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## LINTON PARISH COUNCIL Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On February 12<sup>th</sup> 2007  
In Gorsley Village Hall at 7:30 pm

**Present:**

Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman  
Cllr John Wheble, Vice-Chairman  
Cllr John Foley  
Cllr Alan Carver  
Cllr Ken Downham  
Cllr Lin Billinger

Annette Steele (Clerk)

8 Parishioners attended.

Minute Item	Action
<b>1</b>	
1.1 <b>Apologies</b> Cllrs Margaret Pearce & Jackie Gough & Cllr Rob Crawford did not attend.	
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2.2 <b>Declarations of Interest</b> None	
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3.1 <b>Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007</b> These were accepted without change and duly signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	
4.1 <b>Matters arising therefrom not covered in the Agenda</b> Cllr Alan Carver was unable to attend a HALC course and a credit of £30.00 has been given. This can be used for future courses by any Councillor.	
4.2 Item 15.3-Central Networks have replied regarding the query relating to preventative maintenance. They advise that they have a 3 year rolling programme of tree-cutting designed to control trees near to high voltage overhead cables. With regard to the local (low voltage) network, individual property/landowners should take appropriate action to avoid their trees growing into overhead lines.	
4.3 Item 16.3-Jim Smith from CHDC advised that the pot holes along Quarry Lane will soon be repaired.	
<b>5</b>	
5.1 <b>Allotments- re-ordering</b> Phil Page advised that he will arrange a meeting of the allotments working party.	Phil Page
5.2 Cllr Alan Carver agreed to take digital photographs of the allotments before and after the work	Cllr Alan Carver
5.3 The Clerk advised that there are now 17 people on the waiting list in addition to the 4 remaining allotment holders.	
5.4 Phil Page has produced a plan showing the possible layout of allotments. There could be as many as 35 allotments subject to there being no problems when the area is ploughed	

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and levelled.

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| <b>6</b> | <b>The Future of Linton Quarry</b>  |                  |
| 6.1      | Cllr John Wheble will read the tree risk assessment produced by Smith-Whalley Associates and he will pass it to Cllr Ken Downham to read and comment on.  | Cllr John Wheble |
| 6.2      | The risk assessment draws attention to one particular tree and Cllr Ken Downham agreed to contact the tree warden Brian Evans so that he can inspect the tree.  | Cllr Ken Downham |
| 6.3      | The Clerk has contacted Natural England to see what their plans are for the future of the quarry after their contract ends in 2007. They have asked that this enquiry be put in writing. They will discuss the matter and reply by return.  | The Clerk        |
| 6.4      | Parishioner David Angier has asked to see a copy of the agreement with Natural England. The Clerk will send a copy.   | The Clerk        |
| 6.5      | The Clerk was asked to contact George Thompson, the land agent for CHDC and ask for advice regarding procedures for Parish Councils to register land.   | The Clerk        |
| 6.6      | The Clerk has had 6 notices laminated for Linton Quarry and Cllr Ken Downham has agreed to put them up at the quarry.   | Cllr Ken Downham |
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| <b>7</b> | <b>Lengthsman's Project</b>   |                  |
| 7.1      | Following discussions IT WAS AGREED that the Lengthsman should carry out as many of the following works with the remaining grant as is possible:<br><br>Pruning of branches from Shutton Cross to The Alma.<br><br>Gullies in Steelworks Lane.<br><br>Dig out ditch opposite the travellers camp (Jays Green) on the Linton Road.<br><br>The Clerk will advise the Administrator. | The Clerk        |
| 7.2      | Following a query from parishioner Sheila Fowler, the Clerk advised that the Lengthsman has investigated the flooding in Sargent's Lane and has confirmed that there is nothing that he can do to alleviate the problem. It only happens when there is exceptionally heavy rain and subsides within a day or too.   |                  |
| 7.3      | Cllr John Wheble said that the ditch at Burrups Lane had still not been dug out despite the Lengthsman being instructed to do so by Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Brian Atherton to ask if there was a reason why this had not been done. If the Administrator says that there is no good reason then the Clerk is to contact the Lengthsman again.                     | The Clerk        |
| 7.4      | The ditch outside Gorsley Goffs School is blocked and there is standing water in the playground. The Clerk was asked to contact Jim Smith at CHDC to arrange for the pipes to be jetted.  | The Clerk        |
| 7.5      | The Clerk was asked to contact Anita Ripley-Salmon, the Area Warden at CHDC regarding the dangerous state of the steps at Brooks Path.  | The Clerk        |
| 7.6      | The Clerk was asked to advise the administrator that the road sign outside Andy Cornwall's house needs cleaning and adjusting.  | The Clerk        |
| 7.7      | The Clerk was asked to contact Jim Smith at CHDC to see if anything else can be done about the flooding outside Revells Farm.   | The Clerk        |
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| <b>8</b> | <b>Gorsley Common</b>   |                  |
| 8.1      | To maintain the common it will require mowing 2-3 times per year.   |                  |
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| <b>9</b> | <b>Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts</b>  |                  |
| 9.1      | £300.00 has been transferred from Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB to cover this  |                  |

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month's payments.

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

AP399	Linton Village Hall Hire-May 06-March 07	36.00
AP400	Clerk's Salary for January 2007	236.25
AP401	Clerk's Expenses for January 2007	25.69
AP402	Allotment Water from August 06 to Feb 07	13.97

- 9.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:

Lengthsmans grant to end of March 2007 of £2152.50

Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest of £44.20

Lloyds TSB BIA Interest of 4p

Consolidated stock dividend of 31p

## 10 Working Party Reports

### 10.1 FOOTPATHS

Nothing to report.

### 10.2 PLANNING

- 10.2.1 P203-DCSE2006/3409/O. Outline permission for one dwelling. Plot 4, Burrups Lane, Gorsley. HR9 7FA. Permission refused on 18/12/06.

- 10.2.2 P205-DCSE2007/0096/RM. New House. Moorcroft, Manse Lane, Gorsley. HR9 7SJ. The Parish Council did not support this dwelling at out-line and consider the design to be unsuitable.

The following comments were made:

1) Too big for plot. 2) Beyond building line front and back of adjacent houses. 3) Design not suitable for plot. 4) Where does Bio-tec discharge? 5) Rainwater disposal? 6) Height- Is this too high? 7) These reserved matters need a thorough examination and a site visit.

A copy of P203 planning refusal was attached drawing attention to item 2 which is relevant to this application. For the above reasons Linton Parish Council does not support.

- 10.2.3 P206-DCSE2007/0094/F. Proposed extension to rear to form conservatory. Eastcliffe, Linton. HR9 7RS. Council supports.

- 10.2.4 P207-DCSE2007/0205/F. Two storey extension. Long Barn, Linton. HR9 7RT. Council supports if Herefordshire Council considers that it doesn't interfere with or spoil the area of great landscape value.

- 10.2.5 P208-DCSE2007/0333/F. Conservatory on front of house. The Marshalls, Chapel Lane, Gorsley. HR9 7SE. Council supports.

- 10.2.6 P209-DCSE2007/0332/F. Continued use of land for storage of vehicles. New fence and gate and landscaping to eastern boundary. Council doesn't support as they have ignored enforcement notices, continued to trade and are in the process of being prosecuted.

## 11 Web-Site Maintenance

- 11.1 Nothing to report.

## 12 Chairman's Announcements

- 12.1 None.

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### Correspondence

13.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2029	11/01/2007	Post Office Closures and Rural Subsidy	CHDC
D2030	11/01/2007	Ross Area Community Pride Grant Scheme	CHDC
D2031	13/01/2007	Letter from Mr Charles confirming he will clear allotment by 31/1/07	
D2032	17/01/2007	Register of Electors 2007	CHDC
D2033	01/02/2007	G&KPC Minutes-10/01/07	G&KPC
D2034	03/02/2007	Draft policy statement for the use of the rivers Wye and Lugg	CHDC
D2035	06/02/2007	West Midlands regional conference-Worcester 30/03/07	Society of Local Council Clerks
D2036	06/02/2007	West Midlands Regional spatial strategy Phase 2 revision	West Midlands Reg. Assembly
D2037	07/02/2007	Satisfaction with advice & guidance research 2006	Standards Board for England
D2038	10/02/2007	Community regeneration grant	CHDC
D2039	21/02/2007	Blue Sky Thinking-parish/town planning. 21/03/07 Left Bank Hereford	Community first
D2040	21/01/2007	Home composting leaflets	Worcestershire CC
D2041	22/01/2007	B4221 and Lorries-letter from GKPC to Gloucester CC	G&KPC
D2042	25/01/2007	Application to Parish Council for support of Ross shop mobility	EnvironAbility
D2043	26/01/2007	Dates and venues of Community Forums-Feb 07	CHDC
D2044	27/01/2007	Reply to letter re Bus Service 33-Ross to Gloucester	CHDC
D2045	27/01/2007	Formal notification of precept	CHDC
D2046	12/02/2007	Newsline	Community first
D2047	12/02/2007	Enjoy England-magazine	

13.2 D2034-Request hard copy of draft document.

The Clerk

13.3 D2037-Questionnaire to be completed.

Cllr Jean Foley

13.4 D2038-E-mail copy to all Councillors.

The Clerk

13.5 D2039-Details of planning evening were read out.

13.6 D2042-Contact EnvironAbility and ask someone to attend a future meeting in order to explain the project in more detail.

The Clerk

13.7 D2044-Reply from CHDC was read out.

## 14

### Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

14.1 Cllr Ken Downham-The basketball unit has been installed at Linton Village Hall and is being regularly used.

14.2 Cllr John Foley-Suitable sites have been found in Bromsash and Linton re signage for cold-calling notices.

Parishioners have a list of emergency numbers in their Neighborhood watch packs and should be encouraged to use them to report cuts in electricity supply or trees down.

Cllr Ken Downham said that a pull-out list could be put in the middle of The Chimes. He will contact Cllr John Foley to check which numbers should be listed.

Cllr John Foley advised that he won't stand at the next election.

14.3 Cllr John Wheble advised that he won't stand at the next election.

14.4 Flicks in the sticks-Gorsley Village Hall.

Cave of the yellow dog (PG) Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Ballet Russes (PG) Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Mountain Patrol (PG) Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

Cllr Ken Downham

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### Public Submissions

15.1 Max Gough said that there had been a Governors meeting at Gorsley Goffs School. They have received a good Section 48 report and the school has a good Christian ethos.

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The school has received a grant to build a shelter in the playground.  
The school extension is only just being completed although the final cost is not known.  
Following a Health and Safety audit, it has been shown that the fence that borders the road needs to be replaced.

Cllr Ken Downham advised that children at Gorsley Goffs with produce the next 10 covers for The Chimes.

- 15.2 Gwynne Rowley said that it was approximately 15 years ago that the incorrectly spelt road signs for Sargent's Lane were erected. Cllr Jean Foley said that she would go through the old handwritten minutes although she said that one of the books was missing. The Clerk was asked to contact CHDC once again to see if any progress can be made in getting the road signs erected. The Clerk

- 15.3 The road surface on Manse Lane is breaking up. The Clerk was asked to advise CHDC. The Clerk

## 16 **Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting**

- 16.1 Sargent's Lane.

## 17 **Date of the Next Meeting**

- 17.1 March 12th at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall.

**The Meeting Finished At 10:25 p.m.**