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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On February 13th 2006
In Gorsley Village Hall At 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman
Cllr John Foley
Cllr John Wheble
Cllr Rob Crawford

Annette Steele (Clerk)

9 Parishioners attended.

Minute Item	Action
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1.1 Apologies Cllrs, Keith Summers, Audrey Duke, Ken Downham, Margaret Pearce and Gary Woodman	
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2.2 Declarations of Interest None.	
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3.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9th January 2006 These were accepted without change and duly signed by the Chairman.	
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4.1 Matters arising therefrom not covered in the Agenda None	
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5.1 Election of Vice-Chairman Cllr Jean Foley proposed that Cllr John Wheble be nominated as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr John Foley and carried unanimously.	
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6.1 Nominate a representative for Gorsley Village Hall Committee With so many Councillors absent it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.	
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7.1 Appointment of Lengthsman's Administrator and Lengthsman Cllr Jean Foley proposed that Brian Atherton continue in his position as Administrator for 2006/7, seconded by Cllr Rob Crawford.	
7.2 Cllr John Foley proposed that Council renews its contract with the Lengthsman for 2006/7, seconded by Cllr John Wheble. There were no other applicants for the position. The contract was duly signed by the Cllr Jean Foley. The Clerk is to return the contract to the Administrator for signature by the Lengthsman.	The Clerk
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8.1 Parish Plan Implementation Affordable Housing-The Clerk has received an e-mail from Jane Thomas at CHDC apologising for not being able to do a survey in 2005/6. The local authority is to meet and	The Clerk

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	discuss the programme of housing needs studies for 2006/7 and also to review a pilot of a two stage survey for more rural villages. The Clerk will contact Jane Thomas to see if they have had their meeting.	
8.2	Cllrs Jean and John Foley met representatives of Gorsley & Kilcot Parish Council on January 23 rd to discuss co-operation between the two Councils. Items discussed included the B4221, mains sewerage and footpaths. They agreed to meet from time to time.	
8.3	The Clerk was asked to write to Chris Bartlett-Chairman of Gorsley Village Hall to ask for suggestions of any way that the Council could help to implement the Parish Plan.	The Clerk
8.4	The Clerk was asked to write to John Prescott expressing concerns about the licence fee payable by village halls if alcohol is to be sold at an event. It used to be £10 for 12 licences, but is now £21 per licence. The problem is not just the increase in the fee but also the time and paperwork involved in obtaining it.	The Clerk
9	Proposal to change the Parish Plan Implementation Strategy	
9.1	Cllr Rob Crawford said that he doesn't believe that the delivery of the plan is working. He suggested that there should be one sub-committee which deals with one or two items at a time. It was decided that this should be discussed at the next meeting.	
10	The Future of Linton Quarry	
10.1	Cllr John Foley said that he is still waiting for English Nature and/or one of the other advisory groups to advise when a speaker can make a presentation to Council. He will contact Francis Flanagan.	Cllr John Foley
11	Lengthsmans Project	
11.1	The Clerk was asked to produce a notice for the notice boards and for inclusion in The Chimes and on the web-site, giving Parishioners details of who to contact if they have a problem to report.	The Clerk
11.2	Following a discussion group meeting on January 26 th regarding the Lengthsmans Scheme, a proposal was put forward by Cllr Jean Foley to use the balance of the Lengthsmans grant for 2005/6 to clear the ditches as far as possible, in the time available along Burrups Lane, Woodend Lane, the area around Quarry Lane and Cothars Lane by Brooke Bridge. The Lengthsman would charge £10 per hour for machine hire and £8 per hour for labour. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Crawford and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will advise the Administrator.	The Clerk
11.3	The Clerk was asked to contact the Administrator to arrange for a timesheet to be sent with each invoice from the Lengthsman before payment is made.	The Clerk
11.4	Cllr John Wheble asked the Clerk to contact the Administrator regarding a septic tank which has been installed opposite his house and is discharging into the ditch at Burrups Lane.	The Clerk
12	Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts	
12.1	Accounts to date were tabled and noted.	
12.2	The Clerk advised that the grant cheque for £50 (AP326) issued to Gorsley Goffs School last month had been raised in error and had now been cancelled. The grant had been paid in July 2005 (AP297) but had not been noted in the accounts. The accounts have now been amended.	
12.3	The Clerk raised the issue of backing-up information in case of problems with the computer. Cllr Rob Crawford proposed that the Clerk purchase suitable back-up software, this was seconded by Cllr Jean Foley.	The Clerk
12.4	The Clerk will obtain forms from Lloyds TSB for additional signatories re Cllrs John	The Clerk

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Wheble, Rob Crawford and John Foley.

- 12.5 Proposed by Cllr John Foley, seconded by Cllr John Wheble and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.

AP330	Lengthsman for December	284.00
AP331	Allotments Water Bill	15.72
AP332	Hire of Linton Village Hall	42.00
AP333	Basketball Unit for Linton Village Hall	385.00
AP334	Clerk's Salary for January 2006	229.50
AP335	Clerk's Expenses for January 2006	43.98

13 Working Party Reports

13.1 FOOTPATHS

Discussions have taken place with the new owner of Revells Farm. He is interested in reinstating the old footpath across his land and is willing to let people walk across it.

