

Linton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 14 July 2026, commencing at 7pm at Linton Brick Rooms

Present: Cllr Alistair Tilley (In the Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Tizzard, Cllr Swinburn, Cllr Needham, and Cllr Ray Aitain.

In Attendance: District Councillor Alistair Tilley, County Councillor Amy Wheelton, two allotment holders and the Parish Council Clerk Clare Orme

26/72 - To receive apologies for absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

RESOLVED: Apologies were received and accepted as follows:

- ***Cllr Browne due to other commitments.***

26/73 - 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 a councillor.

26/74 - Variation of the Order of Business

There were no Variations to the order of business.

26/75 - Declaration of Members Interests. Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

26/76 - Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100

Public Speaking

2 Allotment holders were in attendance and gave their report as follows:

- Two Allotment holders explained that they had taken over the management of the Allotments on behalf of the former Allotment Manager.
- There had been reports of theft and criminal damage at the allotments. These incidents had been reported to the police, who had advised that they will increase their presence in the area.
- Cllr Tilley confirmed that the Parish Council was committed to supporting allotment holders. Existing risk assessments cover the allotment site, and holders are encouraged to contact the Parish Council if any further assistance was required.
- A request was received asking whether a roof could be installed over the water storage area to collect rainwater. The Parish Council raised no objection, provided the structure was safe and complied with the Council's risk assessment requirements.

- There was currently one absentee plot holder who had been uncontactable despite several attempts. The Council only had a telephone number on record, and no response had been received. Members agreed for the plot to be repossessed and readopted for reallocation as contact cannot be established.

District Council Representatives Report

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

Food waste Collection Update

We have some great news to share today! June marked the official launch of our new weekly food waste collection service, and the initial data is in.

In its very first month, the service achieved a great 65.7% participation rate - meaning nearly two-thirds of households across the district are already actively using their new caddies!

Together, our residents presented approximately 235 tonnes of food waste, which has been sent directly to the Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility to be turned into renewable energy and green fertiliser.

Roadside grass cutting

I have emailed SDDC officers to get the road junctions cut around the Ward and most areas have now been cut. I have also asked why weed removal on pavements has not been done.

County Council Representative Report

County Councillor Wheelton attended the meeting and advised that there was nothing further to add to the written reports already circulated to the Parish Councillors.

Councillor Wheelton informed members of an upcoming full road closure on Burton Road, from Rosliston to the crossroads, to enable essential works. The closure is expected to last for seven days, with a signed diversion route via Walton.

There were no planning updates to report.

Members asked for an update on the Walton Flyover. Councillor Wheelton advised that the scheme was progressing, although it was proving complex to determine how the works could be carried out while keeping the road open. Staffordshire County Council would not permit a full road closure. Councillor Wheelton was continuing to pursue updates and would keep the Parish Council informed as further information becomes available. The project was progressing but was not expected to be completed quickly.

Cllr Wheelton referred members to the written briefing regarding the condition of the road at the "Crossroads of Doom". She explained that reducing the speed limit to 50 mph was more complex than anticipated and, despite ongoing efforts, this has not yet been achieved. However, significant improvements had been made to the road signage, with the new signage expected to be installed during July 2026. The road had also been put forward for resurfacing next year. She had received extensive speed monitoring information and had requested data relating to non-average vehicle speeds to support the case for a speed limit reduction.

Members were reminded that all road traffic accidents should be reported, as not every incident is officially recorded, and accurate reporting helps support future road safety improvements.

26/77 - To confirm the minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Tizzard and seconded by Cllr Smith. AGREED unanimously.

26/78 - Parish Council Committee/Working Group Reports Updates

a) Finance Committee Report – All Councillors and the Clerk

There was nothing to report.

b) Coton Park Recreation Ground Working Group Report - Cllr Tilley and Cllr Smith

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 a chipper would be required shortly.

2. Update on the car park repairs by Bloomin Gardens

It was reported that Bloomin Gardens would get on with this work, once they could fit it in as they were extremely busy at the moment

3. Update on the Knotweed issue – Still awaiting the address

The Clerk was still awaiting the address to report this issue to SDDC Environmental Health Department.

It was reported that residents had asked if they could have some of the logs of wood from the trees that were felled at Badger's Hollow recently.

