

## **Linton Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 8 April 2025, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms**

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

**In Attendance:** 6 Member of the Public including 3 candidates in the race for the District County Councillor seat and 1 District Council Representative Cllr Tilley

#### **Agenda**

##### **25/223 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)**

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

- ***Cllr Fraser due to other commitments.***

##### **25/224 - Variation of the Order of Business**

**There were no Variations to the Order of Business.**

##### **25/225 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)**

**There were no Declaration of Members Interests.**

##### **25/226 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.**

#### **Public**

There were three candidates for the Derbyshire County Councillors position in attendance at the meeting. Ian Baker (Reform Candidate), Amy Wheelton (Independent Candidate) and Marie Haywood (Labour Candidate). All three introduced themselves and gave some background of who they were at the meeting, no political campaigning was allowed to take place at the meeting.

Other members of the public raised the following issues:

- Grass cutting of the verges, especially the ones by Coton Croft. The resident asked if these areas could be left or have wildflowers planted to allow for the wildlife. The Chair responded that the District Council over the last few years, had taken part in the NO Mow May Scheme. This was being extended in some areas from May to September. The Chair explained about the cars parking on the verges by Coton Croft and explained about the project to install a bench and tree on the corner. He would speak with SDDC to see if the other side could be planted with wildflowers.
- Planning Application DMPA/2025/0333 for the Retrospective application for the siting of an InPost Parcel Locker – Residents in attendance raised their concerns about the extra traffic and the noise 24/7 when people are collecting/dropping off parcels. The Chair explain that

this was on the agenda for consideration later and the comments from residents would be considered.

## **District**

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

### **Civic Ceremony at Swadlincote Town Hall for New Chair**

This will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm with buffet afterwards at Sharpe's Pottery a representative from each Parish Council is invited.

### **Planning Local Plan Part 1 Consultation.**

Please refer to the email sent out by Clare for the link to respond to the consultation.

### **VE Day Celebration at Rosliston Forestry Centre**

8<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm, Beacon lighting at 9.30pm, Café will be open with live entertainment.

### **Other matters**

Drainage from the new bungalow at the end of Coton Park onto the footpath is being investigated by planning dept.

No further news on the rat in the chip shop

More fly tipping cleared from the Sandy Lane area, please report any incidents using the online site.

## **County**

Cllr Swann gave his apologies.

The Clerk reported that there was little to report but Cllr Swann would like to record his thanks to the Clerk for the efficient and dedicated manner of the Clerks work and the assistance she has provided during his time as County Councillor for Linton Division.

### **25/227 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025**

***RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Troyden-Fraser and seconded by Cllr Tizzard agreed unanimously. AGEED unanimously***

### **25/228- 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 & 2025/2026 Project – Clerk to complete application for a new post.

There was nothing further to report.

- b) **Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk**
  - 1. **Year End prep work**
    - a) Updated Asset Register 2024/2025 – Year End

**RESOLVED: The Asset Register was approved with the removal of the Covid Signs as these had been removed or were in the process of being removed. Proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Troyden-Fraser. AGREED unanimously.**

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

Cllr Troyden-Fraser reported that the Climbing Wall work would commence on 28.04.2025, and the rubber surfaces would be completed at the same time as previously agreed.

2. Update £2,000.00 reduced to £1,412.00 after the tree chipping work was completed of £204.00 and £180.00 - funding towards the project at Badger Hollows Nature reserve.

There was nothing further to report.

Cllr Browne explained that in the tree reports, it recommended wood chippings to put around some of the trees.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Tilley to ask Lawrence Oates from the Burton Conservation Volunteers, to use some of the bark chippings currently being used in the nature area around the tree bases at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground.**

3. Update on the Willow Planting in the boggy area at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground.

Cllr Tilley reported that he had met with Bloomin Gardens last week and asked for a quote to stagger some willow trees and install fencing with Wildflower Planting.

4. Increase in Ground Maintenance Costs for Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground:
  - a) Badgers Hollows maintenance - £2,712.00 + VAT (12 x £226.00 / month)
  - b) Playground inspections £35 per site per visit.

