

**UNADOPTED**  
**LINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Bromsash Gorsley and Linton**

**Minutes Of The Meeting Held On July 20th 2009**  
**In Linton Village Hall at 7:30 pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Jean Foley-Chairman  
Cllr Jackie Gough  
Cllr Max Gough  
Cllr Lin Billinger  
Cllr Barry Clark  
Cllr Laura Cluley  
Cllr Mike Cluley

Annette Steele (Clerk)

2 Parishioners & 2 Community Support Officers

<b>Minute Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	
1.1	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllrs Ken Downham (Vice-Chairman) & Andrew Gardner. Richard Baker, the Parish Footpath's Officer sent his apologies.	
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<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
Cllr Barry Clark in planning application P260 as he is a neighbour.	
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<b>Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009</b>	
These were accepted without change and duly signed by the Chairman.	
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<b>Report from the Clerk on actions requested in the minutes</b>	
Item 4.1-The self-closing hinges have been fitted to 2 pedestrian gates at the allotments.	
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Item 10.2-Quote has been obtained from Forestry Operations re additional scrub clearance at Linton Quarry & work is to be carried out as soon as possible.	
4.3	
Item 14.3-Following confusion regarding the removal of the phone box in Linton, an agreement has now been reached between Herefordshire Council and BT that the box will remain in situ as a fully functioning telephone box.	
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<b>Community Support Officers Report</b>	
The Police are now equipped with new recording equipment and will advise those concerned that they will be recording them if an incident occurs.	
Two periods of speed checks have been carried out in Bromsash and to date the Police have issued 6 fixed penalty tickets and one car has been seized.	
The Police advised that it would be helpful if European weight restriction notices were erected in Bromsash to help deter HGV's from going through the village. The Clerk will contact CHDC.	
	The Clerk
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<b>Parish Footpaths Officers Report</b>	

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- 6.1 Not present.
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- 7.1 **Additional Allotment Tap**  
It was agreed that the Clerk's previous response was sufficient and that if the Allotment Association as a whole felt that additional taps were required then an official application should be made and this would be duly considered. The Clerk will write and advise the Allotment Association of the decision. The Clerk
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- 8.1 **Additional Rabbit-Proof Fencing**  
Several meetings have taken place at the allotments with the final one taking place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The last meeting was attended by Anita Ripley-Salmon (Pest Control Officer) and these are her conclusions:  
  
I was asked to carry out an inspection of this area for Rabbits on Saturday the 18th July 2009 at 09:30 am. On inspection, there was a young rabbit already in this area, so I examined the stock-proof fencing that ran around the perimeter, it was in good order, about 2 foot in height and it was dug in 6 inches into the ground and 6 inches across, a standard rabbit-proof fence-line. It did not appear to have any holes in it, under it or through it, however I was informed that there had been sightings of rabbits jumping over the fence-line in places and the ground on either side, in areas, appeared to be at different levels, so it may be an idea to have some additional wire added to improve the height. Or as another idea you could also use electric fencing if you feel that there needs to be extra cover but as to how much this would cost you, you'd have to find out. There did not appear to be any pop holes or warrens obvious in this vicinity that would enable me to be able to treat with Aluminium Phosphide Gas, so I suggested that they shoot the rabbit that's enclosed in this area and then monitor it....or if they did not want to shoot the rabbit that they try to catch them in a live catch trap and dispose of humanely. You could possibly purchase the Metal Rabbit Cage Trap from Countrywide Stores and it would cost you about £26.00 plus V.A.T each trap, I would recommend that you start with 2, bearing in mind that these again would need to be checked on a daily basis and despatched humanely. Just as a final thought, the stock-proof fencing is only as good as those that go through it!!!!!!!!!!!! (Meaning that if the gates are left open then the 'munchers' will be drawn in!).
- 8.2 The Clerk was asked to write to all allotment holders advising them of the action taken regarding the rabbits and to include a note about the self-closing hinge that has been removed from one pedestrian gate. The Clerk
- 8.3 The Clerk was asked to contact Joe Taylor with regards to cutting back the hedge at the allotments that runs parallel to the road as it is obscuring the visibility onto the road. The Clerk
- 8.4 The Clerk was asked to contact Wayne Reed to obtain a quote for cutting back the brambles on the quarry side of the allotment fence. The Clerk
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- 9.1 **Landowners agreement for Linton Quarry**  
The Clerk is still waiting for a response from Natural England regarding who is responsible for maintaining the fencing and/or interpretation panel. The Clerk will contact Natural England for an update. The Clerk
- 10**
- 10.1 **Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts**  
IT WAS AGREED unanimously to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.
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| Clerk's Expenses for July 2009 | 55.27  |
| Gift for Internal Auditor      | 21.55  |
| Grass-cutting May 2009         | 100.00 |

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Website Domain Hosting	109.25
Self-Closing hinges for Allotment Gates	60.95
Pest Control at Allotments	20.00
Data Protection Act Notification	35.00

10.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:

A&L Interest £0.72

50% share of Practitioners Guide per Lea Parish Council £11.00

10.4 Following the Internal Audit carried out by Lea Parish Council the following was highlighted: The Internal Auditor (Lea PC) advised that in May/June 2008 the expenses had been incorrectly split between Lea & Linton Parish Councils and that £7.56 should be credited to Lea and deducted from Linton. The Clerk will adjust the forthcoming expenses accordingly.

The Clerk

## 11 Planning Applications

11.1 P251-DCSE2009/0489/F-Single storey extensions with first floor en-suite within new roof space. Hartleton Lodge, Bromsash HR9 7SB. Permission granted on 13.05.09.

11.2 P256-DCSE2009/0698/F Replace existing outbuilding with a three bay garage. Rose Cottage, Bromsash HR9 7PR. Permission granted on 10.06.09.

11.3 P257-DCSE0009/1059/F-Proposed change of use of land for the siting of five log cabins, five utility dayrooms and five touring caravans for Nomadic use. Holmes Grove, Upton Bishop HR9 7UQ. Linton Parish Council does not support this application. We have taken into account Policies H7, H12, S1, LA2, LA5 & DR1 of the UDP and do not consider that this development would comply with these policies. This site is not easily reached by public transport, the one local shop and school are some distance away & it would be necessary to travel by car. It doesn't meet the criteria for sustainable development as required by Policy S1. These large dwellings set on concrete blocks with large areas of hard standing, plus separate buildings to be used as "Day Rooms" together with caravans, conflict with the character & appearance of the agricultural land. They would have an adverse affect on the landscape & would therefore be a departure from Policies LA2, LA5 & DR1. We believe there are no material considerations which would allow such a departure from planning policies and trust this application will be refused. For the record Linton parish already has a travellers' site at Jays Green adjacent to the village.

11.4 P258-DCSE0009/1094/F-New build four bay garage and store with new drive access. Two Parks Farm, Upton Bishop HR9 7UH. Permission granted.

11.5 P259-DCSE0009/1314/F-Replacement dwelling. 2 Fairview Cottage, Gorsley HR9 7FD. Council supports but queries item 12 that they are on mains sewage. Council would be grateful if this was checked.

11.6 P260-DCSE0009/1318/F-Alterations to existing dwelling-addition of two ground floor windows to rear (South) elevation. Hugh's Barn, Woodend Lane, Linton HR9 7SR. Council has no objections.

## 12 Chairman's Announcements

12.1 None

## 13 Correspondence-FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2658 25/06/2009 G&K PC Agenda 02/07/09  
D2659 29/06/2009 HVA News-June/July 2009

G&KPC  
HVA

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D2660	29/06/2009	Clerks & Councils Direct	
D2661	02/07/2009	G&K PC Accounts to 31/03/09	G&KPC
D2662	02/07/2009	G&K PC Minutes 07/05/09	G&KPC
D2663	02/07/2009	New HALC address and contact details	Halc
D2664	07/07/2009	Rural Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper	CHDC

13.2 The Clerk has received an e-mail pointing out the dangers regarding the craze for releasing airborne illuminated “Chinese lanterns” at wedding receptions and parties. These are a potential hazard to cattle as should they remain undetected, they could easily get chopped and end up in silage and the wire element of the lanterns could prove fatal if eaten by them. When the harvest season is here, there could be the danger of fire if the wick is still burning when the balloon lands. The Clerk was asked to put a note in The Chimes.

The Clerk

## 14 Councillors’ Submissions, including Village Events

14.1 Cllr Ken Downham has advised the Clerk that the Post Box on the Upper Ridge in Linton has come off its post and it appears that the post has rotted. The Clerk will report this to the Post Office.

The Clerk

14.2 He also advised that the pot holes along the upper ridge in Linton are getting very bad. The Clerk will contact CHDC.

The Clerk

14.3 Cllr Jean Foley said that the “Slow” signs needing renewing at the Bromsash crossroads. The Clerk will report this to CHDC.

The Clerk

14.4 Cllr Max Gough said that an acoustic event is to take place at The Alma from mid-day onwards on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tickets are £10.00 on the day or £7.50 in advance.

14.5 He advised that the intake at Gorsley Goffs School will be very good and so the number of pupils will remain the same. The SATS results are very good.

The Head Teach-Richard Humphreys is leaving at the end of December 2009.

14.6 Cllr Jackie Gough said that the grass verge as you turn off at Junction 3 on the M50 is very overgrown and is obscuring the visibility when turning right. The Clerk will advise the Highways Department.

The Clerk

14.7 Cllr Lin Billinger said that she had put an advert in The Chimes asking if an Open Gardens event could be run in Gorsley, Linton and Bromsash. Sadly there has been no response.

## 15 Public Submissions

15.1 The footpath that runs behind the bungalows in Bromsash needs clearing. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Footpath’s Officer.

The Clerk

## 16 Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting

16.1 To approve adoption of new approved Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.

## 17 Date of the Next Meeting

17.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday August 10th 2009 at 7:30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall.

**The Meeting Finished At 9:20 p.m.**