

## **Linton Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2025, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms**

**Present:** Cllr Tilley (In the Chair), Cllr Tizzard, Cllr Browne, Cllr Miles, Cllr Troyden-Fraser, Cllr Fraser,  
Cllr Smith, and Cllr D Swinburn.

#### **24/199 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)**

***RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted as follows:***

- ***Cllr R Swinburn due to other work commitments.***

#### **24/200 - Variation of the Order of Business**

There were no Variation to the Order of Business.

#### **24/201 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)**

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

#### **24/202 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.**

#### **Public Speaking**

There was nothing to report.

#### **District Council Representatives Report**

District Councillor Tilley was present at the meeting and gave his report as follows:

#### **December 2024 Report:**

##### **SDDC Budget Consultation for next financial year**

Runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> December until 17<sup>th</sup> January more details to follow.

##### **Litter in Coton Park from Badgers Hollow to the Bridge**

This has been reported again and will be cleared.

##### **Flooding at Walton Rd Junction Drakelow**

This has been confirmed as caused by a temporary pump failing to operate correctly.

The developer Countryside homes has promised that this will be kept in service over the winter period with daily checks.

#### **Linton Area Forum**

12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm Rosliston Forestry Centre

### **Pallet Network Meeting**

I will be attending this meeting tomorrow evening.

### **Flood liaison**

I attended this online meeting last week. I raised the issue of flooding on the road outside Rosliston Forestry Centre.

### **Rosliston Forestry Centre 30-year Celebration**

I attended this event this morning. The history and key events on the site were celebrated and the regeneration plan was outlined.

### **Parish Council Forum to discuss Planning Department revision.**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10.30 to 12.00

or

21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 17.30 to 19.00

2 members from each parish council are invited to attend to be held at the council offices Swadlincote.

### **January 2025 Report:**

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### **County Council Representative Report**

Cllr Swan sent his apologies, the Clerk distributed the report to the Councillors prior to the meeting as follows:

#### **Linton Parish Issues**

As Parish Councillors are aware, I liaise with the Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair, as well as residents, and actively address any issues as soon as they are brought to my attention.

#### **DCC's Response to SDDC's Local Plan Consultation on Drakelow Development**

As part of its technical response to South Derbyshire District Council's Local Plan proposals, the County Council submitted the comment below in December 2024:

#### **SDDC's Question:**

Do you agree with the policy requirements, extent of the site, facilities and infrastructure proposed at former Drakelow Power Station?

#### **DCC's Response:**

Highways Issues: Derbyshire County Council has concerns regarding congestion on the local road network in this area. This is exacerbated by a number of well-established annual events/festivals which creates additional traffic flows on commissioning and decommission. The preamble text to policy STRA3 could include a reference to the need for the completion of the Walton Bypass and the new Trent crossing before further development on the Drakelow site progresses. This would ease the load on the already potentially congested local, rural road network and enable traffic, particularly HGVs to use the new Trent crossing in preference to accessing the site from A38 via A444 Stapenhill and A5121 Burton Upon Trent. Neither Walton Bridge, nor Chetwynd Bridge are suitable for HGV traffic, and both have weight restrictions and have suffered from inappropriate traffic use.

NB: The developer is apparently still aiming for a December 2025 completion for the new bridge and bypass.

### **Snow Updates**

Winter is here and local residents can get snow and road updates from DCC. People can sign up to receive emails from the County Council whenever snow or ice blocks main roads. By visiting DCC's website and entering their email address, people will get emails when roads need to be closed, and then again as they are re-opened.

### **Working to Keep Derbyshire's Roads Clear**

The County Council's gritter drivers are working round the clock to keep the county moving and have been going flat out since the bad weather hit. Snow, ice, and very low temperatures mean crews have been working day and night.

Gritting routes have been taking longer because the crews are putting more grit down, due to the very low temperatures. This means the lorries must go back to their depots halfway through to refill. If residents see a gritter not gritting, that most likely means it is on its way to get some more grit. People can find out which roads have been gritted on DCC's website.

### **Support for Carers**

If you are aware of anyone who provides unpaid care for someone who could not cope without their help, DCC have a range of carer support services to help them with their caring role.

A carer is anyone, including children and adults, who provides unpaid support with day to day living tasks or personal care to a family member, partner, or friend. The person they care for could be ill, frail, suffer from a physical or mental health condition or impairment, autistic, living with dementia, or drug or alcohol dependent.

The carers support service – which is delivered by Derbyshire Carers Association (DCA) on DCC's

behalf – includes:

- information and advice helpline
- face-to-face, home visits and telephone support
- planning for emergencies
- support groups
- carer's assessments and support planning
- skills for caring
- financial and legal advice
- social activities and events
- transitional support for parent carers
- carers in employment programme
- health and GP liaison
- Carers Voice
- volunteering and more.

Residents can find more information on DCC's website or call DCA on 01773 833833

The hedge encroaching onto the footpath, left hand side going down, Coton Park/Hillside Road has been looked at and SDDC will be resolving this issue within the next two weeks.

### **24/203 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2025**

***RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Miles and seconded by Cllr Smith agreed unanimously.***

## **24/204- Parish Council Committee/Working Group Reports Updates**

a) **Highways, Pavements, & Street Furniture Working Group Report - Cllr Rai-Aytain and Cllr Troyden-Fraser**

1. New Speed Indicator Sign, Linton Heath 2024/2025 Project - Cllr Swann has confirmed his support for an extension to the project.

