



## Linton Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Anderton Memorial Institute**

**Present:** Cllr Midgley (Chairman), Cllr Boothman, Cllr Oakes, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Metcalfe - arrived at 7.36pm

**Also in attendance:** L Coverdale Parish Clerk, 3 members of the public (2 arrived at 7.36pm)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.**
  - a. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting  
Apologies were received from Cllr Metcalfe as he may not be able to attend or could be late due to work commitments
  - b. To consider the approval of reasons given for absence  
Apologies were considered and approved
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct.**

Cllr Midgley declared an interest in agenda item 6b
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as a true and correct record.**

It was proposed by Cllr Oakes and seconded by Cllr Boothman and RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 4. To receive information on the following on-going issues and decide further action where necessary.**
  - a. Registration of the Village Green**

The Clerk advised she was waiting for an update from the solicitor.
  - b. Registration of the Lanes**

The Clerk informed the Council that she was waiting for an update from the solicitor.
  - c. Linton Camp – update re conditions of construction**

It was advised by the Clerk that the determination date for the Conditions of Construction was now the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

*Cllr Metcalfe and two members of the public arrived at the meeting.*

**d. Linton Falls – Increase of visitors**

Emails had been received by the Council as a result of the large influx of visitors on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June particularly in and around Linton Falls.

The emails highlighted a range of issues associated with the dramatic increase in visitor numbers which included:

- damage to property,
- fires being started for bbq's,

- make shift toilet areas being created,
- significant littering,
- inconsiderate and illegal parking in the Linton Falls area paying no attention to the double yellow lines and blocking access for emergency services,
- there were also reports of drug dealing in the area,
- It was also noted by all that there had been no Police or National Parks presence although telephone calls had been made to the police.

The influx of visitors was not associated with a public holiday or religious holiday hence had been unexpected. It was highlighted that the Dales National Park and specifically Burnsall and Linton Falls had been advertised on Social Media sites which had raised awareness and driven up visitor numbers.

The above issues and potential solutions / mitigations to the issues were debated at length. A summary is outlined below:

- **Traffic Cones**
  - Given the major parking issues are currently concentrated around Linton Falls we should provide the residents of Linton Falls with access to the 'no parking' traffic cones which have been recently purchased. Idea to be discussed with Linton Falls residents.
  - Agreed that the cones should be deployed by the Parish Council on Bank Holidays and Sundays going forward to see how the situation progresses
- **Parking and Speeding**
  - The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the repainting of the double yellow lines around Linton Falls
  - The council to review the double yellow line coverage around the areas which have consistently been impacted by poor parking / congestion and restriction of access for emergency services.
  - Cars speeding has also been an issue and Cllr Metcalfe agreed to look at how some monitoring equipment could be deployed
- **Signage**
  - It was suggested that additional signage be added near the entrance to Lauradale Lane highlighting the direction to the National Parks Car Park in Grassington
  - Changes to some of the signage around Linton Falls to give clearer direction to the Falls and also to areas of 'no parking' was also discussed.
- **Other considerations** - A member of the public made the following suggestions for the Council to consider
  - A forum with the Police and Crime Commissioner at the next open meeting – The Council agreed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner
  - Community Wardens - Cllr Midgley agreed to bring this to the Upper Wharfedale Task Force meeting tomorrow
  - Community asset transfer of the Linton Falls car park to enable the community to set parking charges and use the monies to fund a Community Warden – The Council considered that as this is a National Park car park it may not be a possibility
- **Upper Wharfedale Task Force** - Cllr Midgley is attending the meeting tomorrow 22/06/21 and agreed to raise the following issues
  - Why the Police didn't respond?
  - Why there were no additional Rangers available?
  - Why there was no highways resource?

- Additional signage required to guide visitors to the National Parks car park
  - Social Media - how this could be monitored / counteracted
  - To revisit the Community Wardens scheme
- Cllr Midgley and Cllr Boothman agreed to get in touch and discuss the issues suffered by those who emailed the Parish Council and to report back on the discussion and proposed actions at the next meeting.

e. **Glasses on the Village Green** – update by Cllr Midgley

Cllr Midgley advised that he had met with the landlord of the Fountaine Inn, who would like to co-operate and work with the Parish Council. The landlord is therefore going to contact Robinsons brewery regarding covering any liability that may arise as a result of the use of glasses made of glass on the Village Green.

f. **Summer Maintenance Updates**

i. **Fence / railing on Well Lane** – update by Cllr Midgley

Cllr Midgley advised that he was waiting for a quotation for the work

ii. **Dog Waste Bin post** – update by Cllr Midgley

It was advised by Cllr Midgley that he was waiting for a quotation

iii. **Clapper Bridge** – update by the Clerk

The Clerk updated the Council that a response had been received from YDNP regarding the maintenance of the Clapper Bridge and the next step was to provide some photographs to the Senior Listed Building Officer and Conservation Officer at the YDNP. Cllr Metcalfe volunteered to take the required photographs

iv. **Verges** - update by Cllr Metcalfe

The Council were informed by Cllr Metcalfe that he had met with the contractor and received a quote for £150 for the cutting of the verges in the village from the bus shelter at Great Bank Top to Fourlands Lane. It was proposed by Cllr Midgley and Seconded by Cllr Oakes and RESOLVED unanimously that the expenditure be approved.

v. **Mess around the letter box** – update by Cllr Oates

This item is carried forward to the next meeting

vi. **Telephone Box** – update by the Clerk

The Clerk let the Council know that BT had been advised of the missing pane of glass in the telephone box and a fault had been raised. Should the Council want the box to be considered for repainting photographs would need to be sent. The Clerk was asked to send photographs of the paintwork to BT.

