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Club Projects and other good causes – The club will use some of the funds raised to support other charities and also the club's projects.

This fund raising project is possible because the University Estates Department, Downing Site & University of Cambridge Department of Chemistry allow the free use of their car parks. The car parks are staffed by volunteers. Save for the minimal cost of materials, all proceeds go to charities and good causes. **A minimum donation of £7 allows you to park all day.** Last year the project raised over £30,000.

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Sundays 11:00am - 5:00pm

If you wish to know more details about the car parking project please make contact via the details below.

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The Free Church in last year's snow

First carol service in Linton Free Church for four years

NO Carol service in a church for four years? You must be joking! Well actually, it's true. Think back to 2019. We'd just had the last General Election and around 150 gathered in the Church on a Sunday evening for our usual Carol Service by candlelight. 12 months later, in 2020, we were in a Covid lockdown and, for the first time ever, held our Carol Service and all our other Christmas services on Zoom.

Fast forward 12 months to 2021, we were still under some restrictions & about 70 people joined us on a damp night for Carols in the Church garden, while others again watched on Zoom. Last year saw no Covid restrictions but we were in the midst of our building project and a World Cup, and on a very icy Saturday evening some hardy souls met for Carols in the Church hall. So this year is really special as it will be the first for a long time, as well as the first in our new look church.



The recently renovated pipe organ can be heard at the carol service on the 17th

Do come and join us at 6pm on Sunday 17th December. The Church can hold up to 200 but

we recommend you come in good time. Enjoy a mince pie and hot drink with us in the Church hall afterwards. There are lots of other events going on at the Church this Christmas. Here's a quick summary. We'll be delighted to see you at any of these.

Christmas services and events 2023

- Christmas Lighthouse - a fun event for Primary School age children Sunday 3rd December, Linton Free Church Hall 10.30p.m. to 12 p.m
- Linton Christmas Market - Saturday 10th December 10 a.m to 2 p.m Linton Free Church garden and Church Hall
- Jelly Beans Christmas Party - Thursday 14th December 9.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m Linton Free Church Hall
- Café Nativity service - Sunday 18th December 10.30 a.m Linton Free Church Hall
- Linton Free Church Carol Service by candlelight in the Church!!! Sunday 17th December, 6 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Midnight Communion - Sunday 24th December 11.30 p.m Linton Free Church Hall
- Christmas Morning Family Service - Monday 25th December 10.30 a.m, Linton Free Church

Plus our normal Service, every Sunday morning through December at 10.30 a.m. God Bless you all this Christmas.

Article and Photo:
Ian Burns, Church Secretary,
Linton Free Church

Nuclear test medal for Christopher

A FORMER RAF serviceman and Linton Resident has finally been recognised for the part he played in nuclear bomb testing in the 1950s. Christopher Moore moved to the village as an evacuee in 1939 and spent nearly thirty years here before moving to Oxfordshire and then the USA. During his time in Linton, Christopher joined the RAF and took part in vital and secretive nuclear testing in Maralinga, Australia. A long running campaign by families of former service personnel saw the government finally take steps to recognise their contribution, and the medals were produced and presented in time for this year's Remembrance Sunday. Christopher, now 86, still has strong links to the village through his sister Hillary Chapman, who lives in Linton and reached out to the Department of Defence when they announced that the new decorations would be awarded. Both Hillary, and Christopher's daughter Sharon Pepe said they were "immensely proud" that he had finally been recognised for the part he played. Christopher was "very happy" to receive the awards, particularly as a recent bout of ill health has prevented him from visiting the UK and the village "he adores".

Linton News Team
Photo: Sharon Pepe



Christopher with the armed forces veterans lapel badge (left) and nuclear test medal (right)

Wedding bells for Tom and Charlotte

BELLS are rung for many occasions, but the reason that springs to mind for most people is ringing bells for weddings. This is especially true for the recent wedding at St. Mary's church in Linton of Charlotte Ellis and Tom Dodd, who were married on the 28th October. Charlotte has been a ringer at St Mary's since she moved to the village in 2005, whilst Tom decided to take up the hobby so he would be able to ring on their wedding day. Following the service, the bride and groom ascended the tower to ring together with the bride's mother, brother and two godchildren (bridesmaid and page boy). The following day, six of Charlotte and Tom's friends rang a full peal to celebrate their marriage, consisting of nearly three hours of continuous ringing to round off the weekend. Many villagers have expressed their delight in hearing the bells ringing for this happy occasion.

