

Linton Parish Council Community News and Updates

Welcome to the first edition of the annual Linton Parish Council Newsletter. We hope you find this newsletter both interesting and useful. It shows what we have been doing in 2023 and our plans for 2024, should you wish to contribute to any of the projects or join the council please get in touch. We are here for you!

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People often ask us “what does the Parish Council do?”

Well, aside from the long list of responsibilities that extends from maintaining our public open space to emptying the litter and dog bins, we are here for you. Through this six monthly newsletter we want to ensure that everyone is aware of what exactly we are doing for Linton and Coton Park residents.

WHAT DOES LINTON PARISH COUNCIL (LPC) OWN & MAINTAIN?

Linton Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of street furniture, for example:

- ✚ litter bin and dog bin emptying,
- ✚ maintenance of benches,
- ✚ maintenance of the Onyx Sign on Linton Heath

Maintenance cost roughly £20k for the year.

Our portfolio of Public Open Space (POS) consists of the following pieces of land, which we maintain on behalf of the village using fully qualified professional contractors:



Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground, Coton Park

Leased from SDDC, maintained by LPC



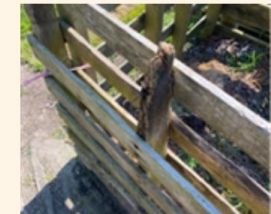
Foxley Entrance, Main Street

Owned and maintained by LPC



Linton Recreation Ground, Main Street

Owned and maintained by LPC



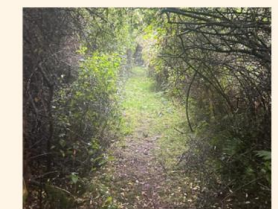
Allotments, Linton Heath

Owned and maintained by LPC



Linton Orchard, Colliery Lane

Owned and maintained by LPC



Definitive Footpaths

Owned by DCC maintained by LPC



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Vacancies

We currently have 3 vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact:
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WHAT HAS LINTON PARISH COUNCIL MANAGED SINCE APRIL 2023



Litter is one of the biggest issues that we face on a daily basis

To tackle this we employ a part time Lengthsman, 8 hours per week, who goes around the village litter picking, keeping the village tidy.

Rubbish collected by the Lengthsman is collected by Rainbow Waste on a weekly basis at a cost of roughly £300 per year SDDC also empty the litter and dog bins around the village on a weekly basis, this is at a cost of roughly £1,500 per year. We also employ a part time Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer 10 hours per week to deal with our administration and accounts.

Replacement/New Litter Bins

Rickman's Corner Litter bin is always overflowing, this litter bin is due to be replaced with a larger one in the next few weeks. The litter bin on High Street, where there was always a bin liner hanging at the side flapping about in the wind, has already been replaced with a new larger litter bin.

We would ask residents, that if the bins are full, please don't pile the rubbish and dog poo bags on the side or on top of the bin. Please take it home and dispose of this in your household black bin. It would really help to keep the village clean and tidy.

Tree Stock Health & Maintenance

The Parish Council are responsible for the health and safety of many trees on land that we own and maintain.



To keep trees health and safe for the public, we have a tree report completed every 2 to 3 years and any work identified is completed. During our winter maintenance we completed a lot of work to maintain the tree stock and hedges at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground, this was at a cost of £4,998.00

Community Tree Planting Event at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground

A Community Tree Planting event was held at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground earlier in the year. The tree whips were given to the Parish Council free of charge through the free Tree Scheme. Resident volunteers joined Parish Councillors to plant 200 tree whips to help elevate the flooding issues in the top corner of the Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground. We are happy to report that the new trees are doing their job and the flooding issue seems to be a lot better. We hope to plant more trees in the future.





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Keeping our Children Safe When in the Parks

As per direction from our insurance company and for health and safety reasons, the play equipment is checked, and risk assessed on a weekly basis. These inspections are important to keep the equipment in good working order and it identifies any problems or faults, which we aim to repair as quickly as possible. This is at a cost of £120 per park, per month £2,880 per year.

We are also required to have an independent yearly play inspection. This is undertaken by SDDC at a cost of £150 for Linton Recreation Ground and £75 for Badger's Hollows Recreation Ground.

Playground Refurbishment and Repairs

Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground: Early on in the year we were busy completing the installation of the new play and gym equipment at Badger's Hollow Recreation Ground. This was part funding by a Section 106 contribution from SDDC of £20,495.23 from the High Street Development and £10,000 from the Parish Councils reserves for projects.

We are in the process of undertaking the purchase and installation of two new benches at a cost of £2,070.00.

Linton Recreation Ground: Unfortunately we have recently had to close the Linton Recreation Ground children's play area to repair the wetpour surface after a spate of mindless vandalism. This was at a cost of £1,296.00.

We have also replaced:

- ✚ two damaged litter bins at a cost of £1,427.02.
- ✚ both of the yellow gates and fencing repaired at the children's play area at a cost of £504.00.
- ✚ and repaired the log roller climbing frame at a cost of £440.00

Speed Indicator Sign Project

Linton Parish Council started the Speed Indicator Sign Project almost 12 months ago. We were concerned that road users were exceeding the 30mph limit as they enter Linton from Castle Gresley coming up Hillside Road and coming into the village down Hillside Road from Caldwell Road.

The pavements along Hillside Road are very narrow and heavily used by parents and young children to get to and from Linton Primary School on Main Street, especially from Coton Park. The Parish Council have purchased one sign that will be moved monthly between three posts strategically placed around the village.

