

Linton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10 June 2025, commencing at 6.45pm at Linton Brick Rooms

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

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public, 1 District Council Representative Cllr Alistair Tilley, and 1 County Council Representative Cllr Amy Wheelton.

24/235 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

There were no Apologies received.

24/236 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

24/237 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

24/238 - 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.

County Council Representatives Report:

County Councillor Wheelton was present at the meeting, Cllr Wheelton had sent her report to the Clerk via email, which had been circulated to the Parish Councillors.

Cllr Wheelton asked everyone to keep reporting issues online. Report as much as possible so hopefully it can be picked up in the next year's budget.

The cabinet had already agreed to the pothole issues last November. Linton had done well on surface chipping recently.

District Council Representatives Report:

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

Civic Ceremony at Swadlincote Town Hall for New Chair

The new Chair and Vice Chair of SDDC will be announced on Thursday this week. The civic ceremony was held on 22nd May at 6pm at the Town Hall. Cllr Angela Archer is the new Chair and Cllr Alistair Tilley is the Vice Chair.

The Old Chip Shop

Cllr Tilley gave an update.

Disruption to traffic caused by event at Linton Heath Lodges and tree damage in village orchard.

Cllr Tilley gave an update.

The Council's 2025 major events programme confirmed.

We are excited to confirm the dates for some of South Derbyshire's biggest events in 2025. These much-loved community gatherings showcase local talent, music, culture, and family fun. Although these events are delivered by the Council, they would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please email **sarah.warner@southderbyshire.gov.uk** to get involved!

- Festival of Leisure - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June, 11.30am – 5pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park.

The Festival of Leisure is back, bigger and better than ever. This year introduces a brand-new Grass Roots Stage, giving up-and-coming artists a platform to shine. With three stages in total, the weekend will be packed with live music, interactive performances, and walkabout entertainment, including a thrilling Wild West stunt show and comedy acts.

There will be art activities, workshops, and heritage displays in the Arts and Culture area, plus plenty of family fun with fairground rides, inflatables, and the mini All Aboard Train. A variety of food options, including Greek street food and pizza, will be available, alongside a licensed bar.

- Music in the Forest - Wednesday 30 July, 1.30pm – 4pm, Rosliston Forestry Centre.

New for 2025, Music in the Forest celebrates 30 years of Rosliston Forestry Centre with an afternoon of live music in a woodland setting. Families can explore the sculpture trails and outdoor play areas, and the café will be open all afternoon selling refreshments. Dogs on leads are welcome.

- Musicals in the Park - Sunday 10 August, 2pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Sing along to musical hits at this fun-filled outdoor event. Bring a picnic and chairs to relax and enjoy the show. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available at the park throughout the afternoon.

- Wacky Wednesday! - Wednesday 13 August, 1.30pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Perfect for families with children, this fun-filled afternoon will feature live music, free children's entertainment, inflatables, and large games. Bring a picnic and chairs to make the most of the event. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available at the park.

- Proms in the Park- Sunday 17 August, 2pm – 4pm, Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

Celebrate the British summer with big brass bands and live music. Bring a picnic and chairs to enjoy an afternoon of classic performances in the park. Ice cream, hot, and cold drinks will be available throughout the event.

24/239 - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 May 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 May 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Troyden-Fraser and seconded by Cllr Rai-Aytain. AGREED unanimously.

24/240- 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 to report.

b) Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk

There was nothing to report.

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

This project had now been completed; thanks were given to Cllr Troyden-Fraser.

The old bark chippings were being used as mulch around the trees on the site.

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 to report.

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

It was reported that the gate at the Nature Reserve was falling apart. A new gate would be installed shortly. This will be a locked gate with a pedestrian access at the side.

The Burton Conservation Volunteers would be visiting the site again during the winter period.

We have not yet received a quote for the planting of the willow trees.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to chase Bloomin Gardens for the quote.

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 explained that he was still in the process of trying to find a company to complete the work.

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

- a. To consider the Parish Council hiring a mobile cinema to work with the Village Hall and Rickman's Corner Community Centre.
- b. To consider a donation to the repair of the Village Hall roof

Cllr Troyden-Fraser gave her report as follows.

- She had attended the Village Hall Meeting posted on Facebook for parish councillors to attend and the school.
- She had raised the issues of parking at the car event; this would now be a classic cars event on one side and the rest would be turn into a car park for the attendees.
- Change stance from SVJ Event to a Village Hall Event with a share in the profits between the two groups.
- The event was now being called the Linton Festival.
- A meeting had been booked at the Rickman's Community Centre; there were no Village Hall Representatives in attendance.
- They were still looking at the Live and Local Cinema at Rickman's Corner.
- Idea for the future is to have a Harvest Festival with food products from the Allotments. Cllr Troyden Fraser would investigate this further.

