would take place on the 17th June 2019.

It was agreed that Members would make a donation towards the chosen charity and flowers.

This was proposed by Cllr Cresswell, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all present.

15. Date of next Meeting.

8th July 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Date _____