5. **To consider the following Planning Application:** (Any applications received by the clerk after publishing the agenda will be tabled at the meeting)

a. **Ref C/50/25C 2, Holme House, Church Road, Linton Falls – Householder planning permission for erection of single storey front and side extension**

**The Council agreed that the following should be submitted to planning by the Clerk**

- Following the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21st June 2021 Linton Parish Council is supportive of this planning application (in principle). However, the Council have the following reservations and would like these to be taken into consideration. The Council considers that the realignment of the ancient track wall detracts from the lane and considers that this alteration is not required as there is a suitable layby opposite. The Council is also concerned that the proposed new door to garden access off the lane creates a new right of way.

**6. To receive the following planning decisions:**

- a. **C/50/83D/LB Brows View, Little Village Road, Linton** Listed building consent for change of use of existing detached garage to holiday let – **application withdrawn**  
This was noted by the Council
- b. **C/50/41F/LB Linton House, Lauradale Lane, Linton** Listed building consent for sub-division of first floor ante-room to form en-suite shower room and cupboard; alterations to the low level window reveal panelling of the adjoining bedroom to accommodate and conceal pipework; and provision of an external soil and vent pipe on a north wall - **application withdrawn**  
This was noted by the Council

**7. Financial Matters:**

- a. **To report payments made between meetings** (Annex 1: Finance Report)  
The payments below had been made and were approved.

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
100335	CDC	Election Expenses	£536.10
100336	Came & Company	Insurance	£409.53

- b. **To approve accounts for payment** (Annex 1: Finance Report)  
It was RESOLVED to pay the staffing costs for June and also the interim grass cutting bill of £576 presented at the meeting, for which a grant had been agreed from the Linton Community Fund.
- c. **To report receipts since last meeting** (Annex 1: Finance Report)  
There were none.
- d. **To receive finance report from Responsible Finance Officer** (Annex 1: Finance Rep)  
The Responsible Finance Officer reported an account balance of £3,188.48 at 11/06/21.
- e. **Verification of bank reconciliations** - Cllr. Stewart  
Cllr Stewart advised that there were no issues

**8. To consider and adopt the following Council policies and procedures:**

- a. **Code of Conduct**  
This item is carried forward awaiting the guidance notes from the YLCA

**9. Matters requested by Councillors**

- a. None

**10. Matters requested by the Clerk**

- a. None

**11. To discuss correspondence received & decide further action if required**

- a. Skipton & Ripon ACC 27 May 2021 – Agenda received from NYCC – circulated via email 20/05/21 - NOTED
- b. Guidance for the safe use of multi purpose community facilities received from YLCA – circulated via email 26/05/21 - NOTED
- c. Arthritis Self Management Event for Yorkshire received from Arthritis Action – circulated via email 26/05/21 - NOTED
- d. YLCA May and June Training Courses received from YLCA – circulated via email 26/05/21 - NOTED
- e. Law and Governance Bulletin received from YLCA – circulated via email 26/05/21 - NOTED

- f. NY Highways – Teckal letter received from NYCC - circulated via email 31/05/21 - NOTED
- g. Citizens Online Project received from CDC – circulated via email 06/06/21 - NOTED
- h. Community Public Access Defibrillators update received from Ambulance Service – circulated via email 06/06/21 – the Clerk was asked to resend this to Cllr Stewart
- i. Supporting those who may be Digitally Excluded received from Citizens Online circulated via email 06/06/21- NOTED
- j. Notification of YLCA Representatives received from YLCA – circulated via email 06/06/21 - NOTED
- k. Craven Annual Branch Meeting received from YLCA - circulated via email 11/06/21 - NOTED
- l. Craven Playing Pitch Strategy Update – Parish Council Consultation received from CDC - circulated via email 11/06/21 – NOTED
- m. NY Police, Fire and Crime Panel seek independent co-opted members received from YLCA – circulated via email 17/06/21 - NOTED

**12. To received updates on any matter (for information only)**

- a. **The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** – requested to go on the next agenda by Cllr Metcalfe
- b. **Remembrance Service** – Cllr Boothman updated the Council to advise that this had been postponed due to the pandemic until September.
- c. **Grant monitoring** – the Clerk mentioned that she would complete the grant monitoring forms for the grants received for the traffic cones and defibrillator.
- d. **Saplings growing on the road bridge** – a parishioner had advised the Clerk of this. The bridge belongs to highways therefore the Clerk will let Highways know.

**13. To consider the date of the next meeting of the Council.**

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting would be Monday 23rd August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Anderton Memorial Institute

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm**

**There was no further public participation**