

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 7th May 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: A Gore, Ms E Cornell, Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance together with one member of the public.

Public Forum

Stuart Crook of Bartlow Road offered his help and advice relating to the skate ramp. He had recently moved to Linton from Saffron Walden where he had been heavily involved in their new skate park.

- 1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Daly and Williams.
- 2 Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Bald proposed that Cllr Cornell be elected as Chairman of the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Cornell thanked Cllr Gore for serving as Chair for the past two years.
- 3 Declaration of Interests from Members. Under item 10, personal interests were declared by Cllr Linsdell for Parish Charities, Cllr Bald for ACE, Cllr Hammett for MAGPAS, Cllr Gore for Music Society, Cllr Cornell for Junior Cricket Club. Under item 14 Cllrs Gore, Krarup and Urwin expressed personal interests as trustees of the Cathodeon Centre.
- 4 Election of Vice-chairman. Cllr Hunt proposed that Cllr Bald be elected as Vice Chair of the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting.
- 5 Appointment of Council Representatives
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Assoc. of Local Councils (CPALC): vacancy
Directors, Linton Parish Publications Cllrs Krarup, Gore, Cox
Trustee to Cathodeon Trust Cllrs Gore, Urwin, Krarup
Charles & Mary Anderson Trust Mrs P Kenyon
Linton Granta Bowls Club Cllr Krarup
Linton Granta Football Sports & Social Club Cllrs Potter and Cornell
Police Liaison Cllrs Gore, Hickford
Public Transport Cllrs Gore, Linsdell
Village Hall Cllr Hunt
Tree Warden Mrs S Anderson
River Warden Cllr Hunt
Wildlife Warden Cllr Rossiter
Linton Area Pool Project vacancy
Linton Action For Youth Cllr Hickford

Appointment of Committee Representatives

Planning Committee	Cllrs Cornell, Bald, Hammett, Linsdell, Hunt
Finance Committee	Cllrs Gore, Krarup, Gee, Daly, Urwin, Hammett, Cox, Linsdell
Staff Sub-committee	Chair, Vice Chair and Chairs of Planning & Finance

Working Groups (Advisory Committees)

Open Spaces	Cllrs Gee, Bald, Urwin, Hunt
Recreation Ground	Cllrs Potter, Krarup, Hickford
Cemetery	Cllrs Cornell, Gee, Bald
Rights of Way	Cllrs Krarup, Williams, Rossiter, Hammett
Venture Playground	Cllrs Urwin, Hammett
Parish Plan	Cllrs Rossiter, Cornell
Glebe Land	Cllrs Rossiter and Cox

Leadwell Meadows	Cllrs Urwin and Hickford
Churchyard	Cllrs Gore, Bald and Cox (maximum of 3)
Communications	Cllrs Gee and Bald
A1307	Cllrs Cornell, Gore, Gee, Daly, Williams, Bald
Youth	Cllrs Cornell, Hickford, Rossiter, Daly, Bald, Gore, Urwin
Traffic	Cllrs Gore, Cornell, Bald, Daly, Hammett, Urwin
Allotments	Cllrs Cornell, Bald, Hammett, Linsdell, Hickford, Williams
Recreation Ground Parking	Cllrs Hickford, Cornell, Daly, Linsdell, Bald
Staff Appraisals	Cllrs Daly, Gee, Krarup
CCTV control group	Cllrs Hickford, Gee, Potter, Daly
Environment	Cllrs Bald, Hickford, Williams

Cllr Gee proposed that the appointments be approved. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting.

- 6 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2009. The following amendments were made. Item 301, Environment of the Village Cllr Cox said that the turbines would dominate the skyline **in** an outstanding..... Cllr Bald **also noted the effect of noise on learning with regard to the proximity of the schools** be added..... and the lack of storage facilities **for electricity** be added. Following these amendments Cllr Gee proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting.

