

# **LINBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Brooke Farm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), C Harrison (Vice-Chair), C Hardstaff, W Lewis, E Tunstall and the Clerk. Cllr's M Smith (GBC) and S Bestwick (GBC, NCC)

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's J Brothwell and S Molsom – received and accepted  
Cllr S Pickering

### **2.0 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None

### **3.0 Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the October 2025 meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair, Cllr D Ireland and Vice-Chair Cllr C Harrison

### **4.0 Matters arising**

#### **4.1 Police Off Road Bike Team**

Cllr Bestwick advised the police carried out the patrol last week. The PC commented the Linby Trail has been closed due to maintenance works and questioned whether any bikes would be on the trail due to the closure. Cllr Bestwick advised another patrol is due to take place at the end of the month. Details are on Police social media.

#### **4.2 Damaged seat at Linby Meadows**

A member of public contacted the PC to advise they would carry out repairs to the bench. The PC agreed to reimburse them for materials. The seat has now been repaired.

#### **4.3 Motorbikes on Annesley Road, dual carriageway**

Cllr Harrison reported there has been an increase in noisy motorbikes at 1am - 2am on the Annesley roundabout and dual carriageway. Cllr Bestwick advised she reports it to the Police on 101.

### **5.0 Open Forum**

None

### **6.0 Horse & Groom Pub**

No updates – remove from agenda

### **7.0 Flooding in the Parish – culverts inspection update**

Cllr Bestwick confirmed a meeting has been arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> November, 9.45am with the Strata residents, the Developer and NCC. Cllr Bestwick will attend along with Cllr Harrison. This meeting is to discuss the blocked culvert and discuss any remedial work to prevent future flooding to individual households.

Cllr Ireland reported the water in the docks have turned brown again which is the run-off from the Top Wighay site.

Cllr Bestwick advised the stuck lid/manhole is to be removed and replaced this week. When complete, it will move onto the next phase.

### **8.0 NCC Local Communities Fund (LCF)**

The PC did not apply for funding due to lack of time and funds available.

## **9.0 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)**

CIL account balance: £4,501.03

Cllr Ireland advised over the next two years the PC will potentially receive 4 instalments of CIL payments equalling £526K. The first instalment of £131,582 is expected April 2026. The PC agreed to investigate high interest accounts for the CIL. The regulations state the PC have 5 years to spend CIL before it is returned to GBC. The Clerk to contact Lewis Widdowson to find out whether the PC will need a specific project or if it will automatically be paid to the PC.

The PC agreed to circulate a newsletter to all residents advising of the CIL instalments and giving details of how it can be spent and the projects the PC would like to achieve. The PC intend to give all residents the opportunity to put forward any ideas they have that will fit the criteria. The PC agreed to review the application form and process. Cllr Harrison advised an area near the SSSI at Strata has vegetation that is encroaching onto the footpaths. She asked the PC to consider utilising the monies for improvements to the landscaping here.

## **10.0 S106**

### **10.1 £39K Maintenance Contribution**

Cllr Smith commented he has received confirmation that the £39,000 maintenance contribution has been approved. This is for maintenance and improvements to the green space at the Heritage Centre. Cllr Smith agreed to forward the email and form to the Clerk.

### **10.2 £550K Affordable Housing**

Cllr Smith advised he and Cllr Bestwick had a meeting with the Head of Planning and discussed social housing in the borough and the £550k unspent S106 allocated towards affordable housing. They were assured they are aware of the timescales and the monies will not be returned to the Developer

## **11.0 Lengthsman Scheme & Green Spaces Maintenance**

Hours remaining: 34.5. Jobs outstanding include installing the new noticeboards, cutting back hedges at Strata and strimming around the village. Cllr Ireland commented on the amount of leaves on the footpaths on Church Lane and outside Linby House where it can get very slippery when wet. Cllr Smith advised the Lengthsman has access to Ravenshead PC's leaf blower which he could use. Cllr Lewis to contact the Lengthsman.

### **12.0 Hedge cutting, Church Lane**

Heather Kinvig at Via advised the landowners have been contacted and the enforcement process is now underway. She advised some of the vegetation has already been cut back. The PC requested the Clerk contact Roy Hallett at Church View Apartments to request their hedges are cut back ASAP.

Cllr Tunstall reported vehicles are still parking on Church Lane during match days. Clerk to contact the Football Club.

## **13.0 Residents parking on the stone footpaths – update**

Cllr Lewis dealt with – no further action

## **14.0 Replacement bin on Linby Trail (GBC)**

Cllr Smith confirmed GBC agree the bin needs replacing and it will be added to the list.

### **Local Government Re-organisation - Update from Cllr Bestwick**

Cllr Bestwick gave a brief overview regarding the Local Government Reorganisation advising Nottingham City Council would like to expand their boundaries into urban areas which include Broxtowe (not including Eastwood), Nuthall, Stapleford and most of Gedling including Arnold, Mapperley and Carlton (to Leapole island). He advised they are still negotiating and all submissions need to be finalised by the end of November. Central government will then make the decision in Spring. He advised the Borough Councils may be able to take the decision to a judicial review which could delay the process.

Cllr Ireland advised she didn't understand the logic of NCC keeping the County Council building. If Nottingham City Council end up with the building, they will sell it and generate income for the City and NCC will therefore miss out on that money. Cllr Bestwick commented that Reform want to keep both options open and will spend £2.2million on County Hall to keep it open for another year. He advised he has a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November where the matter will be raised. Cllr Ireland commented it doesn't go unnoticed how empty the new building is, which cost the taxpayer £20million.