**RESOLVED: The Council agreed to accept the above quote, proposed by Cllr Tilley, seconded by Cllr Tizzard. AGREED unanimously.**

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

- 1) Consider maintenance of the Onyx sign Rickman's Corner – Money added to the budget for 2025/2026.

Cllr Tilley reported that he was still in the process of obtaining quotes for this work.

- 2) Update Village Hall Meeting Report and Rickman's Corner Community Centre Report. – Cllr Troyden-Fraser

Cllr Troyden-Fraser gave her report as follows:

- She had sent two emails to the Village Hall Committee, but they had not responded.
- She had attended a Meeting with Rickman's Corner Community Centre Representatives, which had been very positive. They had asked if the Parish Council would help to subsidise two Live and Local Events and possibly a travelling cinema. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council could support these events via S137 Grant Funding.

**RESOLVED: The Council agreed for Cllr Troyden-Fraser to have one more try at contacting the Village Hall Committee.**

**RESOLVED: Cllr Troyden-Fraser to inform Rickman's Corner. Community Centre that the Parish Council would be happy to support some Live and Local Events and the Travelling Cinema. Proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Smith. AGREED unanimously.**

- 3) Update Registration of Linton Recreation Ground with Timms Solicitors

There was nothing further to report.

- 4) Update Memorial Bench AREA NEXT TO COTON CROFT ESTATE, COTON PARK – Quote to supply and install 1 x Recycled plastic treble captains seat Bench to be installed into concrete pad. Supply and plant 1 x 10-12 bare root Field Maple (this to be done in November 25 – Feb 2026) cost of £1,254.00 ex VAT.

**RESOLVED: The Council approved to go ahead with the above quote. Proposed by Cllr Rai-Aytain and seconded by Cllr Miles. AGREED unanimously.**

The Clerk to ask Bloomin Gardens that when the concrete is poured for the base, to make sure it does not sit proud due to trip hazards.

**RESOLVED: It was agreed that if the family wanted a plaque on the bench in the future, the Council would allow this.**

- 5) Allotment updated:  
a. Update on the Allotment Agreement.

There was nothing to report.

**RESOLVED: The Council agreed to allow the allotment holders to install a roof on the sheds/fencing to allow them to collect more water. This would need to be safe and comply with our Health and Safety.**

- 6) Updated Tree Reports for consideration.

**RESOLVED: The Council agreed to ask Bloomin Gardens to complete the one high risk item raised on the report as soon as possible.**

**RESOLVED: The Clerk to add the rest of the work required to the May 2025 Parish Council agenda for further discussion.**

- 7) To consider the Newsletter for publishing.

**RESOLVED: The Newsletter was approved, the Clerk to Publish the Newsletter on the Parish Council Website and social media Page. Proposed by Cllr Tilley, seconded by Cllr Miles. AGREED unanimously.**

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

Cllr Browne gave her report as follows:

- She had not walked the footpaths this week but would have a walk in the next week.
- She would check specifically on footpath 10 to see if this were still running with sewage and report back to the Clerk.
- Cllr Tilley reported that Footpath 2 had been reported to SDDC Planning Department.

**25/229 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain**

There was nothing to report.

**25/230 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.**

**a. Payments List**

<b>Online Payments Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Power</b>
01/04/2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	472.00	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01/04/2025	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,166.19	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
01/04/2025	SDDC	Tree Inspections	303.40	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01/04/2025	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Provision of bins Litter Act, 1983, ss.5, 6
01/04/2025	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	396.12	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
09/04/2025	Bank Transfer from the Current Account to the Reserve Account		22,000.00	

***RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the above payments; this was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Troyden-Fraser.***

**25/231 - Planning matters for consideration**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

<b>Planning Ref</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Consultation End Date</b>
DMPA/2024/1471	Change of use from dwelling (use class C3) to children's home (use class C2)	73 Coton Park Linton SWADLINCOTE DE12 6RF	22.04.2025  Gone to appeal
DMPN/2025/0265	Prior notification to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed formation, alteration, or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use	at Woodside Farm, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB	27.03.2025  Already been passed
DMPA/2024/0479	Outline application (matters of access, layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for the erection of x3 pairs of semi-detached affordable dwellings with associated works	Field House, Coton Park, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6RE	01.04.2025  Already been passed