3) Update Registration of Linton Recreation Ground with Timms Solicitors – New statement of truth completed to be sent to the Land Registry

The Clerk had completed the new Statement of Trust and handed this in at the Solicitors.

4) Update Memorial Bench and tree on corner of Coton Croft

This work had been approved, and a start date was awaited from the contractor.

5) Allotment updated:

- a. Update on the Allotment Agreement – Nothing yet to report.

There was nothing to report.

6) To consider Section 137 funding to support the repairs to the roof at the Village Hall.

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee were applying to places like the Postcode Lottery, they were also doing their own fundraising online through Just Give and were seeking to claim other funding.

County Councillor Wheelton was also looking at funding at County Council Level and they had also been pointed in the direction of SDDC to establish if there are any funding pots available.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to send an email to the Committee to say that the Parish Council would support the new roof. Once we know what funding they have obtained and what the shortfall is. The Clerk to confirm the content of the email with Cllrs before sending.

e) Footpath and Forestry Working Group Report - Cllr Browne

Cllr Browne gave her report as follows:

- She had walked Footpath 10 by the sewage treatment, its passable but there was evidence of discharge. The ditch is very overgrown but there is nothing more the Parish Council can do as it has been reported to DCC.
- Footpath 4 was fine, no issues.

Councillors had met at the Orchard to put a proposal together for its future. There was a budget of £2k set aside to improve the Orchard. It had been agreed to add two per trees, cutting back the overhanging ivy, fixing the gate post, rewilding the borders, add another bench, refurbish the paths, and add some raspberry bushes. It was agreed that the grass needed to be cut every month.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to ask Aucuba to cut the Orchard every month.

RESOLVED: Cllrs to put a sketch together of what it should look like.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Bloomin Gardens and ask them to replace the gate posts.

RESOLVED: Cllr Troyden-Fraser, Cllr Smith, and Cllr Fraser to take this project forward.

24/241 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

24/242 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the following payments, including Rainbow Waste and Aucuba, which were received after the agenda was published:

a. Payments List

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
10/06/2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	1,390.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
10/06/2025	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,295.05	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
10/06/2025	Rhino Play	Climbing Wall	6,556.80	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
10/06/2025	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
10/06/2025	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	655.69	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)

24/243 - 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.

Planning Ref	Details	Location	Consultation End Date
DMPA/2025/0614	The erection of a double garage, the conversion and extension of the existing garage to form an annex and the creation of a menage	Highfields Barn, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote DE12 6PB	25.06.2025 RESOLVED: No comments

24/244 - 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
Badgers Hollow:				
Village Orchard:				
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.		Cllrs to continue to monitor this issue
Allotments:				
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.		Being Monitored by Cllrs

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

There was just one item outstanding, to repair the wet pour at Linton Rec.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to email Bloomin Gardens to complete this work.

- c) Yearly Risk Assessments – Inspection Reports received.

The yearly risk assessment had been received, there were no high or medium risk items raised, only low and very low.

RESOLVED: Deferred till the September PC Meeting.

24/245 - 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) Rural England Prosperity (REPF) Funding 25/26
- b) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 19 May 2025
- c) Your Fire Service - Your Views
- d) DCC Parish Cllr Update
- e) DCC Parish Cllr Update not for publication
- f) Connect Fibre - Project Gigabit - Full FIBRE coming to your area soon.
- g) DCC Development Management Committee - 27/05/2025
- h) Press release: Learning through leaves and sticks.
- i) Temporary Road Closure | Cadley Lane, Caldwell | 18/08/2025 -01/09/2025
- j) Chair of South Derbyshire District Council Civic Service save the date 5.10.25.
- k) Police Stats - 1st May 2025 - 31st May 2025
- l) DCC Highways Update
- m) Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy Review
- n) Could you help us find more volunteers?
- o) Commissioner's Grant

It was reported that Connect Fibre had been in touch with Chair, do we want them to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain what they are doing.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to report to Cllr Wheelton that a post has been installed on the corner of Winchester Drive at the junction, this is blocking the sight lines and needs to be moved back.

24/246 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 8 July 2025, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: The next meeting was confirmed as 8 July 2024, at The Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm.