

**UNADOPTED**

**LINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Bromsash Gorsley and Linton**

**Minutes Of The Meeting Held On January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**In Linton Village Hall at 7:30 pm**

**Present:**

- Cllr Ken Downham, Vice-Chairman
- Cllr Jackie Gough
- Cllr Max Gough
- Cllr Michael Cluley
- Cllr Laura Cluley
- Cllr Barry Clark
- Cllr Lin Billinger

Annette Steele (Clerk)

4 Parishioners

Minute Item	Action
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>1.1 <b>Apologies</b> Cllrs Jean Foley, Chairman, and Andrew Gardner did not attend. The Chairman was unwell and Cllr Gardner was abroad on business.</p>	
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>2.2 <b>Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>3.1 <b>Minutes of the Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008</b> These were accepted and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4.1 <b>Matters arising therefrom not covered in the Agenda</b> There was none.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Community Support Officer</b> Not in attendance.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Date for Joint Parish Meeting</b> It was agreed that Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> was the preferred date as this also suits G&amp;K PC. The Clerk will advise G&amp;K PC and book the village hall.</p>	The Clerk
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7.1 <b>Standing Orders-Review</b> Proposed by Cllr Lin Billinger, seconded by Cllr Barry Clark, IT WAS AGREED that a reference be added to standing orders regarding Councillors' obligation to attend meetings.</p> <p><b>"The office of a local councillor becomes vacant if he/she is absent for six consecutive months from meetings, unless the reason for absence is approved by the council"</b></p> <p><b>Please advise the Clerk as soon as possible before any meeting if you are unable to attend.</b></p>	The Clerk

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- 8** **Village Hall Grants 2009/10**
- 8.1 Proposed by Cllr Mike Cluley, seconded by Cllr Laura Cluley, IT WAS AGREED that the Parish Council offers to purchase items to the value £400.00 for Gorsley & Linton village halls. The Clerk will contact the village halls. The Clerk
- 9** **Gorsley Neighbourhood Watch request for funding**
- 9.1 The Clerk will contact Gorsley & Kilcot PC. The Clerk
- 10** **Correspondence re Hillcrest, Gorsley**
- 10.1 An e-mail from the Chairman was read out:
- The provisional site shown for the proposed development is within the 'Village Envelope' and building new houses there is a possibility but not a foregone conclusion. If planning permission is given it is likely that only one entrance will be allowed to cover the complete site. This would still increase the amount of traffic entering an already busy and dangerous road which also carries a large number of heavy goods vehicles. The splay required for the entrance would be determined by the Highway Authority of Herefordshire Council. The width of the pavement is also the responsibility of Herefordshire Council and at the moment it badly needs clearing. The hedgerows are the responsibility of the land owner and should be cleared by him/her so as not to cause any danger to the public or traffic, nor to impede visibility irrespective of any development taking place. The Parish Council would make their final comments upon receipt of an official planning application.
- 11** **BT-Adopt a Kiosk**
- 11.1 Proposed by Cllr Mike Cluley, seconded by Cllr Lin Billinger, IT WAS AGREED not to adopt the Linton phone box due to the expense that would be involved in its upkeep and the fact that the phone equipment would be removed. The Clerk will advise BT. The Clerk
- 12** **Linton Quarry-Update**
- 12.1 The Clerk has written to the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust confirming that the Parish Council owns Linton Quarry. The Trust is in the process of applying for grants in relation to the "Champions project".
- 13** **Allotments**
- 13.1 A request has been made by an allotment holder for self-closing hinges to be put on the pedestrian gates at the allotments. The Clerk was asked to refer the enquiry to the Allotment Association for discussion. The Clerk
- 14** **Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts**
- 14.1 £370.00 has been transferred from Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB to cover this month's payments.
- 14.2 Proposed by Cllr Mike Cluley, seconded by Cllr Jackie Gough and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.
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| AP520 | Clerk's Salary for November 2008            | 331.20 |
| AP521 | Clerk's Expenses for November 2008          | 13.71  |
| AP522 | Hire of Linton Village Hall May 08-March 09 | 39.00  |
- 14.3 Proposed by Cllr Lin Billinger, seconded by Cllr Mike Cluley and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED that the payments made at the last meeting had been previously agreed and payment had been duly authorised.

