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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL
Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

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

Present:

Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman
Cllr John Foley
Cllr Ken Downham
Cllr John Wheble
Cllr Margaret Pearce

Annette Steele (Clerk)

5 Parishioners attended.

| Minute Item | Action |
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| 1.1 Apologies Cllrs, Keith Summers and Rob Crawford | |
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| 2.2 Declarations of Interest None. | |
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| 3.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13th February 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 Nominate a representative for Gorsley Village Hall Committee This item is to be carried over to the next meeting. | |
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| 6.1 Resignation and co-option of Councillors Cllr Jean Foley read out letters of resignation from Cllrs Audrey Duke and Gary Woodman. Cllr Audrey Duke has resigned on the grounds of her continuing ill health and Cllr Jean Foley said that she had written to thank her for her hard work over the years. The Clerk is to notify CHDC. | The Clerk |
| 7 | |
| 7.1 Parish Plan Implementation Affordable Housing-The Clerk read out D1796, an e-mail from Jane Thomas at CHDC, confirming that Linton Parish (includes Gorsley) will be included on the schedule for Housing needs surveys to be undertaken during 2006/7. | |
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| 8.1 Proposal to change the Parish Plan Implementation Strategy This item is to be carried over to the next meeting. | |
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| The Future of Linton Quarry | |

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| 9.1 | Cllr John Foley said that he has received complaints from English Nature about the dumping of refuse in the quarry. The fence running alongside the quarry and the footpath will be strengthened. The Clerk was asked to write to each household adjacent to the quarry informing them of the problem and advising them that the quarry is a site of special scientific interest. | The Clerk |
| 10 | Condition of trees at Linton Quarry | |
| 10.1 | Cllrs John Foley and Ken Downham met with the tree warden, Brian Evans and English Nature to inspect the trees at Linton Quarry. Cllr Ken Downham said that English Nature has done a wonderful job in clearing the quarry. It was agreed that 3 tree experts should be consulted regarding the cutting back of a few trees and if cutting back is required, quotes are to be obtained. Cllr John Foley will put a notice in The Chimes regarding the work to be done at the quarry. | Cllr John Foley |
| 11 | Lengthsmans Project | |
| 11.1 | Septic Tank discharging into the ditch at Burrups Lane -The Clerk said that CHDC are aware of this and have contacted the owners. | |
| 11.2 | Cllr John Foley said that CHDC has carried out work on the drains at Fordings Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to Jim Smith at CHDC to ask for work to be done on the drains at Burrups Lane and Revells Farm. | 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 has obtained and completed a form from Lloyds TSB for the addition of 3 new signatories and the removal of Richard Smith as signatory. This will be taken to Lloyds TSB for Cllrs John Wheble, Rob Crawford and Margaret Pearce to sign and produce their two form of ID. | The Clerk |
| 12.3 | The Clerk read out D1778 from Gorsley Village Hall Management Committee advising that the hire fees for Gorsley will increase from £5 to £8.50 from April 1 st 2006. | |
| 12.4 | Proposed by Cllr Ken Downham, seconded by Cllr Margaret Pearce and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed. | |
| | AP336 Lengthsman for January | 284.00 |
| | AP337 Hire of Gorsley Village Hall | 30.00 |
| | AP338 Clerk's Salary for February 2006 | 229.50 |
| | AP339 Clerk's Expenses for February 2006 | 5.94 |
| 13 | Working Party Reports | |
| 13.1 | FOOTPATHS | |
| | Cllr John Foley confirmed that path that goes from near Steelworks Farm to the Queenswood Tunnel is not a public right of way. He has spoken to Mrs Smith about re-opening the path, but she is not willing to do this at the present time. | |
| 13.1.1 | Cllr John Foley has been informed by CHDC that they are unable, at the moment, to assist in the re-instatement of the footpath at Revells Farm but would be able to supply some way-markers. | |
| 13.1.2 | The Clerk was asked to contact the Area Warden at CHDC to ask for a copy of the letter sent to Mr and Mrs Farrington regarding footpath liability. | The Clerk |
| 13.2 | PLANNING | |
| 13.2.1 | Jays Green Council Yard - The Clerk has received a reply (D1795) from Julia Shields, | |

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Enforcement officer at CHDC, confirming that the site known as Jays Green Landing, belongs to CHDC. They will clear the site and secure it.

