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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2025, commencing at 6.45pm  
at Linton Brick Rooms**

**Present:** Cllr Tilley (In the Chair), Cllr Tizzard, Cllr Troyden-Fraser, Cllr D Swinburn, Cllr Fraser, and Cllr Rai-Aytain.

**In Attendance:** 1 District Council Representative Cllr Tilley and Clare Orme Clerk/RFO

**25/01/PA – Chair’s Introduction and Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**25/02/PA – Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted as follows:

- Cllr Browne due to other commitments
- Cllr Steve Smith to other commitments

**25/03/PA – Annual Report of the Council 2024/2025**

**Chair’s Report – Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 13 May 2025  
Presented by Cllr Alistair Tilley**

Good evening, everyone,

I would like to begin by extending my sincere thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for their continued hard work, dedication, and support over the past year. Your commitment to the community is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference to the life of the village.

I would also like to express our thanks to our Lengthsman for his efforts in keeping the village clean, tidy, and presentable throughout the seasons. It is work that often goes unnoticed but makes a huge impact on our environment.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Her hard work, professionalism, and diligence have been invaluable in ensuring that the Council runs smoothly and that all matters are handled efficiently and effectively.

Over the past 12 months, the Parish Council has achieved a great deal. Some of the key accomplishments include:

- The Parish Council have continued to maintain all areas leased or owned by the Parish council. This includes Linton Recreation ground, Badger’s Hollow recreation Ground, Linton Orchard, and the Foxley Wood Entrance.

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- We have a contract in Place with Blooming Gardens to complete weekly playground Risk Assessments and minor repairs to make sure our play areas are safe to use.
- We employ Watson and Watson to provide an annual risk assessment of all other areas.
- We have a contract in place with SDDC to complete the independent Annual Inspection of the Play areas.
- We have purchased and installed a new climbing wall at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground, offering more play opportunities for children in the village.
- We have purchased and installed a further speed indicator sign to help reduce speeding and improve road safety.
- We are registering the Linton Recreation Ground to the Parish Council. This registration is currently with HM Land Registry and awaiting final approval.
- Two new benches were also installed at Linton Allotments, along with new fencing, improving the area for our local allotment holders. We removed an unsafe tree.
- New litter bins were installed at Rickman's Corner and by the former Chip Shop on Main Street, helping to reduce littering in these frequently used areas.
- We were pleased to receive a free official portrait of His Majesty the King, which has been donated to the Brick Rooms for community enjoyment.
- The Council has supported South Derbyshire District Council and the Burton Conservation Volunteers in their ongoing efforts to improve biodiversity at Badger Hollow Nature Reserve, enhancing this important natural space for wildlife and local residents alike.
- We have given small Parish Council Grants to the Church to help with the ground maintenance and to Rickman's Corner Community Centre to support the installation of Solar Panels.

Despite all of this positive progress, it is disappointing to report that vandalism remains an issue in the village. It is disheartening to see public property damaged and community resources disrespected. We will continue to work with residents and local authorities to discourage such behaviour and ensure that our shared spaces are respected and maintained.

Looking ahead, the Parish Council has several plans for the coming year:

- We intend to install a further post at Rickman's Corner, allowing us to rotate the speed indicator signs and cover more areas of concern for traffic calming.
- Improvements to the safety surfacing at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground are also planned, to ensure a safer environment for children using the play equipment.
- Tree works identified in the most recent tree reports will be undertaken in due course to maintain the health of our green spaces and the safety of the public.
- We are hoping to work in partnership with both the Rickman's Corner Community Centre Committee and the Village Hall Committee to support the village more in the coming months.
- We are also looking at a project to plant more fruit trees and upgrade Linton Orchard.

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We are proud of the progress made and optimistic about the year ahead. As always, we welcome the involvement of our residents and encourage you to bring forward ideas, concerns, or offers of help. Together, we can continue to make Linton a better place for everyone.

Thank you.

**25/04/PA – Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 14 May 2024 for approval (Parish Assembly)**

***RESOLVED: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 May 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Troyden-Fraser and seconded by Cllr Tizzard, AGREED unanimously.***

**25/05/PA – Open Forum for residents to ask questions, raise issues or make comment.**

There were no residents in attendance.

**25/05/PA - Close of Meeting**

The Meeting closed at 7pm