

**Linton Parish Council**

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

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

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

**26/27 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)**

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

- ***Cllr Swinburn due to illness.***

**26/28 - 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.

**26/29 - Variation of the Order of Business**

There were no variations to the order of business.

Move item D update on Greenway Project Start of the Meeting.

**26/30 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)**

There were no variations to the order of business.

**26/31 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.**

**Public Speaking:**

**Update on the Greenway Project – Sculptures and Signage**

The Council received an update on the planning and licensing process for the new sculptures and signage projects. There had been some initial difficulties with planning permission, as it was unclear which permissions were required. Much discussion took place about locating certain items in areas where planning permission would not be required. SDDC had now taken over the planning permission side.

Three of the installations require licenses from Derbyshire County Council (DCC). The forms have been sent through, and although some questions were raised, they have not been responded to. It was agreed to proceed with submitting the forms.

It was noted that the Parish Council was best placed to hold the licenses for items located on Parish Council land, as this allows them to be added to the Council's asset register and insured

accordingly. SDDC had confirmed they would prefer the Parish Council to hold these licenses and will cover the associated costs.

The Parish Council agreed to hold licenses for the following locations:

- DCC land/verges outside the Old Post Office, Hillside Road, Coton Park, and by the Old Coton Park Recreation Ground.

The remaining three locations requiring planning permission are:

- Foxley Wood
- Rickman's Corner Orchard School
- The Hub / The Brick Room

It was noted that full planning permission is required for two of the sculptures and advertising consent for the remaining board. The Orchard School location is on Parish Council land and does not require separate planning permission.

The decision on the above would be taken on the correct place on the agenda below.

### **Community Litter Pick – Spring 2026**

A discussion took place about the “Great British Clean Up” events, the District Council would provide litter-picking kits, including bin bags and litter pickers, and promoted volunteer participation. If Parish Councillors undertake a litter pick with a District Council officer present, they can be covered under the Council's insurance.

Organised litter picking requires appropriate insurance, which can be a challenge if not supported. SDDC Grounds staff have confirmed they will support the event by providing kits and collecting the rubbish collected after the event.

A litter pick was proposed to take place on **Sunday 22nd March 2026, 10:00 am**, starting at Linton Recreation Ground at the end of the Jitty (Village Hall car park). The focus would be on the corners of the recreation ground, identified as areas needing attention before the growing season.

The decision on the above would be taken on the correct place on the agenda below.

### **District Council Representatives Report:**

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

#### **Lighting at Colliery Lodges.**

I have received complaints about the new lighting at Colliery Lodges and have passed these on to Planning Enforcement

### **Local plan Part 2**

This was discussed at an EDS committee meeting last week.

As a result of a planning appeal decision at Newton Solney, the Council is not currently able to demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites. The Council will now have to consider the potential additional delivery from sites outside settlement limits. These sites will be considered following the normal development management committee procedures.

### **Fly tipping**

There has been an increase in fly tipping at Coton Park including a caravan. The SDDC teams have removed items and are following up evidence. Please report any suspicious activity to SDDC environmental health or contact me directly.

#### **County Council Representatives Report:**

County Councillor Amy Wheelton gave her apologies for the meeting, all updated emailed to the Clerk had been forwarded to the members for information.

#### **26/32 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2026**

***RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 10 February 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Browne and seconded by Cllr Tizzard . AGREED unanimously.***

#### **26/33 - 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.

The Clerk reported that she had almost completed the application form and would send this to DCC once completed.

- b) **Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk**
  - a) Updated Asset Register 2025/2026 – Year End

***RESOLVED: The Risk Assessment was approved with the following amendments:***

- ***Remove the covid signs.***
- ***Add £4k for the original Speed Indicator Sign on Linton Heath***
- ***Remove one of the old bins and add a new bin by the Chip Shop at £560.00***

- b) Business Risk Assessment 2025/2026 – Year End

***RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council Approved the Business Risk Assessment.***

- c) Councillor Responsibility 2025/2026 – Year End

***RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council Approved the Councillor Responsibility form.***

- d) Updated Land and Building Register 2025/2026 – Year End

***RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council Approved the Land and Building Register once the Clerk amends the fact that the Linton Recreation Ground has now been registered to the Parish Council.***

- e) To consider the current Direct Debits for 2026
    - 1. Payroo Payroll costs
    - 2. Unity Trust Bank Charges

**RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the above Direct Debits for the Financial Year 2026/2027.**

- f) Subscription for DALC
  - 1. Standard Subscription £780.62
  - 2. Enhanced inc Training fee £320.00
  - 3. Total for both £1,100.62

**RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council agreed to go with the basic subscription for DALC as per 01.04.2026. This was proposed by Cllr Needham and seconded by Cllr Tizzard.**

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.

