

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

*Councillor's present: Patricia Burden  
Bernard Cresswell  
Antony DiMarco  
Caroline Richer  
Patrick Gerrish*

*Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, MBC Cllrs Wales and Clark.*

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Cresswell.*

**1. Apologies.**

*Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.*

Apologies were received from Cllr Paterson (holiday).

**2. Parish Councillor Vacancy.**

*To consider any applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy.*

No applications to consider.

**3. Declaration of Interests.**

*To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.*

No interests were declared.

*To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.*

No Dispensations were considered.

**4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all Members.

These were proposed by Cllr DiMarco as a true record, seconded by Cllr Cresswell 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.**

*To consider any matters arising, not included on the agenda.*

Speed Survey – Currently being undertaken.

Highways Improvement Plan – Arrange site meeting with Greg McNicol.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**6. Public Participation.**

*To discuss any questions received by members of the public.*

No matters were raised.

**7. Clerks Report & Correspondence.**

The Clerk's Report was noted.

Community Safety Survey 2024

We're thrilled to announce that the Community Safety Survey 2024 is now LIVE! As part of our commitment to enhancing safety in Maidstone, we invite you to participate and to share the survey within your networks.

Why Participate? Community safety is a collective effort involving various agencies, bodies, and interested parties. The Safer Maidstone Partnership, our Community Safety Partnership (CSP), is dedicated to implementing initiatives that benefit our borough.

Our 2022-25 Community Safety Partnership Plan focuses on four core priorities:

- Protecting Our Communities: Preventing serious, violent, and organized crime, including modern-day slavery.
- Keeping Children and Young People Safe: Relationships change lives, not just resources.
- Reducing Domestic Abuse: Domestic abuse concerns all of us.
- Creating a Safe Town Centre: A space where everyone feels secure.

Your Voice Matters: By participating in this survey, residents will help shape our next CSP Plan, contributing to a safer Maidstone. Please share details of the survey with your networks and encourage residents, friends, and family to participate too. Share the survey link widely—it's essential that we hear from as many people as possible. There is a poster and a QR code attached which can be shared on social media and displayed/used at engagement events.

How to Get Involved: Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey on Community Safety and Policing in Maidstone. Your responses are crucial in guiding our efforts.

Survey link: <https://LetsTalkMaidstone.uk.engagementhq.com/community-safety-survey-2024>

Survey duration: Approximately 6-8 minutes

Survey closes: 25 August 2024

**8. KCC & MBC Ward Councillor Reports.**

*To received reports from the KCC and Borough Councillors.*

MBC Councillors Simon Wales and Brian Clark attended the meeting.

They reported on the Greensand's planning application that was approved by MBC. Cllr Clark stated that a proposal was put forward to review the speed limit near to the development and this was accepted as part of the planning conditions. A positive move forward for the speed limit on Linton Hill.

Cllr Cresswell spoke regarding the Linton Crossroads. Cllr Wales stated that MBC still held Section 106 funds towards Linton Crossroads project. He stated that he would ensure that the Section 106 Scheme was updated to see what stage they were at. He stated he would ask for this to be brought to the next Joint Transportation Board Meeting.

9. **Financial Matters:**

a. Financial Statement.

Financial Statement will be circulated in paperwork at PC meeting.

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 £53.50 for the AGM refreshments was approved for payment.

10. **Highways Matters.**

*To discuss highway related matters.*

Members discussed the Highways Improvement Plan and the proposed meeting with Greg McNichol. The Clerk confirmed that she would seek dates for the meeting.

Cllr Cresswell reported that the white lining had been repainted on some areas of the A229 but had not yet been completed. He asked the Clerk to raise this with KCC.

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

It was reported there was a blocked drain opposite Toke Farmhouse.

***Action: Clerk to report this to KCC Highways Portal.***

11. **Planning Matters.**

a. Planning Applications.

No applications were considered.

b. Planning Decisions.

