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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL
Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

Minutes Of The Meeting Held On January 14th 2008
In Linton Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Present:

Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman
Cllr Ken Downham, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Margaret Pearce
Cllr Lin Billinger
Cllr Jackie Gough
Cllr Michael Cluley
Cllr Laura Keene

Annette Steele (Clerk)

7 Parishioners attended

Minute Item		Action
1	Apologies	
1.1	Cllrs Max Gough & Andrew Gardner	
2	Declarations of Interest	
2.2	None	
3	Minutes of the Meeting Held on 10th December 2007	
3.1	These were accepted with 2 changes and duly signed by the Chairman. Item 12.2.2 - insert "amendment to original plans. Council considered it unnecessary to make further comment" after HR9 7SJ and remove "Council made no comment" Item 15.1 – Insert "Community" before "Governor"	
4	Matters arising therefrom not covered in the Agenda	
4.1	Item 9.1-Tree work in Quarry Lane will take place on Jan 15 th and 16 th Item 15.2-The Clerk circulated a reply from Trading Standards giving their definition of a "Cold Caller". The position regarding cold callers is as follows: The Consumer Protection (Cancellation of Contracts Concluded away from Business Premises) Regulations 1987 makes all contracts which result from an unsolicited visit cancellable. The cooling off period is seven days. Traders must give consumers a contract in the format prescribed in the regulations, clearly stating that the contract is cancellable, and with a cancellation slip at the bottom, which consumers can detach and post to traders if they decide to cancel. If traders fail to comply with this requirement not only do they commit an offence but the contract will also be unenforceable. Important to notice that the contract must display the legal name of the business. In the case of a sole trader or partnership as doorstep callers tend to be this will be their own names (not only their trading name) and an address. Failure to provide information which is required by law has been made an offence by the Fraud Act 2006, a piece of legislation which can be useful for enforcement. The reason for making contracts cancellable is to avoid pressure being applied by traders who carry out unsolicited visits. Despite legislation, however there have been cases where when Trading Standards or the police become aware of problems it may be too late as payment has already been made and it is impossible to find the trader. In fact there are cases where vulnerable people have been taken to their bank or building society to make cash payment. For this reason up and down the country where there is a request from residents	

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'No Cold Calling Zones' are being set up. Linton is one of them. There is no legal definition of 'cold caller'. Cold callers, in our opinion, are traders who make unsolicited contacts (including home visits) with a view to selling goods or services. Established providers, such as Betterware, Avon ladies, milkmen are not considered to be cold callers. Cold call entails an initial contact by the trader. A trader who is contacted by a potential customer following a leaflet drop is not a cold caller.

Item 15.3-Notes from the meeting with G&K PC were circulated to all Cllrs.

- 5 Allotments**
- 5.1 **Allotments Association**-The Clerk was asked to advise all Cllrs of the date for the meeting. The Clerk
- 6 Code of Conduct-Possible amendments to Standing Orders**
- 6.1 No amendments are required.
- 7 Parish Talk Grant Application**
- 7.1 Following receipt of the quote for Parish Walks notice boards from Mr Arnold, proposed by Cllr Margaret Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lin Billinger IT WAS AGREED to proceed with the grant application. The Clerk
- 7.2 The Clerk will write and thank Mr Arnold for his quote. The Clerk
- 8 Linton Quarry**
- 8.1 The Clerk had a meeting on Jan 9th at Linton Quarry with Kelda White from Natural England & a Moira Jenkins from the Herefordshire & Worcester Earth Heritage Trust. Natural England has confirmed that they will erect signage at the Quarry giving information about the rock face.
- Moira Jenkins will attend the meeting on Feb 11th to give more information about the Champions project that they are hoping to start in April. This would involve local volunteers being trained to give guided tours of the Quarry.
- 8.2 The Clerk will replace the old notices at the entrances to the Quarry. The Clerk
- 8.3 The Linton Quarry management contract has been signed and returned by Natural England.
- 9 Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts**
- 9.1 £350.00 has been transferred from Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB to cover this month's payments.
- 9.2 Proposed by Cllr Laura Keene, seconded by Cllr Ken Downham and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.
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| AP459 | Linton Village Hall fees July 07-Mar 08 | 32.50 |
| AP460 | Gorsley Village Hall fees Apr 07-Feb 08 | 51.00 |
| AP461 | Clerk's Salary for December 2007 | 243.00 |
| AP462 | Clerk's Expenses for December 2007 | 22.41 |
- 9.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:
- Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest of £34.25
- Lloyds TSB BIA Interest of 5p
- Refund from Natural England re Tree Surgery £380.00