- 7 Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd and 23rd April 2009.
Matters arising from the Minutes of 2nd April 2009
289 Reports from Co-ordinators:
i) Open Spaces – Cllr Bald reported that the group would be meeting to discuss the planned new parking area in Chalklands.
There were several areas that required attention including the area by the bus stop at Greenhill Mews, the bottom of Rivey Lane and Palmers Close. It was agreed to obtain a Land Registry search to determine ownership of the land by Greenhill Mews bus stop.
The clerk reported that according to our grass contract this piece of land is on the schedule delegated to us by the County Council. CGM has been asked to ensure that this is cut in future.

294 Correspondence received and for discussion:
Item 4 Chalklands Residents Association: request for litter bin at Back Road bus stop. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for the purchase and installation of a bin.
The cost of a bin is £190.00 + VAT and installation will be in the region of £190.00 + VAT too as per the work to be undertaken at the Swan bus stop. **Agenda 21/5**

Matters arising from the Minutes of 23rd April 2009
Under item 301, Landscape, Cllr Rossiter requested that her concerns regarding the non identification of Areas of Special Landscape be placed on the next agenda. **Agenda 21/5**

- 8 Consideration of minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 23rd April 2009. These were noted.
- 9 Written reports from Councillors. There were none.
- 10 Consideration of S137 funding requests for 2009/10
Cllr Hickford expressed a prejudicial interest as a council representative of Linton Action For Youth. Cllr Potter expressed a prejudicial interest as a representative of the ATC.

1 st Linton Scouts	800.00	Agreed
ACE	3350.00	Agreed
ATC	387.75	Agreed
Granta Playgroup and Toddler Group	550.00	Agreed
Junior Cricket Club	1000.00	Agreed

Linton Churches Together Youth Project -The Beacon Community Trust	2000.00	Agreed
Linton Music Society	1000.00	Agreed
MAGPAS	1450.00	Agreed
Parish Charities	750.00	Agreed
St Mary's Church	750.00	Agreed
UR Church	750.00	Agreed
LIFE (Linton Initiative for the Elderly)	500.00	Agreed
Royal British Legion - wreath	100.00	Agreed
Summer Reading Challenge	200.00	Agreed

Cllr Hickford reported that the PC had confirmation from Locality that Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y) would be wholly funded by Locality and as such it did not need Parish Council funding. Previous reasons for PC funding was that without it LA4Y would close, and that there was no youth club in Linton. Both these issues had now been addressed by Locality. LA4Y would not close and a youth club in Linton would open in September. Cllr Hickford stated that any PC funding should go towards the youth club as requested by Locality, and this would be for the majority rather than the minority that use LA4Y. Cllr Hickford requested names be taken for any vote. Cllr Hickford left the meeting.

Cllr Cox proposed that the payment to LA4Y be deferred for further discussion. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter.

Cllrs Hunt and Rossiter supported the proposal to defer payment.

Cllr Urwin spoke against the motion; and explained that LA4Y had not been set up as a youth club but to reach those who did not wish to use the youth club. She had spoken to the youth workers recently and numbers were increasing although numbers attending Balsham Youth Club were declining.

Cllr Bald supported the motion to delay the vote until more information regarding attendance had been received.

Cllr Gore spoke against the motion; there was still uncertainty as to whether the proposed youth club at the Village College would open. He had recently spoken to a representative of Fulbourn Parish Council who is eager to open a similar facility. He reported that anti social behaviour in Linton had dropped significantly since LA4Y had opened.

Cllr Bald responded that the drop in anti social behaviour could not be solely attributed to the Drop In. The PCSOs had worked very hard with the youth and several other youth groups had been established in the village.

A vote took place to support the proposal to defer payment but was defeated by 7 votes to 4.

Cllrs Linsdell, Bald, Hunt and Cox voted for the proposal.