- 13.1.1 Cllr Jean Foley read out D1763 a letter from Dr Swallow drawing Council's attention to the blocked 'footpath' which goes from near Steelworks Farm to the Queenswood Tunnel. Cllr Jean Foley read out correspondence which shows that it is not a public right of way and was only used as a footpath because the owner Mrs Smith agreed to let the public use it but didn't want it registered. The reason for it being blocked off is unknown. Cllr John Foley agreed to go and see Mrs Smith to try and resolve the problem. The Clerk was asked to write to Dr Swallow enclosing the correspondence and advising him that Council is dealing with it.

The Clerk/Cllr
John Foley

13.2 PLANNING

- 13.2.1 P172. DCSE/2005/3635/F. Retaining existing timber fence. Woodbine Cottage, 2 Fairview, Gorsley, Herefordshire, HR9 7FD. Permission refused on 06/01/06.
- 13.2.2 P173. DCSE/2005/3735/F. Building of bungalow on vacant land for invalid. Land opposite High Rising, Linton, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7RS. Permission refused on 19/12/05.
- 13.2.3 P174. DCSE2005/3790/F. Timber stables on a hard standing. Land at Royal Cottage, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7SH. Permission granted on 03/01/06.
- 13.2.4 P175. DCSE/2005/4139/F. Use part of agricultural barn for storage for timber from temporary to permanent use. Great Woodend Farm, Linton, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7SR. This application will go to the Southern Area Sub-Committee meeting on February 15th.
- 13.2.5 P177. DCSE2006/0104/F. Two storey extension and alterations. Chapel Mill Cottage, Bromsash, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7PL. The Parish Council has resolved to make the following comments: The Council would have preferred this small cottage to remain in the form allowed when it was converted to an agricultural building. However we are prepared to support a small extension at the back of the property as shown on the plans. That is the roof-line of the extension to be considerably lower than the main roof, so that it is subordinate to the main dwelling two windows on one side only, to preserve the privacy and amenity of surrounding properties as far as possible. This will also ensure that the character of the cottage is preserved from the front view. Also the owner of the land on which the septic tank and drainage system for Chapel Mill is placed, is concerned that that applicant should be required to ensure that the system is fully functioning and adequate for its purpose. Any deviation from the plans would be an unacceptable over-development of the site. Care should be taken to ensure that the applicant is fully aware of his obligations to adhere to the plans should you decide to give planning permission. Council supports if plans are adhered to.
- 13.2.6 P178. DCSE2006/0123/F. Retention of revised roof design to extension previously granted under SE2002/2831/F. Retrospective application. Cherry Trees, Linton, Ross-on-

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Wye. HR9 7RY. Council supports.

- 13.2.7 P179. DCSE2006/0191/F. 20 mtr slimline telecommunications lattice tower incorporating 3 antennae, 1 30cm transmission dish and 1 60cm transmission dish. Cabinet equipment at ground level within a fenced compound. Revells Farm, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7SE. Council objects on the grounds that there are too many in the area.
- 13.2.8 P180. DCSE2006/0179/O. Erection of detached dwelling with double garage. Land adjacent to Moorcroft, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7SJ. Council objects on the following grounds: The Parish Council has resolved to make the following comments: The Council does not support this application. Although the site is within the settlement boundary the access will be onto a very narrow country lane, further residential development of this site may be considered cramming and out of keeping with the spacious rural character of this part of the village. We believe that development maybe considered contrary to Policies GD1 & SH8 of the South Herefordshire Local Plan, in particular paragraph 3.39 of the preamble to SH8 which states, 'It should not be interpreted that the drawing of a boundary around, for instance a large garden indicates that housing development is acceptable within that garden'. For the above reasons the Council is unable to support this application.
- 13.2.9 Cllr Rob Crawford asked the Clerk to write to CHDC regarding temporary workers caravans. These are now becoming permanent and he would like to know how they intend to police this. The Clerk
- 13.2.10 Jays Green Council Yard, Linton-The Clerk was asked to contact Julia Shields again giving the exact location of the items being dumped. The Clerk

14 Web-Site Maintenance

- 14.1 This item is to be discussed at the next meeting.

15 Chairman's Announcements

- 15.1 Cllr Jean Foley said that the Annual Parish Meeting would be on April 24th 2006. She asked the Clerk to produce a list of people to invite to speak and also to book Linton Village Hall. The Clerk
- 15.2 The Chairman said that she spoke at the planning meeting in support of The Fruit Yard at Linton. Permission was granted.
- 15.3 Cllr Jean Foley has resigned as Governor of Gorsley Goffs School.

