

Linton Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2025, commencing at 7pm at
Linton Brick Rooms**

Present: Cllr Alistair Tilley (In the Chair), Cllr Troyden-Fraser, Cllr Browne, Cllr Tizzard, Cllr Smith, Cllr Fraser, Cllr Ray-Aytain and Cllr Needham

In Attendance: District Councillor Alistair Tilley and County Councillor Amy Wheelton

25/260 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

There were no apologies.

**25/261 - Co Option of a Councillor, completion of the Declaration of Absence
and the Completion of the Register of Members Interest Form.**

There were no Co-Options.

25/262 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

25/263 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

There were no Declarations of Members Interest

**25/264 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to
meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.**

Cllr Wheelton reported on the Following

- SDDC Planning Committee Meetings clash with Linton Parish Council Meetings. On those days Cllr Wheelton will not be able to attend the Linton Parish Council Meetings but is available via email and telephone.
- Wilshee Incinerator, DCC are the Waste Authority and Cllr Wheelton will be sending her views in a letter to DCC. This will be circulated to the Parish Council once completed.

Cllr Tilley gave his report as follows:

SDDC Events

The summer events organised by SDDC, including Music in the Forest, Musicals in the Park and Wacky Wednesday were all very well attended.

Fly tipping and litter.

I have reported fly tipping and litter around Linton and encourage all councillors and members of the public also to use the SDDC fly tipping website.

Area Forum

16th October venue to be confirmed, possibly Linton Village Hall

Concurrent Functions Grant

A decision was taken at the Finance and Management Committee meeting at South Derbyshire District Council on 4th September to defer the review. This is due to issues raised by the local Government Review.

25/265 - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Troyden-Fraser. AGREED unanimously.

25/266 - 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.

Cllr Troyden-Fraser had reported a pothole on Linton Heath, DCC could not find the pothole when visiting. This will be chased up by Cllr Smith.

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. 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.

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

Cllr Tilley and Cllr Troyden-Fraser had met with Heartwood Community Forest; their representative was not sure if the area of Badgers Hollow and the Orchard was large enough to obtain the funding. We were awaiting confirmation. If accepted and we fit the criteria Heartwood Community Forest would fund all the works required

We were still awaiting a quote from Bloomin Gardens for this work anyway.

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.

This project was still ongoing.

- 2) Update Village Hall Meeting Report and Rickman's Corner Community Centre Report. – Cllr Troyden-Fraser
 - a. Update on the Parish Council hiring a mobile cinema to work with the Village Hall and Rickman's Corner Community Centre.

This project had been deemed Too expensive, so the Cinema is not being taken any further.

- b. Update on the donation to the repair of the Village Hall roof

It was reported that the Village Hall had secured all the funding required for the roof repairs, so no donation was needed from the Parish Council.

3) Linton Orchard Project

The Clerk to remind Aucuba to repair the Gate Post that needs replacing at the orchard.

Cllr Troyden-Fraser reported that the project would be to install a new Path, one extra Bench and rewilding of the borders and an information board. She had contacted the school, but they have been on the summer holiday. Cllr Troyden-Fraser would re-chase the school now they are back in.

e) Footpath and Forestry Working Group Report - Cllr Browne

It was reported that Rickman's Corner had secured £40K funding via Peoples Express. This funding was for waymarkers and for footpaths old routes. The money needs to be spent by March 2026

RESOLVED: The Clerk to add this to the October 2025 Parish Council agenda

RESOLVED: Cllr Needham to join the Footpaths and Forestry Working Group.

RESOLVED: Cllr to arrange a site meeting at the Linton Rec to look at the trees and shrubbery with a view to maintenance needs.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Aucuba to cut back the Laurel bushes on Foxley Entrance

25/267 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

25/268 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.

a. Payments List

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the following payments.

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
02/09/2025	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	1,386.00	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10

02/09/2025	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,582.83	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
02/09/2025	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02/09/2025	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	407.16	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)
02/09/2025	Vision ICT Ltd	Website and Email	254.00	
02/09/2025	SDDC	Playground Inspections	360.00	

b. Bank Reconciliation as at 30.06.2025.

