

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 and Cllr Swinburn.

In Attendance: District Councillor Alistair Tilley, and the Clerk Clare Orme.

26/40 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted as follows:

- ***Cllr Needham due to other work commitments***
- ***Cllr Rai-Aytain due to illness***

26/41 - 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.

26/42 - Variation of the Order of Business

There was no variation to the order of business.

26/43 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

There were no declarations of Members Interests.

Declare interest in planning applications for heritage board.

26/44 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100

Public Speaking

None

District Council representatives Report

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

Development Control

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. The site on Linton

Rd opposite the Shops was approved at the last Committee meeting as a result of this need for 5-year housing supply.

Fly tipping

I have reported fly tipping of nitrous gas cylinders at Rickman's Corner and Builders rubble on the Botany Bay Road.

Please report any suspicious activity to SDDC environmental health or contact me directly.

Oaklands Solar Farm

There will be a Community Consultation on the Oakland Community Benefit Fund, at Rosliston Forestry Centre on Wednesday 22nd April between 4pm and 7pm

South Derbyshire District Council Civic Service

to conform the new Chair of SDDC will be held on Thursday 21st May and the Town Hall and afterwards at Sharpes Pottery, all Parish Council Chairs receive an invitation.

County Councillors Representatives Report

County Councillor Any Wheelton gave her apologies.

26/45 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 10 March 2026

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

26/46 - SDDC Civic Council Meeting - Thursday 21 May 2026

There were no Councillors able to attend the above event.

26/47 - 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

The Clerk reported that the application for the new post had been filed with DCC and we were awaiting a response.

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. Trees at Coton Park, work required due to health and safety concerns.

It was reported that the recent high winds resulted in significant debris being blown around the Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground. A tree report recommends that tall trees are inspected every six months. Particular concern was raised regarding the trees located near the footpath and children's play area, which require attention.

Cllr Tilley was delegated authority to obtain quotations for the necessary tree works and circulate these to the group for approval.

RESOLVED: proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Swinburn. It was noted that, although it is currently bird nesting season, the trees may pose a safety risk and should be addressed accordingly.

The recent litter picking event was very successful, with a considerable amount of waste cleared, particularly from areas where it had accumulated around the edges of the Linton Recreation Ground. The group agreed that this was a worthwhile initiative and should be repeated, with suggestions to organise one event in the summer and another in the winter.

Cllr Tilley also reported that the road sweeper attended Coton Park again last week.

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

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

RESOLVED: Item deferred to June 2026.

A discussion took place about the fencing needing to be replaced all the way around the Orchard.

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

The project was underway and planning applications had been filed for the History Boards and stones, and the walking festival was in the process of being organised.

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

RESOLVED: It was agreed to advertise the above event closer to the time.

- 4) Consider the Newsletter March 2026

RESOLVED: The Clerk to circulate to the Councillors for approval, Once agreed the Clerk to publish the newsletter.

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

Cllr Browne gave her report as follows:

- Reported that water flow issues affecting Footpath 4 have now been resolved. Footpath 10 has been reported to DCC; although the path is currently dry, part of it has subsided into the ditch and remains a concern.
- a query regarding signage on Hillside Road, at the entrance to Coton Park, asking whether the recently damaged sign was a speed sign. Cllr Tilley clarified that it was not a speed sign, but a weight restriction sign.
- It was noted that a 30mph speed limit applied at all entrances to the village and throughout the village. In areas with street lighting, additional signage is not required, as the presence of street lighting indicates a 30mph limit.

26/48 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

26/49 - To consider the following payments, any payments required after publication of the agenda will be advised at the meeting.

a. Payments List

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
01.04.2026	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	838.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01.04.2026	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1376.57	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
01.04.2026	Parish Allowance – Cllr Smith	Parish Allowance	208.00	Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111
01.04.2026	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	58.62	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01.04.2026	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	534.07	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)
01.04.2026	Viking Direct - Paid by Card	Paper and Ink	107.00	Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111
01.04.2026	ICO	Data Protection Fee	52.00	Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111
01.04.2026	DALC	Membership Subscription	780.62	Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the above payments.

26/50 – Year End Accounts as at 31 March 2026

Current Account	18,880.32
Reserve Account	96,359.59
Equals Card	<u>388.89</u>
Total	115,628.80

RESOLVED: Linton Parish Council approved the End of Year Bank Rec. tilley and kev

26/51 - 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/2026/0352	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	Foxley Wood, Linton Heath, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PE	17.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0353	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	Linton Primary School, Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6QA	18.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0351	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	Rickman's Corner Community Centre, Linton Heath, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PE	18.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0355	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	The Brick Room, Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6QA	18.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0288	Erection of 1no. new build residential dwelling including associated access and external works	5 Park Close, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6QB	29.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0359	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	54 Main Street, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6PZ	29.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
DMPA/2026/0357	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail	Grass Verge Off Coton Park, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6RE	28.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment

DMPA/2026/0358	Advertisement consent for the display of interpretation board as part of a heritage trail at Grass Verge	Hillside Road And Coton Park Junction, Linton, Swadlincote, DE12 6RB	28.04.2026 RESOLVED: No Comment
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It was reported that there was a further planning application for 5 Park Close, Linton – Linton Parish Council had no comment on this application.

26/52 - Risk Assessments current updates

- a) Watson and Watson Yearly Risk Assessment – To consider the new Repot at a cost of £1,050.00 + VAT

RESOLVED: Cllr Browne proposed and Cllr Tizzaed seconded to go ahead with the above payment.

- a) Bloomin Gardens - Weekly Risk Assessments

It was reported that at Badger Hollows, rubber matting that had blended into the grass was identified as a hazard due to nails protruding; this had now been addressed and made safe.

At Linton Recreation Ground, it was noted that the rubber surfacing had shrunk and requires repair. In addition, the wetpour surface also requires attention. Blooming Landscapes are to be instructed to carry out the necessary works.

The group discussed the need to review and potentially replace some of the play equipment at Linton Recreation Ground. Cllr Smith had reviewed available options and advised that Wicksteed offers suitable equipment.

Regarding the new Wicksteed equipment at Badger Hollows, further information was required on appropriate cleaning and maintenance, although it had been difficult to obtain a response. It was agreed that this should be added to the Facilities agenda to address maintenance and cleaning of play equipment.

RESOLVED: It was further agreed that equipment maintenance should be included as an item on the June Open Spaces agenda.

- b) SDDC - Yearly Risk Assessments – Consider new quotes received.

There was nothing to report.

26/53 - 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) Walton Main Street Closure – Cllr Wheelton Report
- b) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 16 March 2026
- c) Parish Liaison and Non-Parish Liaison Meetings
- d) Findern Neighbourhood Plan
- e) Posters to Display Please - MARCH 2026
- f) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 24 March 2026

- g) East Midlands Freeport Strategic Infrastructure and Contributions Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation
- h) Cadley/Burton road - road works
- i) Bridge & Bypass - Upcoming Road Closure [Update]
- j) New 'Healthy Beginnings' Campaign Launches to Support Parents-to-Be
- k) Martyn's Law
- l) 1st March 2026 - 31st March 2026
- m) Invitation to Construction Drop-in event – Oaklands Farm Solar Park
- n) BESS
- o) SDDC Civic Council Meeting - Thursday 21 May 2026
- p) Watson & Watson Newsletter - March 2026

26/54 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 12 May 2026, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Assembly) to be held on 12.05.2026 commencing at 7pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.10pm