



Linton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Anderton Memorial Institute

Present: Cllr Midgley (Chairman), Cllr Boothman, Cllr Oakes (arrived at 7.33 pm), Cllr Stewart, Cllr Metcalfe

Also in attendance: L Coverdale Parish Clerk, 2 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence.

a. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting

There were no apologies for absence in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Oakes arrived at the meeting and apologised for being late.

b. To consider the approval of reasons given for absence

Apologies for lateness from Cllr Oakes were accepted.

2. To receive any declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct

There were none

3. Linton Falls – Increase of Visitors

The key agenda item for the meeting was to discuss and agree actions to help mitigate the issues associated with the massive influx of visitors that the village, predominately Linton Falls, had experienced on several occasions. Most recently on the 13th June.

Cllr Midgley advised that he and Cllr Boothman had met with some parishioners from Linton Falls and had discussed the issues that they had experienced as well as some solutions that they considered would help to alleviate some of the issues.

These proposals as well as those considered by the Parish Council were discussed in order:

a. Review of double yellow lines

It was discussed and agreed that a review of the existing double yellow lines in Linton Falls was undertaken and additional areas of double yellow lines be considered where the parking had become a significant issue to traffic flow and the access for emergency vehicles to Linton Falls.

Cllr Midgley informed the meeting that he had requested maps of the current double yellow lines in Linton and Linton Falls from NYCC which have not been received as yet.

Cllr Midgley also updated the meeting that the Clerk had contacted NYCC Highways regarding the double yellow lines and they had replied that the lines in the Linton Falls area didn't require a refresh at this time. The Parish Council did not concur with this decision and suggested that some photographs were taken and sent in to NYCC Highways highlighting the poor state of some of the double yellow lines and to ask them to re-consider.

It was also agreed that the verges, which have been narrowed over time, be reinstated to their previous position on Church Road thereby reducing the potential for parking.

A parishioner advised that he had contacted Threshfield Parish Council who were looking in to the possibility of double yellow lines past Threshfield Primary school.

Additional lines were discussed and various suggestions put forward in an attempt to ease the dangerous levels of congestion at Linton Falls and still provide facilities for local people. Keeping residents and visitors safe.

It was proposed by Cllr Boothman and seconded by Cllr Metcalfe and RESOLVED unanimously that a request for double yellow lines on both sides of Great Bank from the junction with the B6160 to the bottom. However, a space be left available for parking where the road widens. This plan will be submitted to NYCC.

b. Review of speed limit

The benefit of a speed limit and appropriate signage being installed down Church Lane and past Threshfield Primary School was discussed. It was highlighted by Cllr Oakes that this had been discussed with NYCC before and it had been advised that the width of the road precludes speed and therefore a 30 mph wasn't required.

It was agreed not to proceed with an application for a reduced speed limit and signage to be put in place.

It was suggested by a parishioner that the formation of a physical a pinch point may be an option to slow traffic down on entering Linton Falls. The Council agreed to contact NYCC Highways to find out further information about these and the application process.

The possibility of a scatter graph installation to measure speeds was suggested, and also a different coloured road dressing being applied by the junction of Church Lane / Great Bank (by the allotment) as an alternative to a 30 mph was also mentioned. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

c. Parking Cone requirements

A number of parking cones had been distributed to Linton Falls and the residents present advised that they now had sufficient. It was proposed by Cllr. Boothman, seconded by Cllr Midgley and RESOLVED unanimously to ask the Linton Community Fund for a grant for a further 21 traffic cones.

d. Signage

Cllr Midgley updated the meeting that he and Cllr Boothman had met with some of the residents at Linton Falls to discuss possible signage options.

Cllr Midgley had also met with a representative of the YDNP to agree which of these options could be supported by the YDNP.

The Council discussed signage options and it was agreed to progress the following with YDNP –

- i. Temporary signage to direct visitors (in cars) towards the National Park Visitor centre in Grassington and away from Linton Falls. Signage to be placed at the top and bottom of Great Bank. The signs will state 'Alternative Parking for Linton Falls at National Parks Centre'. This will tie in with the existing brown road signs which are in place on the B6265. The effectiveness of the signage will be reviewed at the end of the summer season and a permanent solution agreed.
- ii. Large Grey Directional Signs to Linton Falls – that a double sided sign be placed below the wooden footpath sign to clearly guide pedestrians to Linton Falls. The sign should show an image of a person walking to indicate access on foot.
- iii. Orientation Mapboard and Signage at Linton Falls Carpark – one - two map boards were suggested to clearly show visitors directions to Linton Falls and nearby footpaths, the YDNP Car Park and Linton Falls Car Park. Cllr Boothman and Cllr Metcalfe agreed to discuss this with residents to obtain their views on locations and number.
- iv. Signage at the Quarry End of Lauradale Lane – to request two signs for the National Parks Centre with associated parking, toilets.

It was also suggested by a parishioner that a no access to the Falls sign be mounted under the Linton Falls cul-de-sac road sign as the dead end sign on the left hand side is not in a prominent place and is not seen until you are upon it. Cllr Midgley agreed to mention the location of the sign to NYCC Highways.

The Council agreed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and also the Member of Parliament representing the area to highlight the concerning issues encountered by local residents and the lack of resources which have been available to manage these concerns of the community.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

There was no further public participation