



Linton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Fountaine Chapel

Present: Cllr Midgley (Meeting Chair), Cllr Boothman, Cllr Oakes and Cllr McGuinn

Also in attendance: L Coverdale Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
 - a. **To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting**
Apologies had been received from Cllr Hill.
 - b. **To consider the approval of reasons given for absence**
The reason was considered and approved.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct.**
There were none.

Cllr McGuinn arrived at the meeting
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2024 as a true and correct record.**
Proposed by Cllr Boothman, seconded by Cllr Oakes and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting. (*unanimous*)
4. **To receive information on the following on-going issues and decide further action where necessary.**
 - a. **Anderton Memorial Institute** - to consider the information provided regarding possible assistance required.
Cllr Midgley summarised the information provided in the previous meeting minutes to the meeting.
Cllr Oakes then provided the following update:
 - The Trustee's of the institute originally planned to transfer the ownership of the Institute to the Parish Council, however, that position changed during the previous Parish Council meeting as it was felt that such a transfer would have been a significant administrative burden to the Trustees and Councillors.
 - There is no record of the Institute being registered with the Land Registry.
 - There was fire over 100 years ago that may have destroyed the deeds.
 - Trustees are now considering again whether to ask that the Institute be transferred to the Parish Council.Cllr Midgley advised that with the information provided at the previous meeting the Parish Council can confirm its position as:

- The Linton Community Fund is not available to meet grants for operating costs. This is stated in the guidelines.
- Should any capital requests be submitted by the Institute to the Linton Community Fund these would, as previously, be considered on a case by case basis.
- That the Parish Council is keen to ensure the long-term survival and success of the Institute as a village asset. In order to provide the long term financial stability necessary to achieve this the Parish believes that Institute trustees consider the transfer of the ownership of the Institute to the Parish Council.

b. Maintenance Updates

- Clapper Bridge** - the Clerk advised that she was continuing to contact the YDNPA Senior Listed Buildings Officer/Building Conservation Officer but had not received any responses to emails.
 - Tree work** - the plantation replanting – carried forward,
Ash tree survey results – Cllr Hill had requested that the Clerk advise the following update in regard to this item “that there has been a decline in many of the trees that were recorded for Ash Die Back both last year and this year and that there are a number of dead trees and dead branches overhanging Lauradale Lane (and Well Lane and the cut through to Burnsall road) which we need to keep a close eye on. The excel spread sheet that was prepared from my survey indicates just how many trees are currently affected and to what extent.”
There is also a dead tree in the plantation near the bus stop that is particularly urgently in need of attention. Councillor Boothman kindly offered to remove the fallen branches from the Plantation area.
Further tree planting – carried forward
 - Flood sign** - now complete
 - Replacement bench** – the queries raised regarding the slight change of location of the bench were agreed. The Clerk was asked to advise the donor.
 - Other** - none received
- Dog Waste, Linton Falls area** - the Clerk was asked to contact waste management to ask if there was still an issue with the bin in the car-park
 - Linton Beck** – the Clerk advised that she had continued to contact the quarry via email about the promised water testing that was to start on a monthly basis last year and had not received any replies. The Clerk was asked to escalate this.

5. To consider the following Planning Application: (Any applications received by the clerk after publishing the agenda will be tabled at the meeting)

- C/50/55H/GPDO Grange Farm, Linton, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 5HH**
Application for prior approval under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) (England) 2015 for extension of agricultural building over existing yard area to reduce pollution risk from the site

Cllr Midgley gave the applicants permission to speak.

The applicants advised that:

- The existing buildings provided temporary shelter
- The extension was required to cover the muck midden and stop run-off
- That there was a building to the rear of the farm that had planning permission which has since expired.

- The gas pipeline prohibits the building extending directly backwards as buildings cannot cover the gas pipeline.

The Councillors asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- Is the new building extending out of the current yard area? The applicants advised no. A Parishioner spoke to advise that the grassland proposed to be covered by the new building had not been used for 8 years.
- The farm buildings extend away from the village in a triangle. By extending the buildings laterally by 7 metres, as proposed, would hinder the view of the fells for the village and other nearby premises used for tourism.

The Parishioner present asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- The clear view of the fell from Linton Village Lane would be blocked out by the building.
- The building would come out further than the midden.
- The farm was designed to be hidden. The planning in 1995 was designed to hide the existing barns. Coming out of the triangle disregards this.

The councillors voted on whether the application currently proposed under General Permitted Development Order should proceed on this basis or instead be required to apply for and gain full planning permission prior to development.

Given the scale of the proposed development and the issues raised by Parishioners, the Councillors voted with four votes in favour (and one abstention) of the application having to apply for and gain full planning prior to development. This matter was therefore **RESOLVED**.

6. To receive and minute the following planning applications considered by the Parish Council between meetings:

None received

7. To receive the following planning decisions:

None received

8. Financial Matters:

- a. To report payments made between meetings (Annex 1: Finance Report)

The following payments were approved.

Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
Linton PCC	Churchyard grass cutting	£88.40

- b. To approve accounts for payment (Annex 1: Finance Report)

The January staffing costs were approved.

- c. To report receipts since last meeting (Annex 1: Finance Report)

Payee	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
HMRC	VAT refund	£203.98

- d. To receive finance report from Responsible Finance Officer (Annex 1: Finance Rep)

The Responsible Finance Officer reported an account balance of £5,192.56 at 17/01/2025

- e. Verification of bank reconciliations - Cllr. Oakes
Cllr Oakes advised that there were no issues raised.

9. To consider and adopt the following Council policies and procedures:

There are none.

10. Matters requested by Councillors

- a. **The bins that are sitting outside the pub on the roadside for too long – Cllr Midgley**

It was agreed that Cllr Midgley would speak to the pub management about this.

- b. **The pub tables / chairs that are permanently located on the roadside as well as the area immediately outside the pub – Cllr Midgley**

It was agreed that Cllr Midgley would speak to the pub management about this and also the Christmas tree from outside the pub which had been abandoned in the plantation. A Parishioner had also advised that a clear view of the highway was obstructed and that customers stepped into the road narrowly avoiding being hit by vehicles.

11. Matters requested by the Clerk

- a. None

12. To discuss correspondence received & decide further action if required

- a. Expansion at Grange Farm, email received from Parishioner circ via email 09/01/25 - NOTED

- b. Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan – consultation draft objectives received from YDNPA circ via email 23/01/2025. It was agreed to consider a response at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to enquire when the housing sites would be released.

13. To receive updates on any matter (for information only)

14. To consider the date of the next meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 25th February 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Public Participation:

The Chair thanked the members of the public for attending.