

## Minutes of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Dr B Cox, S Daly, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Mrs J Williams  
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

### Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

### The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

- 110 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gee, Gore and Urwin and Mrs K France (Press). Councillor Daly was also absent.
- 111 Disclosure of Interest  
116 Linton Youth Club  
Cllrs Cornell and Hickford disclosed personal interests as a parent of a child attending the Youth Club.
- 112 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.
- 113 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Following a query by Cllr Hammett the Chair again clarified the position regarding Working party minutes and the correct minuting procedures.
- 114 Consideration of the minutes of the Planning meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009. These were noted.
- 115 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces. Cllr Bald reported that generally grass cutting in the village was to be commended.
  - II. Recreation Ground. The clerk had issued a report on the drainage problem.  
**Resolved**  
**To proceed with repairs to the block paving outside the pavilion.**  
A verbal report was given by Cllr Krarup which detailed that the middle plank of picnic table was broken off at one end. The nettles in the area of the groundsman's container required to be cut back. Grass was growing through paved area in front of pavilion. Users of the pavilion had been reminded to keep the gate shut.  
Cllr Linsdell reported that the steps down to the river were being eroded. The Environment Agency will be contacted for advice.  
Cllr Bald reported that grass around the clapper stile required cutting. **Clerk**
  - III. Cemetery  
The Tree Survey Schedule of Work was considered.  
**Resolved**  
**To obtain quotations for recommended works. Additionally to seek a quotation for the individual removal of tree 8, 15, 40, 41, 51, 55 and 56.** **Clerk**
  - IV. Rights of Way. Cllr Rossiter requested that Mr Ralph Robinson be co opted on to the working party. This was agreed. A report on the recent meeting with the County Council will be issued shortly.
  - V. Venture Playground. Cllr Hammett reported that he was still awaiting a meeting with Clever Curves regarding the skate ramp. The payment to them should be withheld until the matter had been resolved. This was agreed.
  - VI. Leadwell Meadows. There was nothing to report.
  - VII. Glebe Land. Cllr Cox confirmed he will continue to cut the grass.

VIII. Churchyard. Cllr Cox reported that following receipt of the quotation from Landmark Restoration he was seeking a further quotation from Clifton Flints for the repair of the western boundary wall. He had requested split quotations so that the work could be undertaken in stages. However some emergency work may need to be done pro tem.

**Resolved**

**To defer any decision until updated quotations were received.**

IX. Communications. There was nothing to report.

X. A1307. There was nothing to report.

XI. Allotments. Cllr Linsdell reported that he had today spoken with Mr Balaam who confirmed that he had met with Mr McMurray, planning officer at South Cambs. This had not been a very positive meeting and no conclusion had been reached. In view of this protracted saga the Chair agreed to contact Mr McMurray direct. **EC**

116 Linton Youth Club – A report from Cllr Hickford had been circulated.

**Resolved**

**That Linton Parish Council contributes £2000 towards the Youth Club start up costs.**

117 Camping Close. Cllr Hickford had issued a report on the recent meeting with the Infants School and proposed:

- 1. That Linton Parish Council takes over responsibility for grass maintenance for Camping Close**
- 2. That Linton Parish Council organises more litter picks on school days to help with health & safety issues**
- 3. That signage is put into place requesting that dogs be kept on the lead and away from the northern section and requesting users to respectfully not use the northern section during school hours.**

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter.

Cllr Cox proposed an amendment to the proposal adding:

**That confirmation should be sought from the Open Spaces Society that these actions would not jeopardise the Councils' application for Village Green status regarding unrestricted use.**

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with 7 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention. **Proposal carried**

Cllr Rossiter was concerned that the legal process was being started too soon as the current 2006 Act provides no right of appeal against a decision not to register land as green.

118 Written reports from Council representatives  
Report from Car Park Working Party was noted.

119 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 17 SCDC re appeal by Enertrag for the erection of 7 wind turbines. Cllr Cornell reported that following the planning determination meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September South Cambs had unanimously refused the application. However the County Council Highways officer did not consider that the application would have a detrimental impact on the A1307. South Cambs will be contacting the County Council for an explanation and it may be that the services of an independent consultant will be required.

Representations for the appeal were required to be made by 11<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed to include further evidence regarding safety on the A1307 and photographic evidence in the vicinity of the Dog and Duck PH. **All**

Item 21 SCDC now provides litter bins. This was noted and the £380 earmarked for a litter bin in Back Road would not now be required as South Cambs has installed one there.

Item 22 Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Linton Brownies request for funding

**Resolved**

**To award £500 to help with costs for a coach to the centenary celebration in Cambridge. Clerk**

Item 30 SCDC Emergency Planning Awareness Seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> October in Cambourne. It is hoped that the Clerk will attend however this will be dependent on cover for the Parish Council meeting on the same evening. **Clerk**

Item 32 CCC permission to plant trees in Horseheath and Bartlow Roads. This was noted.

Item 33 SCDC re new arrangements for Indemnity agreements for the transfer of open space contributions and a request for 2 authorised signatories.

**Resolved**

**That the Clerk and Chair be the authorised signatories.**

**Clerk**

Item 49 CPALC Future Jobs Fund request to assist a currently unemployed young person to get back into the labour market

**Resolved**

**That Linton Parish Council enters into this scheme**

**Clerk**

Item 52 EDF permission to paint sub station (with conditions)

Cllr Bald proposed that the sub station by the village sign be painted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with 2 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 3 abstentions.

**Proposal defeated**

Item 57 Consideration of request to clean Stanton’s Lane Bridge. Concerns were raised as to the implications regarding the closing of the footbridge during cleaning, resulting in inconvenience to residents and possible cost implications if this procedure needed to be advertised. It was agreed to contact the County Council for advice and to contact ProClean again to ascertain if any other method could be used which would not result in total closure.

**Clerk**

120 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid with the exception of cheque number 1234 to Clever Curves. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1231, 1232, 1233	3063.20	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
Clever Curves (repairs to skate ramp)	1234	1702.00	1480.00
Cambridge Water Co (cemetery)	1235	27.20	
SLCC Enterprises Ltd (conference)	1236	56.35	49.00
CBS Office Solutions Ltd (photocopier)	1237	157.10	136.61
Hayden’s (tree survey)	1238	684.25	595.00
BT	1239	97.74	85.58

121 Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Cox reported that he had met two stonemasons from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in the village who had remarked on the good state of the cemetery.

Cllr Linsdell requested that ‘authorised signatories’ be added to a future agenda.

Cllr Bald requested that the Traffic Working party meets soon to discuss dangerous parking by the Fire Station, Rivey Way and Symond’s Lane.

**TWP**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed .....

Date .....

Note: Copies of reports and documents referred to in these minutes can be inspected at the Council’s office.