If you are interested in finding out more about bellringing, please contact sue.ellis@stmmaryslinton.org.uk.

Stephen Croxall

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Readers write...

Dear Editor,
 LAST year Lonsdale's Christmas light display raised £754.70 for Addenbrookes Charitable Trust (ACT) from the generous donations given by the Linton community. Again, this year we will be collecting for ACT. It is a charity that helps our local community by providing facilities to improve patient experience and treatment options. I have included the QR code (point your phone's camera at the image on the left) that links people to a 'just giving' page dedicated to the Lonsdale lights and Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. Thank you.



Iain Goodhart

Dear Editor,
 Thank you very much to everyone who made poppies this year for the Cemetery and the Chalklands Community Garden. Over 100 were donated to add to the 500, (some of them from last year and the 200 I made) and we had over 600 crocheted and knitted poppies on display this year. The colours were red in remembrance of all those lost in Wars, the purple one for all the animals that were and are lost and the white ones are for peace, in the hope that one day there will be peace around the world. Next year I will be asking for donations of poppies again as I have already got many ideas on new installations for next year.

Karen Sanderson

Dear Editor,
 Helping Hands needs drivers urgently. You just need a car and a short half day a week or a fortnight to take Linton residents to local appointments. Please please contact me if you think you can help. You might need the service yourself one day! Text/WhatsApp 07932 405541 or email o.laws@btopenworld.com.

Oriel O'Loughlin

Grant applications invited for the Anderson Trust

The Trustees of the Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction would be pleased to receive applications for grants for distribution in 2024. The aims of the charity are as follows: To sustain the work and worship of St Mary's Church, Linton. To promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, in particular within the Church School. Any other charitable purpose for those living in or resorting to Linton. The Anderson Trust, as it is known, is a small Linton charitable trust, set up through the generosity of previous Linton residents, Dr Charles and Mrs Mary Anderson. The annual interest from this benefaction is distributed by the Trustees in the form of grants, decisions being made according to the criteria set out above, and each application is carefully considered using those criteria. The aim is to help as many people as possible so modest requests are positively encouraged. In 2023 grants were made, amounting to £10,100 in total, covering varied activities and supporting all ages across the community. Applicants need to complete the 2024 application form, which contains further details of the application process. The form is available from Gillian Powell, Chair of the Trustees, at powellz@talktalk.net or telephone 893664. Applications should be received by the deadline of Friday, February 9th 2024. The Trustees will meet in March to consider all applications.

Gillian Powell, 893664
 Chair, Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction

Have you considered becoming a foster carer?

ANSAR and Jehan are long standing foster carers who support unaccompanied asylum seeking children. They have found being foster carers the most spiritually rewarding career they have had. The couple kindly share their fostering journey to inspire others to become foster carers:

We have a close family friend who introduced us to fostering as she was a foster carer herself. We had many discussions with her about the pros and cons and also saw how well her foster child was doing and the positive impact that foster carers can have. We firmly believe in giving back to society and were confident that by becoming foster carers, we could do just that! The process was fairly straightforward. We didn't encounter any curve balls or complexities – just a fair bit of paperwork! But once all of that was covered, the training began, which truly opened our eyes to the reality of children in care; their emotional struggles, the kind of mistreatment they face, their personal battles and what we can do to support them both during and after placement. In total, it took around six months for us to go from submitting the enquiry to being approved by panel. The adaptation came with experience and the training that came from the agency.

We are still learning and adapting as no two children are the same. We have had 15 children and two mothers in our care thus far, and we remember every single one of them, and always will. Our first foster child was actually a refugee who had could not speak or understand English, so we used Google translate and pictures of food, drinks, clothes etc to communicate. We were very excited about the child coming to live with us and had lots of support from our social worker so we felt as prepared as we could have been.

Our previous agency was absorbed by Nexus Fostering, but we chose to remain with Nexus Fostering and not transfer elsewhere. The main reasons were; Nexus Fostering is well-established in both processes and reputation.

