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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On September 10th 2007
In Linton Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Present:

Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman
Cllr Ken Downham, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Margaret Pearce
Cllr Max Gough
Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Jackie Gough
Cllr Andrew Gardner

Annette Steele (Clerk)

6 Parishioners attended

Minute Item	Action
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1.1 Apologies Cllrs Sarah O'Neill & Lin Billinger and Footpath Officers Sue Jones & Richard Baker.	
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2.2 Declarations of Interest None	
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3.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13th August 2007 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 On August 15 th the Clerk reported the dumping of an upright freezer by Herefordshire Council's road works depot between Jays Green and Linton Village. The Clerk has chased CHDC but to date the freezer hasn't been removed. A tyre dumped by the bus stop outside Gorsley Goffs School has been removed. The Clerk will contact CHDC again.	The Clerk
4.2 The website has been updated to show amended allotment information.	
4.3 Mr O'Brian from Whitegates, Gorsley reported that an ash branch had fallen from the quarry across Brooks Path. He kindly cleared the branch and the Clerk was asked to write thanking him.	The Clerk
4.4 Item 7.1-Grass-cutting-Wayne Reed has strimmed The Sugar Tump, Ivy House Lane, Gorsley Common, Linton Ridge, Talbot's Well, Shutton Cross Roads and around the Jubilee Seat. Proposed by Cllr Ken Downham, seconded by Cllr Phil Page IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk instructs Wayne to now mow these areas as soon as possible and invoice accordingly.	The Clerk
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5.1 Allotments Water Supply -Proposed by Cllr Phil Page, seconded by Cllr Max Gough, IT WAS AGREED to purchase a combination lock for the water supply. The Clerk will purchase a padlock and to advise all allotment holders of the combination.	The Clerk

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5.2	Sheds -Proposed by Cllr Phil Page, seconded by Cllr Margaret Pearce, IT WAS AGREED to amend item 6.2 (Minutes 13/8/07) to increase the maximum shed size to 8' x 6'. The Clerk will advise all allotment holders. Cllrs Max & Jackie Gough were not in agreement.	The Clerk
5.3	Mr & Mrs Townsend (Plot 21) have offered to clear the overgrown area around the electricity pole. Mrs Townsend is disabled and they have asked if they can bring in sleepers to provide raised beds. Mr Townsend would like to fit two rabbit-proof gates by the allotment to enable his wife to gain wheelchair access. This would be at their expense. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk should write confirming that the work can be done. Mr Townsend has asked if they can slab the pathways around their allotment. Concerns were expressed regarding 3 rd party liability and the Clerk was asked to suggest that they seek advice from their insurance company. The Clerk was asked to check that the Council has adequate insurance cover.	The Clerk
5.4	Hedges -The Clerk has obtained a quote of £60.00 plus vat from Mr Joe Taylor (720637) for the yearly cutting of the hedges. Proposed by Cllr Jean Foley, seconded by Cllr Phil Page IT WAS AGREED to accept the quote and to confirm that this should be done annually until further notice. Cllr Max Gough abstained. The Clerk will advise Mr Taylor.	The Clerk
5.5	Parking -Mr John Smith (Plot 7) has very kindly removed the fruit trees that Richard Smith no longer required and completely cleared both parking areas. His employer provided the digger for the day at no cost and Mr Smith also gave his time at no cost. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Smith and his employer to thank them for their generous help.	The Clerk
5.6	Spoil -The Clerk was asked to arrange for disposal of the spoil created by the clearing of the parking areas.	The Clerk
5.7	Planings -The Clerk has tried unsuccessfully to contact Mark Edwards from CHDC re the planings for the parking area. The Clerk will advise CHDC.	The Clerk
5.8	Dogs -Proposed by Cllr Jean Foley, seconded by Cllr Phil Page, IT WAS AGREED that dogs be allowed at the allotments only if they are kept on a lead at all times and all dog mess cleared up. The Clerk will advise allotment holders.	The Clerk
5.9	Gates -The Clerk has obtained a quote from Dudley Fencing for rabbit-proof gates. Proposed by Cllr Phil Page, seconded by Cllr Ken Downham, IT WAS AGREED to order up to 4 gates. The allotment working party will advise the Clerk how many gates are required and where they should be placed. The Clerk will then order the gates.	Allotment working party The Clerk
5.10	The Chairman expressed her thanks to Cllrs Ken Downham, Phil Page and The Clerk for their hard work at the allotments.	
6	Storage of previous years files	
6.1	The Clerk has been in touch with Herefordshire Records Office (Alison Bignall-01432 260750). They already hold some records dating back to the early 1900's and the Chairman and Clerk will visit the Records Office to look through them. The Clerk has asked the Records Office to send a list of all documents held and they have confirmed that files and documents can be stored there at no cost. The Clerk will list any files and documents that are to be added to those already held.	The Clerk
7	Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts	
7.1	£1600.00 has been transferred from Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB to cover this month's payments.	
7.2	Proposed by Cllr Andrew Gardner, seconded by Cllr Margaret Pearce and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.	
AP438	Donation to Gorsley Goffs School	50.00

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AP439	Grass-cutting-Aug	120.00
AP440	Work to clear allotments	1139.75
AP441	Clear Ragwort at Linton Quarry	52.88
AP442	Clerk's Salary for August 2007	243.00
AP443	Clerk's Expenses for August 2007	58.16

- 7.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:
- Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest of £40.92
 - Lloyds TSB BIA Interest of 5p
 - VAT Refund £557.37

8 Working Party Reports

8.1 FOOTPATHS

Footpaths officers did not attend.

Richard Baker has submitted a detailed footpaths report showing which paths have been walked, the condition they are in and how any problems are being dealt with. This will be updated on a monthly basis.

- 8.1.1 The Clerk was advised by Mrs Johnson that a branch had fallen across Brooks Path. Cllr Phil Page cleared it from the path.
- 8.1.2 Item 13.1 (Minutes 13/8/07)-The Clerk has been in touch with Anita Ripley-Salmon, Area Warden for CHDC regarding the slope at the Quarry Lane end of Brooks Path. Anita walked the path and advised that it was satisfactory. She then visited Mrs Johnson to discuss the situation with her.

8.2 PLANNING

- 8.2.1 P203-DCSE2006/3409/O. Outline permission for one dwelling, Plot 4 Burrups Lane, Gorsley. HR9 7FA. Appeal against refusal of planning permission dismissed on 28/08/07.
- 8.2.2 P214-DCSE2007/1843/F. Replace existing roof with new roof to form 2 new bedrooms. Malvern View, Linton. HR9 7RU. Permission granted on 02/08/07.
- 8.2.3 P215-DCSE2007/1863/F. Outdoor arena for equestrian use. May Hall, Gorsley. HR9 7SG. Permission granted on 26/07/07.
- 8.2.4 P218-DCSE2007/2218/F. Proposed two storey extension. Boscherville, Gorsley. HR9 7SE. Permission granted on 03/09/07.
- 8.2.5 Hartleton Lakes Holiday Complex-Cllrs Jean Foley & Ken Downham met with Steven Holder and Cllr Harry Bramer at Swan House to ascertain if there had been any further developments.
1. A developer has contacted Herefordshire Council to confirm that the original planning permission is still active. They are aware of the letter from Ken Mathews but obviously realise that there maybe some problems.
 2. Mr Holder has asked them to apply for a 'Certificate of Implementation'.
 3. Mr Holder did not have the complete file with him, however this week he will look through and check all the relevant papers. He is of course aware of the possibility of a mistake being made with regard to the position of the access road and that the applicant may have been told erroneously that the works carried out were sufficient to constitute commencement of the planning permission.
 4. When/If the developer applies for a Certificate, Mr Holder will consult the council's Legal Department with regard to appropriate action and on their advice will rest the decision as to whether it would be worthwhile employing counsel to rescind the notice

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given in Mr Mathew's (Enforcement Officer) letter of February 2004.

9 Chairman's Announcements

9.1 None

10 Correspondence

10.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2190	24/08/2007	Poly tunnels Supplementary planning Document-Initial Consultation	CHDC
D2191	25/08/2007	Community Forums	CHDC
D2192	29/08/2007	Recommendations for National Honours for Individuals	
D2193	29/08/2007	Annual Civic Service-Chairman's invitation	
D2194	31/08/2007	Village retailer magazine	RSA
D2195	31/08/2007	September funding opportunities	CHDC
D2196	31/08/2007	Herefordshire Funding Fair-2007 October 24th-Aylestone School	CHDC
D2197	31/08/2007	Speed indicator device available for loan to Parish Councils	CHDC
D2198	31/08/2007	Herefordshire Damson Hedges Survey	CHDC
D2199	31/08/2007	Adult Learning Opportunities in your local parish from Sept 2007	CHDC
D2200	31/08/2007	Older People's prevention services small grant scheme	CHDC
D2201	31/08/2007	Flood recovery grant scheme	CHDC
D2202	31/08/2007	Clerks & Councils Direct	
D2203	05/09/2007	Growing older in Herefordshire	Herefordshire Partnership
D2204	06/09/2007	Parish Plan Newsletter	Community First
D2205	07/09/2007	Election costs and new Model Code of Conduct	CHDC
D2206	08/09/2007	Recent flooding-information requested re parishioners flooded	CHDC

10.2 D2197-The Clerk was asked to write to CHDC expressing concerns regarding the costs involved regarding the installation of speed indicators.

10.3 The Clerk has been in touch with Natural England regarding the renewal of the Linton Quarry contract which is due to end on October 31st 2007. The status of the quarry as a SSSI is to remain and the contract is to be renewed for a further 10 years, however due to problems at Natural England it may take longer than expected to get the contract produced. Following the 2 incidents of branches falling from the quarry across Brooks Path, the Clerk was asked to write to Natural England asking them to inspect the trees in the quarry that border the footpath. Val Cooper at Natural England has given her assurance that any work required at the quarry will be undertaken.

The Clerk

11 Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

11.1 **CLr Ken Downham**

The Linton Flower Festival was a great success. The Linton Church Fete is to be held on Saturday September 15th between 2-5pm.

The Clerk was asked to write to CHDC to ask why they are asking people to pay their Council Tax by direct debit when they should be encouraging them to use their local Post Office.

The Clerk

12 Public Submissions

12.1 Flicks in the sticks-Miss Potter on Thursday September 13th
Last King of Scotland-Thursday October 11th

13 Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting

13.1 Budget for 2008/9
Appointment of Internal Auditor

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Date of the Next Meeting

14.1 October 8th at 7.30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall.

The Meeting Finished At 9:58 p.m.