- 13.2.2 **Proposed Travellers transit site-Linton** – Cllr Jean Foley has received the following correspondence, by e-mail, from Cllr Harry Bramer: Have spoken today to Andrew Tector at Herefordshire Council in respect of the site. I understand that whilst this discussion is still “current”- it is quite possible that no further action will be taken in the foreseeable future as the need in the County for additional Travellers sites is based on decisions yet to be taken on other sites. I am led to believe that in respect of any planning application for Linton, we shall not hear any more on this for some considerable time.
- 13.2.3 **Temporary Workers caravans** – The Clerk read out D1797, an e-mail reply from Mike Willmont at CHDC confirming that these caravans should be removed at the end of the season. If they are not removed and are permanently occupied, then planning permission will be required.
- 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. Permission granted on 15/02/06.
- 13.2.5 P177. DCSE2006/0104/F. Two storey extension and alterations. Chapel Mill Cottage, Bromsash, Ross-on-Wye. HR9 7PL. This application will go to the Southern Area Sub-Committee meeting on March 15th.
- 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-Wye. HR9 7RY. Permission granted on 13/02/06.
- 13.2.7 P181. DCSE2006/0385/F. Construction of a new 4 bedroom house in large garden area to west of Rose Cottage. Rose Cottage, Ivy House Lane, Gorsley. HR9 7SL. Linton Parish Council **do not support** this application. It would be visually intrusive within the surrounding area and does not conform to Policies GD1 and SH8 within the SHDC Local Plan. A house on this site was refused in February 2005 when it was considered that a building on this site would be to the detriment of the rural landscape and the setting of the village. A large garden is not an indication of a windfall site. These policies are still in force.
- 13.2.8 P182. DCSE2006/0442/F. Erection of a single storey conservatory. Lyndale, Gorsley. HR9 7SH. Council supports.
- 13.2.9 P183. DCSE2006/0460/F. Conversion of garage to holiday accommodation. New garage/access and turning. Eastview, Bromsash. HR9 7PN. Linton Parish Council **do not support** this application. This would be equivalent to allowing another house to be built, encroaching on open countryside. There is no call for holiday accommodation in Bromsash, it is a small hamlet, the only facilities available are a post box and a telephone kiosk therefore all journeys would need to be by car. We do not consider that it complies in any way with the policies of the SHDC Local Plan now in force nor with Policy RST12 in the emerging UDP, therefore we cannot support this application.
- 13.2.10 P184. DCSE2006/0474/F. Change of use of ex public house to residential, alterations form 3 dwellings. The Countryman, Aston Crews. HR9 7LW. The Parish Council **supports** this application, it has been clear for some years that Aston Crews cannot support two public houses, therefore it will not be a loss of an amenity to the community but an improvement to the environment. To improve the site and the building whilst providing 3 rural homes that are more affordable than any others in the area can only be of benefit to the community.
- 13.2.11 P185. DCSE2006/0567/O. Erection of 6 holiday chalets. Ross-on-Wye Golf Club, Gorsley. HR9 7UT. Linton Parish Council **does not** support this application:-
1) The site is opposite the actual golf course but adjacent to the driving range. No indication is given of the size and design of the buildings but as 12 car parking spaces are required they are likely to be quite large and visually intrusive in this position.