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10 Working Party Reports

10.1 FOOTPATHS

Nothing to report

10.2 PLANNING

10.2.1 P222-DCSE2007/3048/F. Proposed first floor extension and proposed garage. Wrens Nest, Linton. Permission refused on 10/12/07.

10.2.2 P224-DCSE2007/3219/L-Replacing 4 windows and repair to external stone steps. The Grange, Aston Crews HR9 7LW. Permission granted on 10/12/07

10.2.3 P227-DCSE2007/3494/F. Install 2 new windows in kitchen and 3 velux windows on carport. Bramley House, Linton HR9 7SD. Permission granted on 02/01/08.

10.2.4 P229-DCSE2008/0050/F. Erection of agricultural storage building. Jays Park, Linton HR9 7UH. Council made the following comments: Once again a Planning Application is being processed on a site which is the subject of an Enforcement Notice. The appeal against this notice was dismissed by the Planning Inspector on 10th May 2006. The applicant was given 60 days to comply with the notice. This has not happened and it would be appreciated if you would provide us with an explanation why Herefordshire Council has not ensured compliance with the conditions of the notice. In these circumstances we are unable to support this application.

11 Chairman's Announcements

11.1 The Chairman read out an e-mail from Chris Tormey warning everyone to be vigilant following the theft of a horsebox from a field in Woodend Road, Gorsley and the attempted theft of 2 horses. A Landrover was also taken at Linton.

12 Correspondence

12.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2265	15/12/2007	Your Police service in 2008 and beyond-Consultation evening 15/01/08	West Mercia Constabulary
D2266	17/12/2007	Register of Electors 2008-Request form	CHDC
D2267	20/12/2007	Parish Plan newsletter	Community First
D2268	20/12/2007	DVD-River Tales. Memories of the Wye, Lugg Arrow & Frome.	CHDC
D2269	20/12/2007	Major emergency plan	CHDC
D2270	22/12/2007	Hfds Citizens Advice Bureaux donation request for 2008/9	Hfds Citizens Advice Bureau
D2271	29/12/2007	Register of Electors 2008	CHDC
D2272	05/01/2008	Your Police service in 2008 and beyond	West Mercia Constabulary
D2273	07/01/2008	Councils suppliers guide & yearbook	Clerks & Councils Direct
D2274	07/01/2008	Display boards	Fitzpatrick Woolmer
D2275	07/01/2008	Clerks & Council Direct Magazine	Clerks & Councils Direct
D2276	08/01/2008	G&KPC Agenda 10/01/08	G&KPC

12.2 D2269-The Clerk will ensure that the Major Emergency Plan is up to date and that a copy is sent to CHDC. | The Clerk

12.3 The Clerk will contact Keith Summers to arrange a meeting re the website. | The Clerk

13 Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

13.1 Cllr Lin Billinger is still pursuing the subject of speed limits in Bromsash.

13.2 Flicks in the sticks-Thursdays Feb 14th at 7.30pm-The Painted Veil (R)
Thursdays March 13th at 7.30pm-Grow your own (PG) plus Bombs at teatime

14 Public Submissions

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| 14.1 | There is a problem with visibility when turning off the motorway at Junction 3. The Clerk was asked to contact the motorway contractors in order to get the trees cut back behind the fence on the right hand side. | The Clerk |
| 14.2 | The pot holes in Quarry Lane have still not been repaired. The Clerk was asked to contact CHDC. | The Clerk |

15 Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting

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| 15.1 | Moira Jenkins from Hereford and Worcester Earth Heritage Trust to attend. | |
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16 Date of the Next Meeting

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| 16.1 | February 11 th 2008 at 7.30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall. | |
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The Meeting Finished At 9:02 p.m.