

Minutes of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th June 2008 commencing at 8 pm.

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), S Daly, B Hammett, R Hickford, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

County and District Councillor J Batchelor and Mrs K France (Press) were in attendance together with 7 members of the public and Mr Andy Slaymaker from Beechdale Homes.

Open Forum

Three members of Stop Linton Wind Farm spoke of their main concerns: Dr Sue Harrison's being the impact on the safety of the A1307, Mr. Jim Heathcote's, the use of renewable energy without storage, and Mr Bill Thomas, the impact of noise on the village.

It was agreed to re-open the Forum during the consideration of Item 45 on the Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.15 pm

- 40 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bald, Cox, Gee, Krarup, Linsdell and Potter and District Councillor Bear.
- 41 Declaration of Interests by Members. Under Item 45, Cllrs Cornell and Hickford declared a prejudicial interest as governors of Linton Heights Junior School and Cllr Daly a prejudicial interest as owner of a neighbouring property. Under Item 47 (8) Cllr Gore declared a personal interest as a resident of Symonds Lane.
- 42 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2008. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Urwin and agreed by the meeting.
- 43 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2008. There were none.
- 44 Consideration of the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 17th April 2008. These were noted.
- 45 Mr Andy Slaymaker of Beechdale Homes outlined alternative proposals for development at the rear of Newdigate House, 3 Horseheath Road. The main changes to the previous scheme were a change to the positioning of plots 3, 4 and 5 and car parking, enabling the retention of 32 of the 50 trees. The wooded area would be supplemented with new planting. On the eastern boundary to Dolphin Close, the elders would be retained for screening and protected for five years.

The Public Forum was re-opened. Brian Rootes, of Dolphin Close, expressed concerned about the impact of the proposal on his garden. Debbie and John O'Brien, of Dolphin Close, were content with the revised scheme. Jim Mulley, of Horseheath Road, was concerned that the access was dangerous. The Public Forum was closed.

A discussion between Mr Slaymaker and councillors took place. It was agreed that the Chair would prepare a summary of the discussion for circulation to councillors. **AG**

- 46 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues.
An e-mail had been received from PC Parkin regarding dangerous parking. It was reported that the Police Community Support Officers were patrolling the area around the Infants School at the beginning and end of the school day and checking parking in Symonds Lane.
Item 26 – invitation to SC Traffic and Speeding Summit on 22nd July at Sawston VC. Cllrs Hickford and Daly hoped to attend the summit. **Clerk**
- 47 Report from the County Councillor
Item 8 – Cllr Batchelor referred to his e-mail regarding yellow lines at the Symonds Lane/Hillway junction and a Give Way feature at the junction for Paynes Meadow in Chalklands. Two members

were in favour of seeking advice and costings from the County Council Highways Dept regarding yellow lines, two were opposed and two abstained. The Chair exercised his casting vote against the proposal. The Council unanimously agreed to seek advice and costings for the Give Way feature.

JB

Cllr Batchelor reported that there had been a 'walk in' burglary at Crabtree Croft.

Cllr Hammett agreed to provide Cllr Batchelor with a list of blocked drains in the village.

BH

Concerns were again raised regarding the 'dips' in the High Street by the Church Lane turning.

JB

Cllr Cornell reported that the County Council Network Monitoring Report did not include figures for the A1307. She asked Cllr Batchelor to highlight these concerns and to oppose the report in its current form.

JB

- 48 Report from District Councillors. Cllr Batchelor requested that all missing or damaged street signs be reported to him.

All

Cllr Batchelor agreed to investigate the refusal of the planning application for the dental surgery.

JB

- 49 Written reports from Council representatives

Hanley Grange - yes or no? The Parish Council agreed to adopt and submit the statement opposing the proposed Hanley Grange Eco-Town previously circulated by Cllr Rossiter.

JR/Clerk

- 50 Cllr Cornell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Gore and Urwin signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Sandcroft Payroll Services	D/D	24.68	21.00
ESPO	1052	81.48	69.34
*Cambs County Council (The Big Read)	1053	200.00	
Cambs County Training Partnership (AG)	1054	40.00	
K France (office cover)	1055	40.00	
Petty Cash	1056	83.45	

- 51 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 12 – Clever Curves re regular safety inspections of the Skate Board – It was agreed not to commission a report from Clever Curves.

Item 13 – GH Smith - quotation for notice board at Swan Bridge and suggestions for improvements to area – It was agreed to defer discussion of the matter to the next meeting. **Agenda 3rd July**

Item 23 – C Preston re boundary and funfair. It was agreed to give Dr Preston permission to enter the Recreation Ground in order to carry out work on her hedge, to ask her to cut back her hedge adjoining Meadow Lane and advise her that no request for an extension to the length of stay of the funfair had been received.

Clerk

- 52 Reports from Councillors (for information only) Cllr Rossiter reported that she had attended the PCALC meeting on 5th June.

The meeting closed at 9.57

Signed

Date

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