**Maintenance and Nature Area Update**

- **Pallets and Scrap Wood:** It was noted that pallets and scrap wood had been placed in the trees between the houses and the play area. The Clerk confirmed that this had been approved for removal.
- **Car Park Wood Replacement:** A request has been made for a price to replace the rotten wood around the car park. Awaiting quotation from the contractor.
- **Fencing Around the Willows:** The contractor has been asked to add a couple of additional rows of fencing to support the mesh around the willow trees.
- **Nature Area – Volunteer Work:** Conservation volunteers were on site on Sunday, removing self-seeded plants in the nature area.
- **Wildflower Planting:** Wildflowers were purchased and spread in the nature area. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Tilley for his contribution to this work.

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

- 1) Linton Orchard Project update – Cllr Smith and Cllr Needham Project Plan update

There was nothing to report.

- 2) Update on the Greenway Project including the new website content.

This item was discussed in Public Speaking, and the following resolutions were made under this section on the agenda as follows:

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***RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Tilley, seconded by Cllr Tizzard for the Parish Council to hold the licenses.***

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***RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Tilley, seconded by Cllr Smith, to register the litter pick with Waste Cleansing and arrange collection. Bags of rubbish would be picked up on Monday from Duchess Close, far side of the gate, up to a dozen bags.***

- 3) Summer holiday Play Scheme will take place at Linton Recreation Ground on 18.08.2026 at 10am to 12 noon.

***RESOLVED: The Clerk to produce a poster to advertise the event.***

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

- **Footpaths:** Cllr Browne walked the footpaths and reported the following:
  - **Footpath 4:** Waterfowl area is clear and in good condition.
  - **Footpath 10:** The path has subsided further into the ditch and requires attention. Cllr Browne will send photos to the Clerk to report the issue to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Footpaths team.
- **Hedge Maintenance – Linton Recreation Ground:** The hedge by the dog bin, near where the bin was previously knocked down by Rob, needs to be cut back opposite the outdoor fitness equipment.

***RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact Aucuba to arrange this work.***

**26/34 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain**

Cllr Tizzard Gave his report as follows:

**Meeting at Overseal Village Hall**

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Police/Safer Neighbourhoods:**

**Dracon Estate:** Due to antisocial behaviour Local Patrols with Housing Providers have been carried out. Talks in local schools have taken place to drive home the message to children/ Letters to parents have been sent.

**Andrea Thompson** Stated road safety checks have taken place in Overseal. ANPR cameras have picked up a variety of offences such as Speeding, no insurance, Disqualified drivers, and Drink drivers etc.

**Funding:** in place for a Speed indicator camera for Overseal.

**Arrests** for theft and supplying of (Class A) drugs have also been carried out in surrounding villages.

**Woodville Travellers site:**

People using surrounding footpaths have complained of harassment from Travellers/ Residents requested feedback from the Police regarding Victim impact statements and following up of ongoing investigations.

**Other Matters:**

**Pub watch** keeping an eye on matters such as Drink spiking/ Persons banned from local pubs. ALSO: Fake £20 notes have been in circulation with various retail premises now using Ultraviolet screening devices.

**Funding:** For Rosliston Strawberry Lane Safer space grant of £998.00. Monies transferred for restoration works.

**South Derbyshire District Council****Tracey Bingham (Executive Director of Resources/Deputy Chief Executive)**

**Budget:** for Council to be forwarded to Committee to decide on spending in the next financial year for future projects to happen prior to April.

At present the Groundwork Team cannot be relocated to new premises due to lack of funding. Council Tax increase for coming year is to be increased by **2.9%**.