The support has come in the form of keeping us updated on changes and developments, regular supervision and by offering training that is relevant and informative. If you are considering fostering, understand that it is a 24/7 commitment unlike any other job and that your whole family (anyone that lives with you) will be involved in one way or another. Ask any and every question that comes to mind – no such thing as a silly question! Absorb any of the material/information that you are given as it will come in handy at some point in your fostering journey.

If you want to look at how you can become a foster carer get in touch with Nexus Fostering by phoning 01223 903 503 or by visiting www.nexusfostering.co.uk/cambs.

You can also find us on social media at Nexus Fostering to see what we have been up to.

Leanne Austin
 Nexus Fostering Cambridge

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December bin collection dates

Black bins: Wednesdays 6th, 20th
Blue bins: Wednesday 13th, Thursday 28th
Green bins: Wednesday 13th

Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

For entries, email: diary.linton.news@gmail.com

DECEMBER		
Sat 2	X'mas Tree Festival, 10am - 5pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 2	Serenata Singers Concert, 7.30pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 3	X'mas Lighthouse, 10.30am - 12pm	Linton Free Church Hall
Sun 3	X'mas Tree Festival, 1 - 4pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 3	X'mas Carols, 4pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 5	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Tue 5	Mobile Food Hub, 1 - 2pm	Village Hall
Wed 6	Tots in Tow, 9.30am - 11am	Village Hall
Thurs 7	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Sat 9	Christmas Market, 10am - 2pm	Free Church Hall & Garden
Sun 10	Messy Christingle, 4pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 12	Mobile Food Hub, 1 - 2pm	Village Hall
Tue 12	Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 13	Tots in Tow Party, 9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 13	Jellybeans X'mas Party, 9.30 - 11.30am	Linton Free Church Hall
Sat 16	Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 16	X'mas Crafty Café, 2 - 4pm	Village Hall
Sat 16	Balsham Singers X'mas Concert, 4pm	HT Church, Balsham
Sun 17	Café Nativity Service, 10.30am	Linton Free Church Hall
Sun 17	Carols by Candlelight, 6pm	Linton Free Church
Tue 19	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Tue 19	Historical Society, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 20	Tots in Tow, 9.30am	Village Hall
Sat 24	Crib Service, 4pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 24	Midnight Communion, 11.30pm	Linton Free Church
Sun 25	X'mas Family Service, 10.30am	Linton Free Church
Fri 29	Make Lunch Club	Linton Infants School
JANUARY		
Tue 2	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 6	Friends' Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Pavilion

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Linton Garden Club

THE December meeting of the Linton Gardening Club is on Tuesday the 12th of December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. A light-hearted gardening quiz will be followed by teas and bring-your-own festive nibbles.

At the November meeting of the Linton Gardening Club, Nigel Start gave an educational and practical talk on "Coping with Climate Change" in allotments and gardens. A 100-150mm deep coarse mulch on flower borders and the vegetable patch will insulate the soil in winter and conserve soil moisture during droughts. It also protects the soil structure from battering by the increasingly heavy downpours we get now.

Other tips included saving as much rainwater as practically possible, choosing pest and disease resistant varieties in the vegetable patch, and swapping tender annuals for more deeply rooting biennials and hardy perennials in the borders to reduce the need for daily watering during heatwaves.

The exceptionally wet autumn means that working the soil should be avoided until it drains sufficiently. Between the bouts of rain, we had a lovely autumn with many borders, hedgerows and woodlands being a blaze of oranges, reds, browns and yellows especially when caught in a rare moment of sunshine.



During the short December days, bright red berries and hips also stand out alongside the rich red stems of acer and dogwood shrubs, bringing splashes of welcome colour to the borders. Indoor plants can also give a pleasing variety of colour shape and texture when its bleak outdoors. With the festive season upon us and with the eventual passing of the shortest day, we can look forward to the new year and new gardening opportunities.

Contact Jim, Linton Gardening Club, lgsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Make 2024 a year of hope



GIVEN the news headlines these past months, and the cost of living, it's easy to feel helpless when we see people facing dreadful situations overseas and in the UK.

As 2024 approaches, Ukrainian friends who have found shelter in Linton need our support more than ever. Whether it's assistance in finding alternative accommodation, or towards the cost of school shoes or simply getting to work, doing something at grassroots level can make a big difference (and brings people together at the same time, always a good thing).

