

Linton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2026, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms

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

In Attendance: District Councillor Alistair Tilley, 1 member of the public and the Clerk Clare Orme

26/1 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted as follows:

- ***Cllr Smith due to other work commitments***

26/2 – 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 of Councillors.

26/3 – Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

26/4 – Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

RESOLVED: Cllr Needham declared a personal interest in Footpath and Forestry Working Group Report – Item to update Rickman’s Corner £40K funding via Peoples Express, and Facilities Working Group Report – to consider in principle to give Rickman’s Corner Community Centre a small grant to repair the roof.

26/5 – Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.

Public Speaking

A representative of Rickman’s Corner Community Centre gave the Parish Council an outline of the Greenway Project as follows:

- Discussion about the origin of Rickman’s Corner.
- How the project came about and the aim to create a permanent heritage trail.
- The creation of 3 x Walking routes linking Linton with neighbouring villages and the installation of Cultural Waymarkers - flax sculptures.
- Heritage trail with information boards and mosaics at 8 locations in the village.
- Environmental enhancement of fledgling Wildlife area at Rickman’s Corner - Including Flax growing which it is hoped the school will be involved in. Opportunities for the Community to help with planting etc.

- Information boards with QR Codes to be installed – Rickman's Corner, Foxley Wood, Orchard, School, Brick Rooms, Post Office, The Mannor House and Coton Park by Coton Croft.

District Council

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

Bin Collections

There were disruptions to the bin collections due to the snow and ice, and the missed collections should now be rectified.

Local Plan Part 2 Issues and Options Consultation.

Please see information sent by Cllr Wheelton and submit by the deadline of 31st January 2026.

County Council

Apologies were received from County Councillor Wheelton.

Cllr Tilley reported as follows:

- At Lullington there was an application for another solar farm to be considered at SDDC Planning Committee on the same night as the Parish Council Meeting.
- Cllr Wheelton had asked for a list of roads that we have been reporting to DCC. This is so that they can be added to their monitoring list.
- Local Plan Part 2, Cllr Tilley would write up a comments letter on behalf of Linton Parish Council, and this would be emailed to every Councillor for approval.

26/6 - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 9 December 2025

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 9 December 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Swinburn. AGREED unanimously.

26/7 - Parish Council Committee/Working Group Reports Updates

- a) **Highways, Pavements, & Street Furniture Working Group Report - Cllr Rai-Aytain and Cllr Swinburn**
 1. Update Speed Indicator Sign, Linton Heath Project – site visit between Cllr Tilley and DCC Officer.

RESOLVED: Cllr Tilley to respond back to the DCC Officer with the outcome of the meeting.

- b) **Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk**
 1. Website content to be considered.

RESOLVED: The Greenway Project information for the QR Codes to be added to the Parish Council Website when ready.

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.

It was reported that the open meadow, the first field had received its first cut this year. The other field had not yet been completed. This work was essential cutting so that the silver birch self-setters are sorted.

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

It was reported that Bloomin Gardens Landscapes would be completing this work shortly.

3. Quote Bloomin Gardens to construct fencing using wooden posts and chicken wire £1,215.00 ex VAT.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Swinburn and seconded by Cllr Needham to go ahead with the fencing.

d) Facilities Working Group Report - Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Smith

1. Linton Orchard Project update – Cllr Smith and Cllr Needham Project Plan update

RESOLVED: To defer the Orchard Project until the February 2026 Parish Council Meeting.

2. Consider in principle to give Rickman's Corner Community Centre £3,500.00 to repair the roof as its leaking.

RESOLVED: it was proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Browne to give a small grant of £3,500.00 to Rickman's Corner Community Centre to enable them to fix the roof.

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

1. Update Rickman's Corner secured £40K funding via Peoples Express. This funding is for waymarkers and for footpaths old routes. The money needs to be spent by March 2026

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Browne that permission is given to install a stone at the Linton Orchard.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Tizzard that information for the QR Codes to be hosted on the Parish Council Website.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Swinburn that once installed the Parish Council would take on the maintenance and insurance cost for the stone at the Orchard and information boards where appropriate.

Resolved: The Clerk to send an email to Rickman's Corner to confirm the above.

Cllr Browne had walked footpath number 4. She also reported that there were one or two trees down in Foxley Wood.

Gate post at orchard being currently being looked at with a view to getting this repaired.

Cllr Tilley reported that the damage tree at Badger Hollows, which the Parish Council dealt with after the strong winds had been reported to SDDC to see if they can refund the cost back to the Parish Council.

26/8 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

26/09 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.

a. Payments List

RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the following payments: proposer by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Tizzard.

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
13/01/2026	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	787.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
13/01/2026	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1324.57	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
13/01/2026	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
13/01/2026	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	655.69	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)

26/10 - 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
	There was nothing to report when the agenda was published		

26/11 - Risk Assessments current updates

- a) Watson and Watson Yearly Risk Assessment
- a) Bloomin Gardens - Weekly Risk Assessments
- b) SDDC - Yearly Risk Assessments – Consider new quotes received.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Tizzard that we rescind our cancellation and return to SDDC to complete the yearly play inspections.
RESOLVED: the Clerk to email the same to SDDC and arrange for the Risk Assessments to be completed as normal.

26/12 - 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) Lullington Solar Farm – Cllr Wheelton
- b) SDDC Business Workshops - 2026 – Swadlincote
- c) Help Please get on your Agendas and Parish Cllrs/residents email me direct!- Cllr Wheelton
- d) SDDC Budget Consultation 2026/27
- e) Close Unnamed Road between Sandy Lane and Coton Park junction for BT Pole replacement 13th and 14th Jan 2026 between 08:00 and 16:00each day -Cllr Wheelton
- f) DCC - Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 22 December 2025
- g) Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust- South Derbyshire Buildings at Risk Project
- h) DCC - Additional SiDS
- i) Price increase 2026 – Rainbow Waste
- j) SDDC January/February Area Forum dates and venues
- k) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 15 December 2025
- l) Local Plan Part 2 Review - Issues and Options
- m) WOT TRIGGER – Cllr Wheelton
- n) South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan Part 2 Review – Issues and Options
- o) Consultation on Community Risk Management Plan and Budget

26/13 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 10 February 2026, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: The next meeting was approved as 10 February 2026 at 7pm at The Brick Rooms Linton.