A future Sustainability Report is to be produced, and the forecast is for a more stable financial future with regards to budgets available for essential services.

**Funding for:** Additional Street cleansing/ Weekly collection for Food waste Management is to be deferred until June. Upgrades to Facilities and footpaths.

**Housing Revenue:**

HRA Account to get a **4.7%** increase.

An Audit is to be carried out over the next two years to establish up to date information on Council Tenants, who is living where and number of occupants living within council properties.

**A UK Prosperity fund** is being set up and will be managed by East Midlands Housing.

**Facilities:**

**Leisure centre project:** New site location is at Cadley Park, works due to start imminently.

**Civic Offices:** to be relocated (exact location to be confirmed).

**Existing site for:** Greenbank Leisure Centre and Civic offices to be cleared to allow town centre redevelopment.

**Electoral Register:** from December Postal votes to be cancelled and alternative **online** methods to be Discussed and arranged.

### Infrastructure/Plans to Extend Mercian Park:

**North West Leicestershire** submitted plans to extend this facility, but residents of surrounding areas expressed concern over additional load on roads leading to and from its location off JCT11 M42/A42 and A444 towards Burton on Trent which passes through both Leicestershire and South Derbyshire.

It was stated that SDDC do not have full control of this because it was outside their boundaries but would consult with **North West Leicestershire** and would make a **website link** available so that members of the public could access it for further information from future meetings.

It was also stated that no **Section 106** money would be made available to assist with the situation.

**26/35 - 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 the additions of Rainbow Waste. Vision ICT and the Equals Card***

#### a. Payments List

| Online Payments Date | Payee                                                       | Description                           | Amount   | Power                                                                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03.03.2026           | Bloomin Gardens                                             | Maintenance                           | 607.20   | Open Space Act 1906 s9,10                                              |
| 03.03.2026           | Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions                 |                                       | 1,413.57 | LGA 1972 s112 – 119                                                    |
| 03.03.2026           | Parish Allowance Cllr Browne, Cllr Tizzard, and Cllr Aytain |                                       | 676.00   | The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 |
| 03.03.2026           | Rainbow Waste                                               | Waste Collection                      | 25.80    | Open Space Act 1906 s9,10                                              |
| 03.03.2026           | Vision ICT                                                  | Email Hosting                         | 48.00    | Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111                                |
| 03.03.2026           | Equals Card                                                 | Clerk Expenses top up for misc. items | 500.00   | Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111                                |

#### **26/36 - Planning matters for consideration**

- 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.
- 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 |
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| DMPA/2026/0254 | The erection of a detached double garage and installation of access                                              | Hillside at 149 Hillside Road, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6RB                  | 19.03.2026<br><b>RESOLVED:<br/>No comment</b>  |
| DMOT/2026/0162 | Works to and removal of trees covered by South Derbyshire District Council TPO 69                                | 3 Manor Gardens, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6AB                                | 19.03.2026<br><b>RESOLVED:<br/>No comments</b> |
| DMPA/2026/0113 | The retention of a timber building and change of use to a beauty salon at Land                                   | Pete Robinson Holiday Homes Ltd, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB | 06.03.2026<br><b>RESOLVED:<br/>No comments</b> |
| DMPA/2026/0114 | Erection of a domestic garage, retention of two gazebos, and creation of ménage                                  | Highfields Barn, Colliery Lane, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PB                 | 04.03.2026<br><b>RESOLVED:<br/>No comments</b> |
| DMPA/2026/0258 | The conversion of two dwellings into one and the erection of a single storey rear extension and associated works | 129 and 131 Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6QA                        | 25.03.2026<br><b>RESOLVED:<br/>No comments</b> |

#### **26/37 - 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.

There was nothing to report.

#### **26/38 - 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) Parish Update SDDC – Cllr Wheelton x 2
- b) Bridge & Bypass - Upcoming Road Closure
- c) Posters to Display Please - FEBRUARY 2026
- d) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 16 February 2026
- e) LGR – Cllr Wheelton

#### **26/39 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 14 April 2026, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm**

***RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council confirmed the next meeting as 14.04.2026 at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms.***