

Linton Parish Council  
The Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council  
held in Linton Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7:30PM.

*Councillor's present: Bernard Cresswell  
Patrick Gerrish  
Peter Paterson*

*Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington.*

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Richer (illness), Urquhart (work), DiMarco (work), Burden (personal reasons), 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, these were then seconded by Cllr Paterson 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.**

Cil Funds – Breakdown of balance confirmed to members.

Allotments missing verge posts reported to KCC.

Independent traffic survey – Clerk to establish further details, costs and timescales.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

Traffic lights request for junction Redwall Lane – KCC portal.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**5. Public Participation.**

No matters were raised.

**6. Clerks Report and Correspondence.**

The Clerks Report and correspondence were noted by members.

**7. MBC and KCC Councillors Reports.**

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

It was noted that MBC Cllr Parfitt-Reid had now withdrawn her support for the Greensand Place planning application.

## 8. Financial Matters.

### a. Financial Statement.

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

An additional cheque for the newsletter printing costs was also approved for the sum of £323.89.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the Friends of Linton Church were appealing for funds and he asked if the PC could print and send out a flyer with the next newsletter, this was agreed.

## 9. Highways Matters.

Members discussed correspondence received from Kent Highways regarding the removal of a Vehicle Activated sign on the A229 that was no longer in working order, asking if the PC would wish to finance a replacement sign.

It was agreed that no action would be taken until the PC had the results of an independent speed survey.

It was reported that the No HGV sign had been damaged at the junction of the A229 to Wheelers Lane.

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

Cllr Gerrish spoke regarding the faded road markings on the A229 and asked the Clerk to liaise with KCC about having these repainted. He stated these were now illegible and Greg McNicoll had stated that he would look at these when discussing the HIP.

**Action: Clerk to liaise with KCC Greg McNicoll.**

## 10. Planning Matters.

### a. Planning Applications.

24/501035/FULL - Hill House Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AL

Erection of a single storey rear extension with rooflights and changes to fenestration.

**No objections.**

Greensand Place - The Chairman stated that the planning application for Greensand Place was likely to be put before the Planning Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> April, and he asked the Clerk to establish the current status of the application.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

### b. Decisions and appeals.

24/500562/AGRIC

Linton Growing Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BD

Prior notification for concrete access road to provide all year-round weather access to tray field area.

For its prior approval to: Its siting and the means of construction of the private way.

Prior Approval Not Required

24/500384/FULL

Oakwood Stilebridge Lane Linton Kent ME17 4DE

Erection of a dayroom to serve existing static caravan (retrospective).

Status Decided  
Application Permitted

23/505166/TPOA

Linton Park, Home Farm Loddington Lane Linton Kent ME17 4AG

Tree Preservation Application: T3 Sweet Chestnut - Pollard to leave a 10m monolith, Historic wind snap at 10m, significant decay evidenced by woodpecker hole 0.5m below snap. New growth is all epicormic. T4 Sweet Chestnut - Reduce south crown to 3m crown spread, Historic wind snap at approx. 15m. Hollowing of branches overhanging drive, Asymmetric crown extending south due to suppression from neighbouring trees.

Application Permitted

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) - Planning Appeal Householder Application

Location: St Cross Linton Hill Linton Kent ME17 4AR

Proposal: TPO Application to Reduce one Ash tree to the nearby hedge height of 1.4m due to the tree blocking solar panels, blocking light into property and garden and the tree has vines growing over.

Appeal Reference Number(s):

APP/TPO/U2235/9494

Appeal Starting date: 14 March 2024

An appeal has been lodged in relation to the above for the following reason:

The Council has refused permission for this application.

The Council has been asked to give notice of the appeal to owners and occupiers of properties near the site as well as other interested parties.

The Planning Inspectorate/Secretary of State has decided that this does not offer an opportunity for interested parties to comment further at the appeal stage. However, any representations that have already been made to the Council regarding the original planning application have already been forwarded to the Inspector and will be considered by the Inspector when deciding the appeal.

Should you have made any previous representations, and you wish to withdraw them from consideration you can do this online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to: Sophia Rowe, Room 3A Eagle, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN, quoting above reference(s).

Other Planning Matters.

Adoption of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review

The Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review and associated Policies Map were adopted by the Council at its meeting on 20th March 2024. The Local Plan Review provides a comprehensive planning framework for the borough for the period 2021 to 2038.

The Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review replaces the Maidstone Borough Local Plan (2017), however some of the adopted Local Plan 2017 policies are still relevant and have been retained.

With the adoption of the Local Plan Review, the Development Plan for the Borough now comprises.

- o Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review 2021-2038 (2024)
- o Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 as amended by Early Partial Review (2020)
- o Kent Mineral Sites Plan (2020)
- o North Loose Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2031 (2016)
- o Loose Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2031 (2019)
- o Marden Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 (2020)
- o Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031 (2020)
- o Lenham Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 (2021)
- o Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2031 (2021)
- o Otham Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2035 (2021)

Planning legislation requires that decisions on planning applications should be made in accordance with the Development Plan unless there are other, relevant planning reasons that mean an alternative decision should be made.

You can view the adopted Local Plan Review, Policies Map, Adoption Statement, Final Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement on the Council's website here; <https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/local-plan-review>. The Adoption Statement can also be viewed below for your convenience.

The Chairman reported that the sign had been removed from the Vicarage Field site.

#### **11. Annual Meeting of the Parish.**

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Annual Meeting of the Parish and suggested inviting Berry Gardens to speak at the meeting. This was agreed.

***Action: Cllr Paterson to liaise with Berry Gardens re AGM.***

#### **12. Member Reports.**

a. Parish Allotments.

No matters were reported.

b. KALC.

No matters were reported.

c. Playground.

The Clerk confirmed that a quotation on the cutting of the perimeter of the play area had been received. It was agreed that in line with the Financial Regulations two further quotes should be obtained.

The Clerk was asked to seek an update from Safeplay regarding the refurbishment of the play area.

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

d. Parish Website.

The Clerk confirmed that the website had now been update with the .gov.uk domain. It was agreed that Cllr Gerrish would review and update the content of the website.

***Action: Cllr Gerrish to action.***

e. Speed Watch.

Cllr Gerrish reported that the Linton Speedwatch had been removed from the system, and he had asked for this to be reinstated.

f. Neighbourhood Watch.

Work in progress.

g. Linton Village Hall.

No matters were reported.

h. Litter Pick

The Chairman thanked all involved in the last litter pick.

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

Cllr Cresswell thanked Cllr Richer for her assistance in taking the nomination forms into MBC for the elections.

**14. Date of the next Meeting.**

13<sup>th</sup> May 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 8.45pm.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date\_\_\_\_\_