### **15.0 PC Owned Email addresses to set up**

Cllr Ireland requested this be moved to the January meeting.

### **16.0 Christmas Update**

#### **16.1 Carols Event**

The event starts at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Green. The Clerk to circulate the risk assessments and event plan for the PC to check and approve. The PC to investigate how many trained first aiders are needed. The Clerk to contact GBC re whether a temporary events notice is required.

#### **16.2 Christmas tree**

Cllr Lewis confirmed the tree has been ordered, delivery date to be confirmed

#### **16.3 Christmas lights installation form**

Cllr Lewis forwarded the Electrician's new licence to the Clerk. The Clerk to forward to Via.

#### **16.4 Christmas lights on personal property**

Cllr Lewis advised he'd approached a resident regarding replacing Christmas lights in their garden. Historically, the PC have funded the lights. The money used would come from profits from PC fundraising events such as the Barn Dance. The PC agreed that since the lights are not installed on PC owned land, unfortunately they would not be able to provide funding.

### **17.0 Neighbourhood Plan – next steps**

Cllr Ireland to hold a meeting with Hannah Barter and Chris Bancroft to discuss traffic. She advised most of the plans are complete.

### **18.0 Top Wighay – Allocated Land**

Cllr Ireland advised the Approval of details reserved by conditions 13 (wheel wash), 14 (foul water), 15 (surface water), 16 (CEMP), 18 (Noise), 20 (EV Charging), 22 (drainage) and 23 (Arboricultural report) of planning permission 2020/0050

Condition 13 (wheel wash) – Drawing no. MZ544-CP-002A annotates the provision of wheel wash facilities at the site exit. There would be a need to ensure that the water from the wheel wash does not leave the site. However, the roads around the site and roundabout are dreadful. The Clerk to raise this with GBC, Cllr Harrison to take photographs.

Cllr Ireland commented the Reserved Matters 15 and 22 above have been passed without consultation with the Parish Council. She contacted Nigel Bryan at GBC to advise the PC employ their own Drainage engineer and have been working closely with NCC regarding the drainage issues at Top Wighay and how it impacts the parish of Linby as a whole. He advised the PC would have been sent

the weekly decision emails from GBC, however Cllr Ireland advised the PC should have been consulted on separately.

### **19.0 Correspondence received**

*All correspondence was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting.*

#### **19.1 NCC £75k spend on flags**

Cllr Ireland referred to an email the PC received from Lucy Sheldon at The Hopes of Hood regarding her objections to Nottinghamshire County Council's decision to spend £75,000 on flags across the county, when it could be better spent to help people in need. The PC confirm they agree with the objections. Cllr Bestwick requested the PC forward an email to him confirming their agreement.

### **20.0 Planning Matters**

#### **20.1 Article 4 Directive:**

Cllr Ireland to discuss with Hannah Barter

#### **20.2 Applications/appeals:**

<b><u>Ref &amp; Location</u></b>	<b><u>Outcome</u></b>
2025/0217 Land at Top Wighay Farm	Unknown
APP/N3020/W/24/33551331 Church Lane	Appeal Dismissed
2025/0107 Abbey Quarry, Quarry Lane	Appeal not yet decided
2025/0641 17 Askew Road	Conditional permission
2025/0729TPO Linby House	Unknown
2025/0449 Horse & Groom Pub	Conditional Permission
2025/0685TCA Sherwood House	Trees in conservation area acceptable

### **21.0 Funding**

#### **21.1 Finance Report incl. Bank Statement Approval**

The Clerk circulated the latest bank statement prior to the meeting. The Parish Council approved the bank statement.

#### **Bank Balances**

Current account: £28,442.99

Savings account: £24,117.01

CIL account: £4,501.03

## Payments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15/10/25	GBC – Road sweeping, Sept 2025	£50.40
15/10/25	W Lewis – Reimburse for petrol for mower & chain to secure mower	£59.10
20/10/25	Royal British Legion – wreath	£22.25
22/10/25	W Lewis – Reimburse for cable ties for poppies	£16.99
01/11/25	E Gretton – Oct wages and home office expenses	£580.38
01/11/25	HMRC – Employer NI & Tax	£81.30
01/11/25	NCC – Pension Fund – October	£170.89
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£981.31</b>

## Receipts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21/10/25	GBC – CIL Receipt	£3,967.80
03/11/25	GBC – Contribution towards Christmas lights	£75.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,042.80</b>

### 21.2 Payments for approval

GBC – Road sweeping (October), £50.40 - Cllr Lewis advised he didn't think they had been out to the village last month and asked the Clerk to contact GBC to confirm.

### 21.3 Agree internal auditor, Sue Stack at East Midlands Audit Services

The Parish Council agreed to use Sue Stack as the Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 audit.

## 22.0 Councillor's Reports

### 22.1 Cut back vegetation at the Heritage Centre

Cllr Hardstaff advised she is waiting to hear back from Lee Scudder at NCC re: works at the Heritage Centre.

### 22.2 Cutting back the Cherry trees on the Village Green

Cllr Lewis advised he has contacted Chris Godber regarding cutting back the Cherry trees on the Village Green. Cllr Ireland advised he will need to apply to GBC as the trees fall within the conservation area.

## 23.0 Date of next meetings

Finance Committee Meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm at Brooke Farm, Linby

HR Committee Meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.00pm at Brooke Farm, Linby

Full Council Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm at Brooke Farm, Linby

**The meeting ended at 21:05**

Signed .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed .....  
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

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