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- 14.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:  
Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest £8.85 Jan  
50% contribution re Clerk's training from Lea Parish Council £30.00
- 14.4 The Clerk advised that the A&L interest rate has now dropped to 1% hence the reduction in monthly interest.

## 15 Working Party Reports

- 15.1 FOOTPATHS
- 15.1.1 Footpaths Officers not present. Richard Baker sent his apologies.
- 15.2 PLANNING
- 15.2.1 P245-DCSE2008/2810/F. West Ridge, Gorsley HR9 7SF. Proposed new conservatory & porch extension. Permission not required 17/12/08.

## 16 Chairman's Announcements

- 16.1 None

## 17 Correspondence

- 17.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2269	08/12/2008	Letter re parking outside Gorsley Post Office	Mr P. Page
D2270	10/12/2008	Winter 2008 Newsletter	G&KPC
D2271	22/11/2008	Register of Electors 2009	CHDC
D2272	18/12/2008	Request for details of Parish website for use by PACT	The Herefordshire Partnership
D2273	18/12/2008	Biodiversity Action Newsletter-Sept 08	Hfds Biodiversity Partnership
D2274	18/12/2008	Dog Control Orders	CHDC
D2275	19/12/2008	Salter's Hill Newsletter	Salter's Hill Charity
D2276	27/12/2008	Consultation-Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity	Communities & Local Gov
D2277	02/01/2009	G&K PC Minutes-05/11/08	G&KPC
D2278	02/01/2009	G&K PC Agenda-08/01/09	G&KPC
D2279	07/01/2009	Information Corner-05/01/09	Halc
D2280	07/01/2009	National Interim Salary Award for Local Council Clerks 2008/9	Nalc
D2281	07/01/2009	Managing affordable housing	Marches Housing Association
D2282	07/01/2009	The role of the rural housing enabler in Herefordshire	Community First
D2283	07/01/2009	Rural Housing seminar	Halc
D2284	09/01/2009	"Not in Herefordshire" promotion	West Mercia Constabulary
D2285	10/01/2009	Clerks & Councils Direct	Clerks & Councils Direct
D2286	10/01/2009	Councils Supplier Guide & yearbook	Clerks & Councils Direct
D2283	12/01/2009	VAT rules re village halls, youth clubs, grounds & play areas	HM Revenue & Customs

- 17.2 D2274-The Clerk was asked to put details in The Chimes asking for comments. | The Clerk

## 18 Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

- 18.1 None

## 19 Public Submissions

- 19.1 A question was raised regarding the legality of obstructions placed on verges. The Clerk was asked to get clarification on this matter and to put a note in The Chimes. | The Clerk

## 20 Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting

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20.1 Update re Speed Checks –Linton

**21 Date of the Next Meeting**

21.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday February 9th 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall.

**The Meeting Finished At 8:30 p.m.**

**22 Employment Matters**

22.1 Proposed by Cllr Mike Cluley, seconded by Cllr Lin Billinger IT WAS AGREED that a resolution be passed to exclude the public because of the employment nature of the business to be discussed.

22.2 Proposed by Cllr Lin Billinger, seconded by Cllr Laura Cluley IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk's new Contract of Employment be signed by the Vice-Chairman.

22.3 Proposed by Cllr Mike Cluley, seconded by Cllr Barry Clark and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED In order to provide the Clerk with a pension that the Parish Council join the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Parish and Clerk will make contributions as per the rules and regulations. (Copy attached). The Clerk will contact Worcestershire County Council.

The Clerk