

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 10th March 2025 held at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby

Present: Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), W Lewis, E Tunstall, C Harrison, S Molsom, J Brothwell and L Gretton, Clerk. Cllr's M Smith, S Bestwick (GBC). Members of public: 1

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Hardstaff

Cllr S Pickering (GBC), Cllr C Barnfather (NCC)

2.0 Approval of the 2024 APA Minutes

The minutes of the March 2024 APA were approved by the Parish Council. The minutes were signed by Cllrs D Ireland and C Harrison.

3.0 Report from the Chair

Cllr Ireland gave an overview of the year:

We are pleased to welcome Janet Brothwell onto the Parish Council.

We now have three crossings within the parish which is a major achievement. We have the puffin crossing in the village, the toucan crossing on Wighay Road and the crossing at the Moor Pond Wood layby.

The Parish Council continue to use the Lengthsman scheme – thank you to Andy for the work he does in and around the parish.

The annual Carols around the tree was a success.

A major issue identified last year was flooding in the parish. The PC employed flooding engineers, DICE Consulting to review all the flooding issues. We can hopefully move this forward with Nottinghamshire County Council. A large portion of the culverts have been camered. It's a working progress.

The Parish Council applied to the Local Community Fund for footpath repairs and are awaiting the outcome.

We applied for Article 4 Directive and are very disappointed that Gedling haven't taken that on board. We will continue to pursue this.

GBC announced the withdrawal of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. Hannah Barter, Planning Consultant, made representations on behalf of the PC so this is very frustrating from a financial point of view.

Hannah Barter continues to work on behalf of the PC, advising on planning matters and responding to large or important applications.

The Parish Council have started to review the Neighbourhood Plan and this will continue into the year ahead. This is a large project for the Parish Council.

Waterloo island is scheduled to be resurfaced by Via on 17th March!

The Parish Council are organising a barn dance on 10th May as part of the VE Day Celebrations.

4.0 Responsible Financial Officer's Report

Precept

The precept for 2025/2026 has been agreed at £29,532.

Receipts 2024/2025, Total £53,148.77

Donations

Gedling Borough Council – Donation for flowers	£300.00
Gedling Borough Council – Donation for Carols events	£150.00
Total	£450.00

Grants

Groundwork – Grant for Neighbourhood Plan	£9,971.00
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CIL Receipts

Gedling Borough Council – CIL	£7,615.87
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S106 Receipts

Gedling Borough Council – S106	£1,769.24
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Other Receipts

The Co-operative Bank – Interest on Savings Account	£337.51
The Co-operative Bank – Interest on CIL Account	£163.55
Gedling Borough Council – Precept	£26,441.00
HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£2,630.53
Papplewick Village Hall – Bonfire Profit (includes deposit)	£3,770.07
Total	£33,342.66

Banking

The Parish Council continue to bank with the Co-operative Bank. Payments continue to be made via bank transfer, authorisers include Cllr's D Ireland, C Harrison and E Tunstall.

Audit

The accounts for 2024/2025 will be prepared after 31st March 2025. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Sue Stack on 29th April to carry out the internal audit.

All accounts notices, minutes and policies are available to view on the website.

5.0 Representative Reports

Papplewick & Linby Village Hall

Cllr Lewis reported the Village Hall Committee are looking at ways to make the Hall more profitable. They would like to make major structural work to the interior of the Hall to redesign the whole layout, however they do not have the funding for this. They may apply for CIL from the Top Wighay site when it comes through. They are breaking even year on year and have had a lot of spend including replacing fire doors, installation of a new boiler and repairs to the roof. Cllr Ireland recommend they look at funding from the Lottery Fund. Cllr Lewis agreed to feed back to the Committee.

Bonfire Committee

Cllr Lewis reported the Parish Council will not organise the bonfire this year. He advised the organisation who has previously supplied the fireworks has been in touch to discuss taking on the event.

Papplewick Village Fayre (PappFest)

Cllr Lewis reported last year’s event was a great success. This year it will be held on 30th August.

Friends of Papplewick QEII Playing Field

Cllr Lewis reported Papplewick Parish Council are looking to replace some of the equipment on the playing field. The Friends group will organise consultations with the public and local schools to find out what equipment they would like to see installed. They will apply for funding from FCC Communities Foundation.

6.0 Parish business – members of the public are invited to address the Council on any matters within its jurisdiction

A resident commented on the state of the litter within the rural villages, while the urban areas are kept clean and litter free. They commented they would like to see more litter picks from Gedling Borough Council. Cllr Brothwell requested information on frequency of rural litter picks compared to urban litter picks and commented if it’s not a reasonable balance then it needs addressing. Cllr Smith agreed to make enquiries. Cllr Bestwick commented that if the Parish Council arrange a litter pick, he would be happy to help.

7.0 Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 9th May 2026.

The meeting ended at 19:53

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council