Current Account	40,696.42
Reserve Account	94,802.11
Equals	<u>250.00</u>
Total	135,748.53

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the unaudited accounts and paperwork provided by the Clerk

c. To Note the Conclusion of Audit 2024/2025 – External Auditors Report

It was reported that the end of years accounts to 3103.2025 had been concluded with no comments raised.

25/269 - 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/2025/0925	The variation of condition no. 2 of permission ref. DMPA/2025/0141 (Approved Plans) for the removal of existing garage and the erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey side extension	27 Pear Tree Drive, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PY	18.09.2025 <i>RESOLVED: No comments</i>

25/270 - Risk Assessments current updates

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

Area/Observation	Priority	Action	Pic N°	Time Scale
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Badgers Hollow:				
Trees near Pathway next to football pitch.	Low	During the visit I observed a few of the trees metal protection was loose with some sharp edges, the maintenance team need to fix these in place.	5	Cllr Tilley had dealt with this.
Entrance to Foxley Wood:				
Trip Hazard on pathway	Med	Council to consider monthly monitoring of the pathway due to increased slip hazard with the stone protruding	6	Monthly Cllr Browne to monitor. Consult Aucuba for advice
Village Orchard:				
Main Roadway	Med	Road outside the Orchard is very uneven not sure who's responsibility this falls upon but if it is LPC then action should be taken.	No pic	Not our responsibility
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.	8	
Linton New Recreation Ground:				
Wooden based play equipment	Med	There remains a significant split to one of the logs that may lead to failure of this item. I understand this is being monitored by LPC	9	Replaced work completed
Softcrete in play area (sunken trampoline) has weeds growing underneath.	Low	Council to arrange to have this cleaned and monitored in case thistles or nettles grow here.	10	3 months Ask Bloomin Gardens to complete this work
Football pitch - dog faeces	High	During the visit there was evidence of Dog fouling on the pitches which should be removed before use.	11	1 month To be monitored and signage to install

Plants are growing up the waste bins and over the entrance that could lead to stings/allergic reactions	Med	Council to consider the maintenance team keeping these weeds/nettles in check	12	3 Months To be looked at by Cllrs Add to next agenda
Woodland area, these is evidence possible of anti-social behaviour activities being undertaken.	High	Council to investigate further	13 & 14	3 Months Alistair to contact PCSO
Area near Farmers Field	High	Council to consider the maintenance team to review area and fill holes and monitor on a regular basis to ensure no one trips on these.	15, 16 & 17	1 Month Aucuba to sort
Woodland area behind house to left hand side of recreation area	High	Tree stump visible and a trip hazard, Council to consider the maintenance team to review area and cut these down further.	18 & 19	1 Month Aucuba to sort
Wooden Boundary post – Near car park	High	During visit we noticed that there were a couple of wooden post missing from the boundary this leaving holes causing a trips hazard, Council to consider the maintenance team to review area replace post or fill holes	20, 21, 22 & 23	1 Month Aucuba to sort

- a) Weekly Risk Assessments – Bloomin Gardens any outstanding issues.
- b) Yearly Risk Assessments – Inspection Reports received.

RESOLVED: The Chair and Clerk to produce a table to prioritise low risk/low low risk items on the annual report and action in order of priority.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain quote from Zurich and RoSPA to complete the yearly Play Inspections next year.

25/271 - To note Items for information. – Information received by the Clerk via email and forwarded to Cllr between meetings.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council noted the following information.

- a) Local Government Reorganisation consultation - drop-in sessions
- b) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 14 July 2025
- c) ACRE/NALC Flooding Survey
- d) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 26 August 2025

- e) Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 15 September 2025
- f) Free NHS eye tests for school starters
- g) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 18 August 2025
- h) Temporary Road Closure | Unnamed Road from Botany Bay to High Street Linton, Swadlincote 26/11/2025
- i) Re: MP Office Quarterly briefings
- j) Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 15 September 2025
- k) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 1 September 2025

25/272 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 14 October 2025, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: The next meeting was confirmed as 14 October 2025, at The Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm.