

LINBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Monday 9th March 2026 held at Brooke Farm, Main Street, Linby

Present: Cllr's D Ireland (Chair), C Harrison (Vice-Chair), W Lewis, E Tunstall, C Hardstaff, S Molsom and L Gretton, Clerk.

Cllr S Bestwick (GBC/NCC). Mr A Ward, Linby Colliery Welfare Football Club. Members of public: 2

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Brothwell – Received and accepted

Cllr's S Pickering, M Smith (GBC)

2.0 Approval of the 2025 APA Minutes

The minutes of the March 2025 APA were approved by the Parish Council. The minutes were signed by Cllr's D Ireland and C Harrison.

3.0 Report from the Chair

Cllr Ireland gave an overview of the year:

- The Neighbourhood Plan has been the main focus this year. The PC have been working closely with Hannah Barter, Planning Consultant, George Grant, Drainage Engineer and Chris Bancroft, Traffic Consultant. The draft NP has been submitted to Gedling Borough Council for a review
- Top Wighay development has started and that has presented numerous problems this year and is ongoing. Flooding has been a significant issue in the parish. The PC arranged for the culverts in the village to be inspected; this has been picked up by NCC who have implemented a programme to restore some of the culverts in the village, the main one being the footpath in front of the pub carpark with the culvert running underneath. There have been flooding issues at Strata on Wighay Road; NCC have been proactive and commissioned work in March to look at some of the culverts and drains in that area to try and alleviate some of these issues
- The PC will receive CIL monies of around £250K this year which the PC have started planning for. The PC continue to monitor the S106 monies from developments in the parish to ensure GBC spend the money
- This month the PC have received £39K from S106 from the Strata development on Wighay Road which is to be used for maintaining open spaces within 2km of the site. It has been agreed this will be spent at the Heritage Centre and maintaining the green spaces in the parish
- The PC were successful in applying for a grant from The Gray Trust for two new noticeboards in the Village
- The PC have purchased a new Coronation bench, installed near the bus shelter. Funding came from the Enterprise Group, which was disbanded in 2017 but the funds have been available in the PC's account and this was agreed as being a suitable project
- The PC were successful in applying for a grant from the Local Communities Fund to restore the footpath from Brooke Farm to Hall Farm entrance. This was match-funded by CIL monies.
- The PC have utilised the expertise of Hannah Barter at Urban Vision to respond on the PC's behalf to Gedling's local plan
- The PC held a successful Barn Dance in May 2025 and another successful Carols around the Tree event

4.0 Responsible Financial Officer's Report

Precept

The precept for 2026/2027 has been agreed at £30,337.00.

Receipts 2025/2026

Total: £110,116.52

Donations

Gedling Borough Councillor's – Christmas lights	£75.00
Michelle Welsh, MP – Carols around the Tree event	£100.00
Cllr Stuart Bestwick, NCC – Near barrel	£300.00
Gedling Borough Councillor's – Sherwood Forest Plaque	£90.00
Total	£565.00

Grants

NCC Local Communities Fund (LCF) – Footpath project	£19,889.00
The Gray Trust – New noticeboards	£1,835.82
Total	£21,724.82

CIL Receipts

Gedling Borough Council – CIL	£3,967.80
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S106 Receipts

Gedling Borough Council – S106	£39,385.00
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Other Receipts

The Co-operative Bank – Interest on Savings Account	£323.86
The Co-operative Bank – Interest on CIL Account	£133.96
Gedling Borough Council – Precept	£29,532.00
HMRC – VAT Reclaim	£11,266.32
Barn Dance	£3,217.76
Total	£44,473.90

Banking

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

Audit

The accounts for 2025/2026 will be prepared after 31st March 2026. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Sue Stack on 29th April to carry out the internal audit.

5.0 Representative Reports

Papplewick & Linby Village Hall – update from Cllr Lewis

- The Committee are looking at ways to create more funding, since no longer profiting from the Bonfire Event.
- They recently held an afternoon disco which was well attended and plan to hold similar events in the coming year

Bonfire Committee – No updates

- The PC agreed last year that they will no longer commit to the Fireworks event

Papplewick Village Fayre (PappFest) – update from Cllr Lewis

- The Committee have started plans for this years event which takes place on Saturday 5th September
- The event is expected to be bigger and better including welcoming the North Notts Rock Choir

Friends of Papplewick QEII Playing Field – update from Cllr Lewis

- Papplewick PC and Working party members have recently met onsite with Contractors
- They expect to hear back in June whether Papplewick PC have been successful in their grant application
- They intend to make the new playground more inclusive

Moor Pond Wood – update from Cllr Hardstaff

- Lots of trees have been affected by the storms and had to be removed
- They have a strong team of volunteers

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

None

7.0 Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 8th March 2027.

The meeting ended at 20:00

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council

Signed
Vice-Chair of the Parish Council