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- 2) They would be very near the motorway and the occupants would have a considerable noise problem.
- 3) Assuming they are primarily for the use of visitors to the golf club, to use the facilities of the club house in the evenings would require walking along an unlit narrow lane, or more likely 12 cars making the journey.
- 4) Building 6 chalets would result in considerable and unnecessary loss of woodland.
- 5) It has been acknowledged by Herefordshire Council that there is an excess of this type of accommodation, therefore this may not be a viable project.
- 6) This appears to be the equivalent of building 6 houses in open countryside.
- 7) We believe this development would contravene Policies TM1, TM6 and GD1. Therefore we cannot support this application.

14 Web-Site Maintenance

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

15 Chairman's Announcements

- 15.1 None

16 Correspondence

- 16.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

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| D1774 | 13/02/2006 | Newsline | community first |
| D1775 | 16/02/2006 | Improve your ICT-Training courses | Community first |
| D1776 | 16/02/2006 | Grants on offer-Community Champions Fund | Community first |
| D1777 | 14/02/2006 | Minutes B4221 Action Group-13/02/06 | B4221 Action Group |
| D1778 | 16/02/2006 | Hire Charges for the use of Gorsley Village Hall | Gorsley Village Hall |
| D1779 | 18/02/2006 | Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Scheme 2006/7 | CHDC |
| D1780 | 22/02/2006 | Ross Area Community Pride Grant Scheme | CHDC |
| D1781 | 23/02/2006 | Payment of SLCC Subscriptions by Councils | Society of Local Council Clerks |
| D1782 | 23/02/2006 | Freecycle posters-advertise unwanted household items | Worcestershire CC |
| D1783 | 25/02/2006 | Play grounds questionnaire-How many are there in the Parish? | CHDC |
| D1784 | 27/02/2006 | G&KPC Agenda for meeting -07/03/06 | G&KPC |
| D1785 | 27/02/2006 | Herefordshire Citizens Advice Bureaux-Donation request | HCAB |
| D1786 | 01/03/2006 | Information Sheet | HALC |
| D1787 | 01/03/2006 | Annual meeting of Parish/Town Council | HALC |
| D1788 | 01/03/2006 | Annual Parish/Town meeting-Helpful hints | HALC |
| D1789 | 01/03/2006 | Request for help for disabled people | Vitalise (Winged Fellowship) |
| D1790 | 01/03/2006 | Funding Directory | CHDC |
| D1791 | 01/03/2006 | Hereford & Bromyard Bus & Train timetable | CHDC |
| D1792 | 02/03/2006 | Casual vacancy/vacancies-co-opt forms | CHDC |
| D1793 | 04/03/2006 | Bereavement Services-memorial inspections | CHDC |
| D1794 | 28/02/2006 | Resignation of Councillor Gary Woodman | |
| D1795 | 16/02/2006 | Reply re tipping at Jays Green Council yard | CHDC |
| D1796 | 09/03/2006 | Reply re housing needs survey-Linton | CHDC |
| D1797 | 10/03/2006 | Reply re temporary workers caravans | CHDC |
| D1798 | 21/02/2006 | Reply re septic tank-Burrups Lane | |
| D1799 | 10/03/2006 | Reply re Route Safety Study | CHDC |

- 16.2 D1783-Playground questionnaire-The Clerk was asked to write explaining that the only play equipment is at Gorsley Village Hall, but is only for the use of the playgroup. If money was available, equipment could be provided for the children. The Clerk

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| 16.3 | D1799-The Clerk was asked to write to Andrew Lee-Jones stressing the urgency for safety measures to be taken at Blind Man's Gate, Gorsley. | The Clerk |
| 16.4 | Cllr Jean Foley read out a letter from Mrs Bradney in which she expressed her concerns about Wind Turbines. Cllr Jean Foley will reply. | Cllr Jean Foley |
| 17 | Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events | |
| 17.1 | None | |
| 18 | Public Submissions | |
| 18.1 | None | |
| 19 | Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting | |
| 19.1 | Update of emergency plan. | |
| 20 | Date of the Next Meeting | |
| 20.1 | April 10 th at 7:30 pm – Gorsley Village Hall. | |

The Meeting Finished At 9:45 p.m.