The Speed Indicator Signs are capable of producing a report for the Parish Council to clearly see when speeding in the village is an issue. If this project is successful, the Parish Council may consider further Speed Indicator Signs in the future.

The cost of the project has been £6,850

Locations of the Speed Indicator Signs



Location 1: Hillside Road



Location 2: Caldwell Road



Location 3: Coton Park

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The Village Remembers.....



Ready for Remembrance Day, Councillors installed the Lamppost poppies, around the village.

We had representation at the Remembrance Service held on 12th November 2023, at Christ Church, Linton.

This was followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial at Castle Gresley. Two poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of Linton and Coton Park; one for the fallen soldiers of the 1st World War and one for the fallen soldiers of the 2nd World War.

The Parish Council gives a yearly donation of £100 to the RBL under s137, toward the cost of the poppy wreaths.



Linton Parish Council wanted to organise a family event for Coton Parkers, their families and friends.

All residents, their families and friends were welcome to join the 100 year Anniversary celebrations for Coton Park, held on Sunday 23 September 2023 between 11am and 2pm.

The houses in Coton Park were built in 1923 for the workers at the Coton Park Coal Mine during the day there was a board available to view with the history of Coton Park.



This was a completely free event to the residents, funded by Linton Parish Council. Activities on the day included face painting, bouncy castles, hog roast van, ice cream van, bring & buy stall, cake stall and much more.

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Road Safety - Dangerous Crossroads at Drakelow

Most of you will be aware of the number of accidents and near misses we have on our country roads, especially the crossroads at Drakelow. Whilst work is ongoing to try and tackle this, there are a few things we can all do to try and reduce the number of accidents and stay safe on our roads. We all are aware of and know the highway code but here are a few points from it to bear in mind, especially during the winter months when the roads are especially poor and visibility reduced.

The Highway Code reminds us that nobody has priority at unmarked crossroads (rule 146). That means that you don't have any formal right to emerge onto the junction before other vehicles. Neither do they have the right to go ahead of you. However, there are general right of way principles used at normal crossroads. These aren't hard and fast, so never just assume that another driver will be on the same wavelength as you. But in general:

- ✚ First come, first served: whoever arrives at the junction first should have the option to make the first move.
- ✚ Right-turning traffic gives way: just like on other roads, drivers going straight on take precedence over those turning right.
- ✚ Large vehicles go first: it's considered courteous to let lorries and tractors emerge before you. It's nice to be nice, after all!

When you arrive at the same time as another vehicle it can lead to a stalemate, as you both try to figure out who should go first. Establishing eye contact with the other driver will often give you a good idea about their intentions.

Road junctions (highway code rules 170 to 183)

Rule 170 Take extra care at junctions.

- ✚ You should watch out for cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians including powered wheelchairs/mobility scooter users as they are not always easy to see. Be aware that they may not have seen or heard you if you are approaching from behind
- ✚ give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. If they have started to cross they have priority, so give way
- ✚ remain behind cyclists, horse riders, horse drawn vehicles and motorcyclists at junctions even if they are waiting to turn and are positioned close to the kerb
- ✚ watch out for long vehicles which may be turning at a junction ahead; they may have to use the whole width of the road to make the turn
- ✚ watch out for horse riders who may take a different line on the road from that which you would expect
- ✚ not assume, when waiting at a junction, that a vehicle coming from the right and signalling left will actually turn. Wait and make sure
- ✚ look all around before emerging. Do not cross or join a road until there is a gap large enough for you to do so safely.

Rule 171 You MUST stop behind the line at a junction with a 'Stop' sign and a solid white line across the road. Wait for a safe gap in the traffic before you move off.

Rule 172 The approach to a junction may have a 'Give Way' sign or a triangle marked on the road. You MUST give way to traffic on the main road when emerging from a junction with broken white lines across the road



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PLANNING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AHEAD (2024/2025)

Below are just some of the projects and maintenance we are considering for 2024/2025:

- ✚ We would like to run another Community Event like the 100 Year celebration that we held at Coton Park. We are considering setting aside £1,000 towards this event.
- ✚ We would like to install climbing walls for the children at both the Recreation Grounds. We are considering setting aside £15,000 towards this project.
- ✚ We want to plant more trees to help with the biodiversity of the area and to offset our carbon footprint.
- ✚ We have agreed to install a fruit tree and plaque at Linton Orchard entitled 'Jacob's Tree'. This is in memory of the little boy that was sadly killed in the village.
- ✚ We want to start a project to plan more fruit trees in Linton Orchard and replace the trees that have died. We are considering setting aside £500 towards this project.
- ✚ Should the data we gather from the Speed Indicator Sign installed on 20.11.2023, on Hillside Road, prove we have a speeding issue within the village, we may consider further Speed Indicator Signs around the village.
- ✚ Complete some work at Linton Allotments to replace fencing. We have set aside £2,000 towards this project. We may also have to replace the fencing at Linton Orchard.
- ✚ We are considering having Christmas lights / tree for December 2024.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME....

The Parish Council usually meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (no August meeting) at The Brick Rooms, Main Street, Linton.

Members of the press and public are welcome to observe. The agenda and associated documents will be available a minimum of 3 clear days before the meeting on our website.

Please visit our website to keep up to date with our activities and to find useful information on the facilities and services available to you.

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