

The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council
held in Linton Village Hall on 9th July 2018 at 7:30PM.

Councillors present: *Bernard Cresswell*
Linda Potter
Jerry Whitmarsh

Also present: *Parish Clerk Mrs Sherrie Babington and MBC Councillor Parfitt-Reid.*

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.

1. To receive the Chairman Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Cresswell signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Burden, Carpenter, Firmin and Smith, KCC Councillor Stockell and MBC Councillor Webb.

3. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members. These were proposed by Cllr Cresswell 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.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Clerk stated that the recycling bins had now been removed from the car park.

6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.

The Clerks Report and correspondence was noted by members.

7. Conservation Area Management Plan/Greensand Ridge Proposed AONB.

Cllr Whitmarsh spoke regarding the Conservation Area Management Plan and stated that the MBC Conservation Officer had said that letters would be sent out to residents by the end of May, he confirmed that this had not taken place. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with MBC.

Action: Clerk to action.

Green Sand Ridge – Cllr Whitmarsh referred to an article in the KM by MBC Councillor Tony Harwood regarding the idea of designating the Greed Sand Ridge as an AONB.

He stated that this had been put forward as an idea previously, however it had not been progressed. He stated that Councillor Tony Harwood was now taking this forward and that it would be the only way of getting statutory protection for the rural nature of Linton.

He stated that the three big developments in Linton were approved contrary to planning policy as set out in the Maidstone Local Plan. An AONB had however had statutory protection by Government and therefore could not be ignored. Cllr Whitmarsh proposed that the Parish Council should express its support for the initiative and assist if necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Potter and agreed by all present. It was agreed that Cllr Whitmarsh would contact Cllr Harwood

Action: Cllr Whitmarsh to progress.

Cllr Cresswell stated that this was discussed at the recent KALC meeting and an email had been circulated with the article attached. He asked the Clerk to forward this onto members.

Action: Clerk to action.

8. Highways Matters.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Interactive Sign on Linton Hill had not yet been replaced, he stated that KCC had said that it is not their policy to replace these and he had been in contact with Highways Officer Jennie Watson who had confirmed that this was to be reviewed.

A discussion took place regarding the benefits of the Interactive sign.

Cllr Whitmarsh referred to the previous minutes and the work undertaken by KCC along the A229 and he asked if this had been undertaken.

The Clerk stated that this had been completed and KCC Officer Jennie Watson had telephoned seeking feedback from members.

This was discussed, and members stated that they had not realised that it had been completed as the reflector posts were still missing and signage had not been completed. The Clerk was asked to contact Jennie Watson to discuss this with her.

Action: Clerk to action.

Cllr Cresswell stated that the locations for the new sponsored litter bins had been agreed with the exception of Redwall Lane, he stated that when these had been agreed the Clerk would then contact MBC regarding the emptying of them.

A general discussion took place regarding litter bins and the Clerk was asked to request a new litter bin for the bus stop at Linton Corner to the south west side of Heath Road.

Action: Clerk to action.

CCTV – Cllr Whitmarsh reported that the CCTV cameras were working well.

9. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

10. Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Ward Councillor Parfitt-Reid attend the meeting and gave her report to members.

She spoke regarding the Wares Farm application and the additional night time lorry movements, she asked for all information to be forwarded to her and stated that she was due to meet with Cllr Whitmarsh for an update during the week.

She reported that the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee was due to take place in September.

Cllr Whitmarsh updated all present on the last meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

A general discussion took place regarding Berry Gardens and their proposals.

11. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Stockell gave her apologies to the meeting.

12. Financial Matters.*a. Financial Statement.*

The financial statement was circulated and approved by members (Cresswell/Potter).

Bank Balances**Lloyds TSB Account 02332818**

Opening Balance on Current Account	£30611.87
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Less Accounts for payment	£1382.00
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Closing Balance on Current Account	£29229.87
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13. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received****18/500618/FULL Land south of Heath Road Linton**

Erection of a new doctor's surgery building with associated parking landscaping and creation of new vehicular access onto Heath Road.

Cllr Cresswell reported that he had attended the MBC Planning Committee Meeting to speak on the application for the land to the south of Heath Road.

He stated that the application had been approved by MBC, this was contrary to the views of the Parish Council and residents.

18/502908/FULL Little Westerhill Farm Westerhill Road Linton ME17 4BS

Garage conversion to create new annexe with single story side extension and changes to fenestration.

18/502419/FULL Birds Nest Cottage 3 Wheelers Lane Linton ME17 4BL

To construct double gable end roof to match existing roof pitch also roof tiles and bricks to match existing.