Proposal defeated

Cllr Gore proposed that £5500 be paid to LA4Y. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and carried by 7 votes to 4. Cllrs Krarup, Potter, Urwin, Gee, Gore, Rossiter and Hammett voted for the proposal.

Proposal carried

Linton Action For Youth	5500.00	Agreed
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It was agreed to write to EACH regarding their request for a donation and to point out the Parish Council's policy to only give to charities based in Linton. **Clerk**

- 11 Cllr Potter proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Gore and Cox signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
CPALC	1181	607.25	
Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd	1182	218.50	190.00
BT	1183	156.95	136.48
Point Contact Hygienesis	1184	133.63	116.20
Mark Fiddy (windfarm)	1185	27.00	
John Cobb and Sons Ltd	1186	8435.25	7335.00

- 12 Quotations from Garrick Outdoor to replace the bus shelter on the A1307 following weather damage were considered. An insurance claim had been made and £3329 had been offered. Cllr Gee proposed we progress with Option 2 for:
A 4 Bay Elliptical Roofed, Enclosed Shelter, size 4.2m x 1.4m **£4,035.00**

Consisting of a full back, 2 full end panels and 2 front Panels.	
A 2 Metre Long, Perch seat	£ 67.20
Solid Panels below Mid Rail £30.00 each (8 in total)	£ 240.00
TOTAL	£4,342.20
Additional cost of removal of old shelter	£ 350.00
	<u>£ 4692.20</u>

The proposal was seconded by Krarup and agreed by the meeting.

The clerk had requested that the ivy behind the current shelter be weed killed and the tree cut back prior to installation.

Cllr Hickford will check to see if the old shelter can be put to any other use.

RH

- 13 Linton Disability Access and Safety Project - To determine sites for 6 sets of dropped kerbs. Cllr Bald had proposed the following sites after meeting with Keith Fauch from CCC

(4 pairs and 3 singles):-

- Back Road/Flaxfields junction - dropped kerbs to each side of the entrance to Flaxfields
- Balsham Road - Post Office to footpath to Parsonage Way – dropped kerbs to each side
- Cole’s Lane - dropped kerb, to allow safe access to Health Centre. This to be in area of the Village Hall, if possible, for those accessing from Back Road. (1 kerb)
- Dropped kerb needed opposite Dodgers Lane near Sweettalk News. (1 kerb)
- Near entrance to Infants School on High Street - dropped kerbs and perhaps wooden safety barriers (school side)
- High Street/Market Lane junction, the kerb nearest A1307 is very difficult to negotiate (other side already has dropped kerb to access the cobbled area) (1 kerb)
- High Street near Horn Lane – dropped kerbs to both sides required

Cllr Gore proposed that these suggestions be forwarded to the County Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting.

Clerk

- 14 Cllr Gore had issued a report on the setting up of a Childrens’ Centre on the Cathodeon site and recommended that the Parish Council commits the Council to this project on the Cathodeon site on the following basis:

1. The Parish Council is not expected to make any funding commitment to the project.
2. The County Council will be responsible for the design and building of the extension to accommodate the centre and changes to the car park, in consultation with the Trustees as agents of the Parish Council.

3. The Council will grant a lease of the extension on similar terms to the existing Library lease. Cllr Cox proposed that items 1, 2, and 3 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed by the meeting with 4 abstentions.

- 15 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 8 ecops regarding rural issues information – it was agreed to sign up to receive this information

Item 16 Emson’s Close Residents Assoc re ownership of damaged fence. It was agreed to advise that the County Council were responsible for the barrier and to forward the email to them.

Clerk

Item 23 Clever Curves Ltd regarding a quotation to repair skate ramp. It was agreed to defer a decision until Cllr Hammett had discussed this matter with Stuart Crook.

BH

Item 39 SCDC re Coles Lane car park whether to include ‘short term use’ in the lease. Concerns were raised as to the terms of the lease and it was agreed to request further information.

Clerk

- 16 Reports from Councillors (for information only). There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed

Date

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