Cllr Tilley proposed to purchase another Speed Indicator Sign for Linton Heath.

**RESOLVED: To defer this to the agenda for February 2025**

*Cllr Smith is still looking at how we download the data from the Speed Indicator Sign.*

b) **Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk**

1. Year End prep work
  - a) Consider the Budget and Precept Setting 2025/2026 – Salaries part of the Budget to be discussed in the exempt part of the meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Council accepted the Budget 2025/2026 with the following amendments:**

- **Increase the Coton Park Recreation budget by £2k for Tree Reports/Work and Footpath work.**
- **Increase the Linton Recreation budget by £2k for Tree Report/Work**
- **Increase the Linton Footpaths Maintenance, Linton Allotment and Linton Orchard budget by £2,500 to allow for the Refurbishment Work for the Orchard**
- **Increase the Onyx Sign Budget by £2k for maintenance work.**
- **Increase the Speed Indicator budget by £4k.**

**RESOLVED: The Council set the precept at £48,000.00 proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr D Swinburn.**

c) **Coton Park Recreation Ground Working Group Report - Cllr Tilley and Cllr Tizzard**

1. Consider obtaining quotes Badger Hollows for:
  - a) Update rubber safety surface quotes.

**RESOLVED: The Council have agreed to accept the quote from Rhino Play proposed by Cllr Troyden-Fraser and seconded by Cllr D Swinburn. This was for under the seesaw and the swing.**

Cllr Troyden-Fraser to research other safety surfaces and play equipment and bring back to the next meeting.

b) **Update Climbing Wall Project – Cllr Troyden-Fraser**

Nothing to report other than the site visit has been completed, work to commence shortly.

d) **Facilities Working Group Report - Cllr Fraser and Cllr Troyden-Fraser**

- 1) Consider Tree reports for all Parish Council land.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange tree reports for Badger Hollows Recreation Ground, Linton Recreation Ground and the Allotment with SDDC.**

2) **Update Snow Warden Scheme – Cllr Fraser and Cllr Troyden-Fraser**

Cllr Fraser reported that he will apply for the scheme next year as this year the deadline had passed by two days.

- 3) Update on overgrown tree Hillside Road/Coton Park – Reported to the County Council ref number Case 656408119

Already done in Public Speaking under the County Council Representatives Report.

- 4) Consider maintenance of the Onyx sign Rickman's Corner

£2K has been added to the Budget for 2025/2026 for the maintenance of the sign.

**e) Footpath and Forestry Working Group Report - Cllr Browne and Cllr McCord**

There was nothing to report.

**24/205 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain**

Cllr Troyden-Fraser has made contact with the Village Hall to arrange a meeting and offer financial support.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Tilley and Cllr Troyden-Fraser to arrange a meeting with members of the Village Hall Committee.**

**24/206 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.**

**a. Payments List**

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
14.01.2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	476.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
14.01.2025	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,220.66	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
14.01.2025	Rainbow Waste	Bin Collection	23.89	Provision of bins Litter Act, 1983, ss.5, 6

**RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by Linton Parish Council.**

**b. 24/207 - To consider the unaudited accounts and supporting paperwork from 01.04.2024 to 30.11.2024 – (3 min)**

Current Account	58,494.09
Reserve Account	<u>71,332.94</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,827.03</b>

**RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the unaudited accounts.**

**24/208 - Planning matters for consideration**

- Applications for consideration - Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para.8 - Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested. Any application received after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.
- Linton Parish Council Members who are also Members of SDDC's Planning and/or Licensing Committee provide comments as a preliminary view only at this stage, and they may change their view when they hear all the evidence at a meeting of South Derbyshire District Council's Planning and/or Licensing Committee.

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Consultation End Date
DMOT/2023/1147	Public Footpath Diversion Order of FP5	Land at 1 Cinderlands Cottage, Cauldwell Road, Caldwell, Swadlincote, DE12 6RU	17.01.2025 <b>RESOLVED: No Comments</b>
DMPA/2024/1619	The variation of condition no. 7 of permission ref. 9.2013/0640 for the erection of four holiday units, access, and associated landscaping	Pete Robinson Holiday Homes Ltd, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB	<b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
DMPA/2024/1620	The variation of condition no. 3 of permission ref .9/2016/1144 for the erection of 14 holiday lets and the creation of an all-weather pitch, access track and hardstanding along with associated landscaping and retention of fishing pegs	Land at SK2816 1014, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB	<b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
DMPA/2024/1450	The retention of solar panels	54 Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PZ	<b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>

- c. To note the following appeal - Planning Appeal Notification Letter for Application CW9/1022/22 - noted

**24/208 - To note Items for information. – Information received by the Clerk via email and forwarded to Cllr between meetings.**

**RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council noted the following information.**

- a) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 6 January 2025
- b) Derbyshire Constabulary – updates
- c) Derbyshire Constabulary - 1st December - 31st December 2024.xlsx
- d) Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Budget Consultation 2025/26
- e) DCC - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) News No 5
- f) SDDC - Budget Consultation 2025/26
- g) SDDC - Seasons Greetings from The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council

**24/209 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 11 February 2025, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm**

**RESOLVED: The next meeting was approved as 11 February 2025 at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm.**

**24/210- To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the Public.**

1. Year End prep work
  - a) Consider the Budget and Precept Setting 2025/2026 – Salaries part of the Budget to be considered. – Already discussed and agreed above.
  - b) Quote for Badger Hollows Recreation out safety surface - £12,207.72 ex vat. – Already discussed and agreed above.