If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Ruth Wyllie on ruth.wyllie@hythie.org.uk or Revd Paul on rector@stmaryslinton.org (01223 455098) or Revd Chris on chriskemshell@hotmail.com (07764936803) and we'll meet up in the New Year to share ideas and listen to those who have found shelter among us. This is a community initiative for people of all faiths and none, and we'd love to hear from you.
Revd. Paul Seaton-Burn

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News from the Infant School

DECEMBER is here and although it is only early November as I write, plans for Christmas start in September in school! Organising Christmas lunch, the tree in the hall, singing and decorations. We hope that Santa will be able to pay us a visit! There really is nothing better than the magic of Christmas through the eyes of children.

Our trip to the Panto last year was such a success we are going again this year. Thank you to our hard-working PTFA who fund the coaches for this trip, and thank you to everyone who supports our events. You really make a difference!

As you are aware, funding in schools is increasingly squeezed, with the school having to make some very tough decisions about how the funding is spent. Our whiteboards and projectors are all reaching the end of their life and it is due to events such as the Fireworks that we may be able to replace some of these. A huge THANK YOU to the Fireworks Committee as the donation we receive from them is invaluable to the school. Each week since returning after the October half term, we have invited parents to join us for lunch. We have a fantastic kitchen team in school, with meals prepared on site every day. Lunchtime forms an important part of the school day, an opportunity to socialise and we have been delighted by the number of parents joining us for a roast lunch! Thank you to our kitchen team, not just for these lunches but for the lunch they prepare for every child, every day.

Our tours for prospective new parents have happened. It was lovely to meet some new families and we always enjoy the opportunity to show off our school. Please do follow us on Facebook to see some of the wonderful things we get up to!

All that is left for me to say now is on behalf of all the staff here we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a restful New Year.

Kelly Harries

Linton Village College Remembers

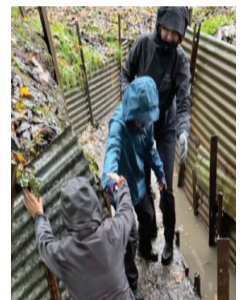
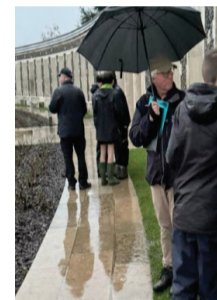
SIXTY-NINE Year 9 and 10 students from Linton Village College spent the remembrance weekend on a battlefields trip in France and Belgium.

The trip gave students the opportunity to explore trench lines on the Western Front that had been preserved since the end of the First World War whilst guides talked them through how disease, infestation, and poor sanitation was rife.



At 11 o'clock on Armistice Day, students had an incredibly special opportunity to mark the 105th anniversary of the end of the First World War at a graveyard in the Somme Valley that was dedicated to men in the 36th Ulster Division, many who died in the very first hours of the Battle of the Somme on the 1st of July 1916. Pupils visited a number of other memorials, including the memorial for unknown soldiers at Thiepval and the Newfoundland Memorial Park.

Some students were fortunate to be able to visit the sites of some their ancestors who gave their lives during the fighting on the Western Front in the First World War and whose graves we visited on the trip on personal pilgrimages. Lucy, in Year 9, visited the grave of one of her great great grandfather's brother who died in Ypres at the age of twenty seven.



Meanwhile, Thomas in Year 10 discovered that one of the tour guides is an expert on his ancestor who was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military honour in the British Army, for his gallantry and bravery in the First World War.

It was a very special and poignant extra-curricular event that staff and students gained a great deal from. LVC

Garden History with LALA

LINTON Area Learning Alliance (LALA) starts a new 10 week course called The History of Herbs & Herbals, Physic & Botanic Gardens on Tuesday mornings from 9th January 2024. We meet in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane from 10.00 to 11.45 and we are pleased to welcome tutor Andrew Sankey once again.

Andrew describes the course as follows: The course explores the history of herbs in relation to how they were grown in gardens in Britain. Beginning in the medieval period we'll assess the importance of herbs and how a specific garden to grow and identify herbs became vital. We'll look at famous herbals, eminent herbalists, and how the first physic gardens evolved into the botanic gardens of today. You'll find out how to make a nosegay, whether 'pilewort' is effective, the truth about the screaming mandrake root, and which poisonous herbs enable you to fly a broomstick!

Please contact me for more information or to register interest. Cost for the 10 weeks remains at £50 and includes a coffee break.