18/503010/FULL The Stables Loddington Lane Linton Maidstone Kent

Erection of a replacement rear single storey extension and erection of a rear part single, part two storey extension.

18/501181/FULL Land South of Redwall Lane Linton Kent

Variation of condition - Erection of B8 warehouse building with ancillary offices dock levellers access parking and landscaping including the creation of new woodland and attenuation pond.) to amend condition 10 to read 'no more than 32 HGVs shall enter or leave the site during the hours of 2300hrs and 700hrs' condition 16 to read 'The plan shall ensure that the noise generated internally in any noise sensitive property shall not exceed Noise Rating Curve NR30 as defined by BS8233: 2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings and the Chartered Institute of Building Engineers (CIBSE) Environmental design Guide 2006.' and condition 17 to read 'The rating level of noise emitted shall be no more than 5dB above the existing measured ambient noise level LA90T during the day time and night time periods. The plan should set out any mitigation measures that are required.

Cllr Cresswell reported that objections had been raised to the application for the land south of Redwall Lane.

MBC Applications Decisions

17/505202/SUB

Romany Stables Stilebridge Lane Linton ME17 4DE

Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 3: No external lighting to be erected on site unless previously agreed in writing, & 6: Landscaping scheme, details of foul sewage treatment, & details for disposal of horse manure (original application ref: 16/506241/FULL).

Application Permitted

18/502222/TPO

The Potting Sheds Linton Park Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AN

TPO application for installation of water supply within the root protection areas of trees protected by TPO 1 of 1967, W6 Grouping.

Application Permitted

18/502028/FULL

Land North of Stilebridge Stableyard Stilebridge Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4DE

Change of use of land to residential to accommodate 3 Static Caravans, 3 Touring Caravans, and parking for six vehicles, with associated hard and soft landscaping, cesspit, and alterations to an existing access (part retrospective).

Application Permitted

Cllr Cresswell informed members that MBC was looking into the sites at Stilebridge Lane to ensure that all developments had planning approval.

17/505920/FULL

The Willows Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE

Creation of new vehicular access (retrospective).

Application Permitted

16/505401/FULL

Vicarage Field at Wares Farm Linton Hill Linton Kent

Erection of 13 dwellings and garages with associated access and landscaping.

Application Permitted

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the way in which the Parish Council considered planning applications and stated that this was not operating satisfactory. He stated that when a planning application was circulated all Councillors should look at the application and put their views to the Chairman. He stated that there needed to be a democratic decision and therefore all Councillors needed to respond to ensure transparency and democracy within the Parish Council.

14. Environmental Policy.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that the Parish Council did need its own Environmental Policy as Linton was a rural lung for the Borough and it should be protected.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate a draft policy to all members for their consideration.

Action: Clerk to action.

15. Member Reports.

a. Parish Allotments.

The following report was received from Allotments Manager Jane Sawyer.

The plots are currently all tenanted and cultivated. Some are outstanding, despite the drought and marauding pigeons, blackbirds, and sparrows.

Allotment Rent Review

The rental charges for the allotments were discussed and it was agreed that there would be no increase this year.

b. KALC.

Cllr Cresswell stated that he would discuss the representation for the KALC at the next meeting as at present there was no Cllr Representative.

c. Playground.

Cllr Potter circulated a written report regarding the playground.

She reported that the alleyway to the playground from Cornwallis Avenue was still in need of maintenance. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Golding Homes and MBC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

d. Parish Website.

Cllr Whitmarsh reported on the website.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council page would be updated.

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Speed Watch Group had held three sessions in the Parish and this had been successful.

f. Neighbourhood watch.

No matters were raised.

g. Linton Village Hall.

No matters were raised.

h. Community Liaison.

The Chairman asked members whether this item was needed on the agenda.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he felt that the PC should promote itself in the Parish, however the Parish Magazine had now failed. This was discussed further, and it was agreed that this item should be removed from the agenda.

Action: Clerk to remove item from the next agenda.

16. Urgent Items.

The Chairman reported that the recent Cream Tea event in the Parish had been held and was very successful. He thanked all involved with the event and stated that it had raised £2200.

Cllr Whitmarsh stated that he would place this on the website.

The Chairman spoke regarding the Public Rights of Way Review being undertaken by KCC and stated that he had asked Peter McGillivray to respond to this on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Whitmarsh said he also intended to respond, on behalf of the Linton Walkers.

17. Date of next Meeting.

10th September 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.20pm.

Signed _____

(Chairman)

Date _____