16 Correspondence

- 16.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D1740	07/01/2006	Community First support for Parish Plans	community first
D1741	07/01/2006	Minerals & Waste Development Framework	Worcestershire CC
D1742	09/01/2006	Letter of resignation from Cllr Richard Smith	Cllr Richard Smith
D1743	12/01/2006	Reply from Linton Village Hall re Basketball Unit order	Linton Village Hall Committee
D1744	14/01/2006	Quote re Basketball Unit	England Basketball Enterprises
D1745	18/01/2006	Clerks & Councils Direct-Councils suppliers guide & yearbook	
D1746	18/01/2006	Information sheet	HALC
D1747	18/01/2006	Advise on roles & responsibilities: legal & procedural matters & code of conduct	HALC
D1748	18/01/2006	Course-Procedures & Finance 18/02/06	HALC
D1749	18/01/2006	Course-Bermuda Triangle 28/02/06	HALC
D1750	18/01/2006	Course-Planning & Community Action 11/03/06	HALC
D1751	18/01/2006	Course-Public Rights of Way, Definitive Maps, Access to Countryside 13/03/06	HALC

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D1752	18/01/2006	Course-Back to Basics 15/03/06	HALC
D1753	18/01/2006	Course-Planning Principles 22/03/06	HALC
D1754	18/01/2006	ROSPA Leaflet re Play Safety	HALC
D1755	18/01/2006	West Midlands Regional Assembly's Speaking Out	HALC
D1756	19/01/2006	Brochure re children's outdoor play equipment	Timberline
D1757	24/01/2006	Halc Southern Area meeting -30/01/2006 Agenda	HALC
D1758	24/01/2006	Halc Southern Area meeting -24/10/2005 Minutes	HALC
D1759	24/01/2006	Amberwatch newsletter	HALC
D1760	24/01/2006	Notice of public meeting-Police Community Consultative Group 07/02/06	HALC
D1761	27/01/2006	Formal notification of precept	CHDC
D1762	27/01/2006	South Herefordshire Transport Forum-Notification that it is to be disbanded.	community first
D1763	31/01/2006	Blocked footpath UB26	Dr Swallow
D1764	31/01/2006	Update re Police restructuring	West Mercia Constabulary
D1765	31/01/2006	Statement of Community Involvement - Pre Submission Public Involvement	CHDC
D1766	31/01/2006	Casual vacancy notices & forms for use be Electors if they want an election	CHDC
D1767	19/01/2006	Address of Electoral Registration Office	CHDC
D1768	09/02/2006	Forward Plan	CHDC
D1769	09/02/2006	Meetings Schedule	CHDC
D1770	09/02/2006	CHDC Telephone numbers	CHDC
D1771	09/02/2006	Age Concern Consultation exercise	CHDC
D1772	10/02/2006	Money available for Parish Councils/Community Groups	CHDC
D1773	10/02/2006	Herefordshire Parish Plans Update	community first

16.2 Cllr Jean Foley read out the letter accompanying D1765. She will fill in the questionnaire and send it back. Cllr Rob Crawford asked for a copy of D1765. Cllr Jean Foley

16.3 Send a copy of D1773 to all Cllrs asking for suggestions as to how the grants could be used. The Clerk

17 Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

17.1 Cllr Rob Crawford said that Linton Village Hall has purchased a portable skittles alley and they are holding a skittles and games evening on Saturday March 4th at 7.30pm.

17.2 Cllr Jean Foley said that Gorsley Village Hall has the following films & events:

Thursday March 9th-Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Friday March 24th- On The Black Hill

Tuesday March 28th- Gadjo Dilo

Thursday March 30th-Bombon El Pero

Thursday April 6th-Nanny McPhee

Other forthcoming events are:

Saturday May 27th at 7.30pm-The Wye Valley Chorus

Thursday August 24th to Monday August 28th (Excl Sunday) 12 noon-5pm Gorsley Flower Festival.

Saturday 2nd December 7.30pm-The Great Christmas Quiz

Cllr Jean Foley

18 Public Submissions

18.1 Mrs Bradbury asked if Council were aware of CHDC having a consultation policy regarding wind turbines and other forms of green energy. Cllr Jean Foley said that she would check and advise her.

Cllr Jean Foley

18.2 Parishioner Derek Hewitt asked if Cllr Ken Downham had been able to get the Tree

Cllr Jean Foley

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Warden to look at the state of the trees by Linton Quarry. Cllr Jean Foley said that she would look into the problem.

18.3 A Parishioner asked if Council had received a reply regarding liability on public footpaths. Cllr John Foley said that he had not and would chase the Rights of Way Warden-Lisa Lloyd. Cllr John Foley

18.4 Parishioner Max Gough asked who did the internal audit last year. Cllr Jean Foley advised him that Richard Delahay was the last internal auditor.

18.5 Mr Gough also observed that due to water main renewal, all roads at Upton Crews crossroads would be closed shortly, this could lead to traffic problems as part of the A40 may be closed at the same time and traffic diverted. Cllr Jean Foley agreed to investigate. Cllr Jean Foley

18.6 A Parishioner asked if Council knew where the new gas pipeline would be going. Council has not been advised.

19 **Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting**

19.1 Trees at Linton Quarry.

20 **Date of the Next Meeting**

20.1 March 13th at 7:30 pm – Linton Village Hall.

The Meeting Finished At 9:52 p.m.