DMPA/2025/0333  DMPA/2025/0333 – Revised information	Retrospective application for the siting of an InPost Parcel Locker	54 Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PZ	18.04.2025  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>The Clerk to draft an objection and email this to Cllrs for approval by email. Objections to relate to Traffic, Noise, School Parking. Residents' safety and security.</i>
Application Reference: CW9/1022/22  Appellant: R & P Clean Power Limited  Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/U1050/W/24/3354670  Case Officer Contact Details: Holly Dutton 0303 444 5022 holly.dutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk	The proposed construction and operation of the Swadlincote Resource Recovery Park (SRRP) comprising an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) and Aggregate Recovery Facility (ARF) together with ancillary infrastructure including grid connection cable and works, private electrical wire provision, substation, CHP off-take provision, internal vehicular circulation and yard areas, weighbridges, car parking, new access road, temporary construction compound and laydown area, security fencing and gates, drainage, landscaping and off-site habitat compensation.	Land adjacent to Willshee's Waste and Recycling Limited, Keith Willshee Way, Swadlincote, DE11 9EN	23.04.2025  <b>RESOLVED:</b> <i>Nothing further to add already objected. Cllr Tilley to speak at the Planning Committee Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council</i>

### **25/232 - Risk Assessments current updates**

- a) Update Watson and Watson – Next inspection to take place on 03.07.2025.

Area/Observations	Priority	Action	Pic N°	Time Scale
<b>Badgers Hollow:</b>				
<b>Village Orchard:</b>				

The fence demarking the border between council & owners property seems to be leaning somewhat	NA	Since my last report Council have put in place a monitoring system but feel the fence is not dangerous as the ivy is holding it up.		<b><i>Cllrs to continue to monitor this issue</i></b>
<b>Allotments:</b>				
Road/path at the bottom of the access road presents a slip trip hazard.		Although noted before I will leave this item in for completeness.		<b>Being Monitored by Cllrs</b>

b) Weekly Risk Assessments – Bloomin Gardens any outstanding issues.

There was nothing further to report.

c) SDDC Yearly Risk Assessments – Inspections will take place week commencing 07.04.2025.

The Clerk to look at a new supplier for next year's Assessment.

**25/233 - 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) Smokefree Derby and Derbyshire
- b) Temporary Road Closure | Linton Road, Rosliston | 28/04/2025 09:30-15:30 only
- c) W&W H&S Ltd - March 2025 Newsletter
- d) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 17 March 2025
- e) SDDC Active Wellbeing Strategy Youth Survey
- f) Quarterly briefings
- g) Agenda and minutes for the PC meeting to be held on 18.03.2025.
- h) South Derbyshire Local Plan
- i) Derby and Derbyshire housing association residents invited to share smoking habits for a new project.
- j) Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025
- k) [LPReview] South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2041(Publication Version) - Invitation to Join
- l) 1st February - 28th February 2025.xlsx
- m) SDDC - Notices of Election Drakelow
- n) SDDC - Review of Charitable Collections Policy 2025
- o) Temporary Road Closures, Various Roads, South Derbyshire: Carriageway Surface Dressing - 19 May to 8 August 2025
- p) VE Day 80 - Brew and Bake Coffee Morning - Combat Stress
- q) Bird registration
- r) DCC Council Plan 2025-29
- s) South Derbyshire District Council - Civic Council Meeting 22 May 2025 – Cllr Tilley going as a district Councillor.

**25/234 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 13 May 2025, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm**

**RESOLVED: The next meetings were approved as 13 May 2025 at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing as follows:**

- **Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Assembly) – 6.45pm to 7pm**
- **Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7pm to finish**

Thanks were given to Cllr Browne for taking the minutes over the last 7 months and working with the Clerk to keep the Parish Council going whilst the Clerk has been on Long Term Sick.

***Meeting Closed 8pm***