

Linton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2026, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms

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

In Attendance: District Councillor Alistair Tilley, 2 members of the public and the Clerk Clare Orme

26/14 - 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***
- ***Cllr Swinburn due to other work commitments***

26/15 - Co Option of a Councillor, completion of the Declaration of Absence and the Completion of the Register of Members Interest Form.

There was nothing to report.

26/16 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the Order of Business.

26/17 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

26/18 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.

Public Speaking

An Allotment Holder was in attendance and spoke about the broken padlock. There were two option, purchase a new coded padlock or install 2 lock boxes and a new padlock with keys.

District Councillor Report

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

Parking on the Pavement outside the children's home.

I have contacted the police and also urged residents to use 101 to report the pavement parking outside the Children's Home in Coton Park.

Linton Area Forum.

This will now be held at Rosliston Forestry Centre on 17th February 2026

Other Items raised:

There had been a post on Coton Park Community Social Media group about wanting a bus shelter, grit bins, and speed bumps.

It was reported that a bus shelter had been requested in the past through DCC, this was refused on the grounds of there not being enough room on the pavement.

It was reported that grit in grit bins cannot be used by residents for their driveways as suggested in the Social Media post. People would complain if grit bins were put outside their homes.

With regards to speed bumps, this was something else that had been requested from DCC in the past and refused. This is why the Parish Council have been installing Speed Indicator Signs around the village to try and slow speeding traffic.

District Councillor Tilley had requested that the Clean Team clear Coton Park Lane again.

It was agreed that the Clerk should look at a newsletter and put one together.

County Councillor Report

Apologies were received from County Councillor Wheelton.

26/19 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Tizzard . AGREED unanimously.

26/20 - 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.

Cllr Tilley had sent an email to the officer at DCC with three options. He could confirm that option 3 has now been accepted.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to complete an application form for installation as per Option 3.

Cllr Browne reported that the whole of the village, the pavements and the gutters were full of grit from the tarmacking work. It was agreed that the pavement and gutters needed to be cleaned.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to email this request to County Councillor Amy Wheelton for actioning.

- 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.
3. Update Bloomin Gardens to construct fencing using wooden posts and chicken wire.

Both items above had been completed, Cllr Tilley would also be installing a sign to let members of the public know what was going on.

Cllr Tilley agreed to purchase and spread some wildflowers around the same area.

RESOLVED: Cllr Tilley to order some wildflower seeds up to the cost of £30 and spread them in the area designated once received.

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 to a later meeting.

- 2) Update on the Greenway Project including the Website content.

It was reported that the project was all going ahead and planning permission for the stones was being looked into.

Tree planting at Rickman's Corner would take place on 16th and 17th February 2026 from 10am till 1pm.

Linton Walking Festival to take place on 16.05.2026.

- 3) Padlock Allotments

RESOLVED: The Clerk gave the Allotment Holder £60 as agreed with the Council to purchase two lock boxes and a padlock with keys for the Allotment. The Clerk to be reimbursed for the Lock Boxes and Padlock once purchased.

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

Cllr Browne reported that all the footpaths were very waterlogged and the area around the old pumping station was flooded.

It was reported that residents around the Linton Recreation Ground were requesting that the hedge be cut back. The Clerk reported that this was in hand, but the ground was currently too wet for the large plant required to complete the job.

It was reported that work had stopped on new bridge due to flooding, but they were at the point to lift the steel.

26/21 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

Area forum would be held on 17.02.2026 at Rosliston not Overseal as advertised.

26/22 - 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 including the additions of Aucuba Landscapes Payment and the correction of the salaries from £1583071 to £1,583.70, which was a typo. Proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Tizzard.

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
02.02.2026	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	2,065.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02.02.2026	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,583.71	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
02.02.2026	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	23.89	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
02.02.2026	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	480.00	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)
02.02.2026	Rickman's Corner Community Centre	Parish Grant for the Roof Repairs	3,500.00	Section 137 Grant

26/23 - 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/2025/1630	Permission in principle for the erection of 2 detached bungalows and highway improvements	Land adjacent to 18 The Crest, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6QD	11.02.2026 <i>RESOLVED: To object on the ground of no safe access.</i>

26/24 - 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.

It was agreed that the Council need to look at the wetpour issues when the weather was better, and to look at new play equipment for Linton Rec.

26/25 - 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 correspondence.

- a) Bess Appeals
- b) Police Stats - December - 31st December 2025
- c) Winter 2026 Area Forum information
- d) Many thanks from Christ Church
- e) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 12 January 2026
- f) Cllr Wheelton - Grit Bins
- g) Cllr Wheelton - FW: Solar
- h) Local Government Reorganisation update report for Parish Councils
- i) Cllr Wheelton - Conker Avenue, Diversion route Potholes
- j) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 19 January 2026
- k) Cllr Wheelton - FW: Road from Royle farm to Cadley Roundabout
- l) Report Fraud service fully launches today.
- m) SDDC ACH Winter newsletter
- n) Bridge & Bypass - Upcoming Road Closure
- o) Cllr Wheelton - FW: Member Update: Walton Bypass - SU diversionary and S.278 works
- p) Road Closure High Street Swadlincote, 2 Days.
- q) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 2 February 2026
- r) Linton Area Forum venue update
- s) Have Your Cake and Eat It
- t) PC Update x 2 – Cllr Wheelton
- u) Road Closure Mount Pleasant Road 17/03/2026 - 19/03/2026
- v) MP Parish Council briefings
- w) Bridge & Bypass - Upcoming Road Closure
- x) FW: 20260114 - FS-Case 770652003 - Cadley Lane, Caldwell
- y) Parish Forum

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

RESOLVED: The next meeting was confirmed as 10 March 2026 at 7pm at the Brick Rooms.