RESOLVED: it was agreed for residents to take the little logs.

It was reported that most of the newly planted willows at Badgers Hollow Recreation Ground had sadly died in the hot weather. The Council would look at replacing these in the Autumn.

c) Facilities Working Group Report - Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Swinburn

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

Cllr Tilley had already shared photographs with members of the new carved stones, including images taken on Friday morning when a 1.5-tonne stone was installed in the orchard, and another showing progress at Rickman's Corner.

Members were advised that the stone for the Foxley site was scheduled to be installed on the following Friday.

Cllr Tilley reported that the project was awaiting further permissions before the interpretation boards could be installed.

Cllr Needham advised that an art exhibition had been held at Rickman's Corner on the previous Saturday and Sunday. As part of the project, mosaics were being created for the interpretation boards, together with a QR code to provide additional information.

A resident of Main Street had requested permission to plant a hazel tree in the orchard.

RESOLVED: Councillors would hold a site meeting to consider a suitable location for the tree. Cllr Tilley agreed to arrange the site meeting via WhatsApp.

Members noted that the original footpath through the orchard was becoming visible again. It was agreed that the footpath would be inspected during the site meeting and consideration given to arranging for it to be cleared and re-stoned.

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

This project was ongoing and had been discussed above.

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

It was agreed that a further poster was required for the notice board to advertise the event.

4) Update Speed Indicator Sign, Linton Heath Project – application filed with DCC awaiting response

It was agreed that the Clerk would chase this as the application was filed a while ago.

5) Issues of theft and damage at the allotments – reported to the police.

Nothing further to report as this had been discussed above in Public Speaking.

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

There was nothing to report.

26/79 - Outside Bodies - Other Meetings attended - Area Forum – Cllr Tizzard and Cllr Rai-Aytain

There was nothing to report.

26/80 - 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, proposed by Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Tizzard

Online Payments Date	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
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01.04.2026	Bloomin Gardens	Maintenance	607.20	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01.04.2026	Salaries, Tax NIC and Pension contributions		1,339.57	LGA 1972 s112 – 119
01.04.2026	Rainbow Waste	Waste Collection	26.46	Open Space Act 1906 s9,10
01.04.2026	Aucuba Landscapes	Maintenance	721.27	Litter Act 1983, Section 5(6)

26/81 - 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			

26/82 - Risk Assessments current updates

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

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to the Woodland Trust regarding access to Foxley Wood for timber extraction, but no response had yet been received.

Members discussed the difficulties associated with extracting timber from the site, which was considered to be one of the most challenging locations for access.

RESOLVED: Cllr Tilley agreed to make further enquiries regarding possible solutions.

It was noted that Heartwood, a charitable organisation, normally undertakes this type of work on behalf of charities.

Members reported that chainsaws had been operating throughout the last two or three weekends, resulting in concerns being raised by local residents.

It was also reported that large ruts or tracks had been left by Heartwood near the main gate on the right-hand side. Members considered these to present a potential safety hazard, and residents had complained about the condition.

26/83 - 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) Unstoppable Derbyshire programme: Help young people achieve their goals
- b) Application ref. DMPA/2026/0370: Notification of planning application – Information from Cllr Wheelton
- c) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 15 June 2026
- d) Summer 2026 Holiday Activity & Food programme
- e) Oaklands Farm Solar Park – Project Update Notification – Info from Cllr Wheelton
- f) Summer Activities 2026 – Leaflet Distribution and Next Steps
- g) Capital Works on roads – Information from Cllr Wheelton
- h) Police – Stats June 1st - June 30th, 2026.
- i) July DCC Parish Update – Cllr Wheelton
- j) Cadley Lane and Cauldwell Lane/Crossroads – Cllr Wheelton
- k) July SDDC Parish Update – Cllr Wheelton
- l) Community News from Derbyshire County Council – 22 June 2026
- m) FW: Severn Trent - community session in Clifton Campville – Cllr Wheelton

DALC Information:

- a. DALC July Newsletter

26/84 - Date of the Linton Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed as 8 September 2026, at the Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm

RESOLVED: The next meeting was confirmed as 8 September 2026, at The Brick Rooms Linton, commencing at 7pm.