24/501733/PNQCLA

Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BD

Prior notification for change of use of part of grain store and land within its curtilage from agricultural to 3(no) dwellinghouses and associated operational development. For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development. - Noise impacts of the development. - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - Whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the use of the building to change from agricultural use to C3 (dwellinghouses). - Design and external appearance impact on the building. - Provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwellinghouses.

Prior Approval Granted

24/501656/FULL

Flat 5 Toke Place Linton Hill Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4AP

Subdivision of Flat 5 into 2 no. dwellings (part retrospective).

Application Permitted

24/501440/FULL

Burford Farm Redwall Lane Linton Maidstone Kent ME17 4BD

Construction of concrete access track for tray field and concrete yard area.

Application Permitted

24/501244/LAWPRO

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Lawful Development Certificate for proposed conversion of the Granary building to 1no. residential dwelling, in accordance with the granted planning permission 18/505786/FULL (resubmission of 23/503275/LAWPRO).

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES to grant your application dated 30.04.2024 for a certificate of lawful use or development for operations or matters described above in the First Schedule in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule.

The grounds for refusal are:

(1) As set out in the applicant's description of development for 18/505786/FULL, the permission approved under application reference 18/505786/FULL related purely to the 'conversion' of the Granary Building.

The demolition and rebuilding of the Granary building is materially different to the development granted planning permission (with reference to Hibbitt and another & Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government & Rushcliffe Borough Council - 2016 EWHC 2853. As the developments are materially different a building conversion is assessed differently and would be assessed against different adopted Local Plan planning policies. The permission under reference 18/505786/FULL does not grant planning permission for the demolition and rebuilding of the Granary building

23/503752/FULL

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Erection of polytunnels with year-round coverage. Concreting of existing access track over a 40-metre section and construction of 2(no) concrete bin pads with partial grain walls, with associated landscaping, drainage infrastructure and engineering operations.

Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters.

Linton Growing Poly Tunnels – Cllr Cresswell asked the Clerk to forward the email sent in February seeking an update on the landscaping and planning application for Linton Growing onto Clockhouse.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

12. Other Reports.

*To received reports for the following:*

a. Allotments.

*No matters were reported.*

**Action: Clerk to liaise with Julie Urquhart regarding handover of allotment details**

b. KALC.

*No matters were reported.*

c. Playground.

*To receive an update on the Playground.*

Cllr Gerrish reported on the completion of the play area refurbishment and confirmed that this had now been done to a satisfactory standard.

He spoke regarding an opening event to relaunch the playground. This was discussed and it was agreed to hold this in September.

It was reported that the pathway between the houses on Cornwallis Ave was overgrown. The Clerk was asked to report this to Golding Homes.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

d. Website.

*To consider any matters relating to the Linton Website.*

Cllr Gerrish reported on the website.

e. Speed Watch.

*To receive an update regarding Speed Watch.*

Cllr Gerrish gave members an update on Speed Watch, he stated that this was now active, and volunteers were needed.

f. Neighbourhood Watch Report.

*To receive a report on NHW.*

Cllr Gerrish reported that this was being progressed.

g. Linton Village Hall.

*To receive a report regarding the Village Hall.*

Cllr Burden stated that all hall maintenance issues had been addressed and a new Chairman was now in post.

h. Parish Litter pick.

*To receive an update re Litter Pick.*

Cllr Richer reported that the next litter pick would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 24.

**13. Other Matters and Items for the next Agenda.**

Cllr Gerrish asked for Trees and Footpaths and Newsletter to be placed on the future agendas as regular items.

He reported that there was a dangerous tree at the sub-station on Wheelers Lane.

**Action: Clerk to report.**

PROW – Cllr Gerrish reported that the PROW next to the Bull Car Park was impassable.

**Action: Clerk to report.**

The Chairman reported that he had presented David Sendles with the KALC Community Award in the Church, and this had been well received.

14. Date of next Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 9.02pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairman)

Date \_\_\_\_\_