Sue Mudge, 892737 or muges.linton@btinternet.com

Christmas Tea and Crafts 16th December

COME and join the fun!

It's that time of year again and the Crafty Cafe team would like to make it special to all ages so whether you are a family, young adult or someone a little older in life, how about joining us for the Christmas Crafty Cafe on the 16th December at the Village Hall from 2-4pm.

Last year we had people from 2 to 80 years old and the feedback was "wonderful" "made to feel so welcome" "more please"!

We will be making festive decorations, cards and small gifts to take home and sharing seasonal refreshments. ALL FREE!



Girlguiding

Christmas is coming and we are getting busy. Pantomime season is upon us and it will soon be time to say "oh yes you can." It is also time for Christmas fairs and decorating a Christmas tree at the village Christmas tree festivals. Our District went away to Blackland farm for a few days in October. Once there they took part in a host of different activities. This included things such as crate climbing, bungee trampolining, making pasta and doing all sorts of other activities and crafts. Our Trefoil Guild is looking forward to their Christmas meal. They have also planned lots of exciting activities for next year too. We have had two leaders who have gained their *going away with* license and a third took their license at the Blackland Farm trip. All our amazing leaders are volunteers and give their time and energy freely. Giving the girls the opportunity of trying new challenges and having lots of adventures too. Helping girls know they can do anything.

We are always on the lookout for help and are in need of someone to help lead our district. We are in very exciting times, so if you would like to find out what we do please take a look at our website. www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Also, if you have a girl that would like to join in the fun, please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Come and see us and see what we do, there is something for everyone and at every age too. We even have a trefoil Guild so if you are 18+ you can join in the fun. <https://www.trefoilguild.co.uk/> Linton is the most incredible district, full of friendship with the most amazing, wonderful, dedicated leaders, Young Leaders and dozens of awesome girls.

Louisa 07711 614 328



Rita Boniface, a longstanding member, gave a talk on her years as a pilot since 1970. A friend of a person who owned Southend flying club asked if she would like to see crop marks (disturbed ground grassed over from the remains of old buildings etc). She was hooked. Her wages were 7 shillings a week and an hour's flying cost £5 an hour. To get her private pilot licence she had to pass exams in meteorology, clouds, navigation, the law, radio and knowledge of engines and had to do 50 hours flying plus 15 hours solo. She had to have a medical and thereafter every 6 months after age 50. She hopped over to France often because fuel so much cheaper and you can fly lower over the sea rather than over buildings and crowds. She took her instructors rating and became a teacher. On one occasion she instructed a man trying to get his General Flying Test certificate. He froze while spinning. Rita had to hit him on the hand with a ruler. Rita last flew when she was 80 and her ambition is to fly at 90. She absolutely loves it. Our next meeting on 5th December is a Christmas social and is for members only. On January 2nd 2024 our speaker will be Laurence Wood, a former nurse, his talk entitled 'Changing Perceptions. Ladies, you are welcome to join us for a convivial evening (or you can come as a visitor to try us out).

Sally Proberts (891021)

GRANTA Medical Practices December Update

Please find below details of when our surgeries will be open over the Christmas and New Year break. Please remember to order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time so that you do not run out of your medication over the holidays. The table below shows you when you will be able to collect your prescriptions, depending on the date you place your order.

Date	Opening hours	Repeat prescription schedule
Fri 22.12.2023	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Fri 29.12.2023
Sat 23.12.2023	Open for pre-booked appointments only (Sawston)	Place order today, pick up Tues 02.01.2024
Sun 24.12.2023 (Christmas Eve)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 02.01.2024
Mon 25.12.2023 (Christmas Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 02.01.2024
Tues 26.12.2023 (Boxing Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 02.01.2024
Wed 27.12.2023	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Tues 02.01.2024
Thurs 28.12.2023	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Wed 03.01.2024
Fri 29.12.2023	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Thurs 04.01.2024
Sat 30.12.2023	Open for pre-booked appointments only (Sawston)	Place order today, pick up Fri 05.01.2024
Sun 31.01.2023 (New Years' Eve)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Fri 05.01.2024
Mon 01.01.2024 (New Years' Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Fri 05.01.2024
Tues 02.01.2024	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Fri 05.01.2024

Don't forget, there are Prescription Collection Points at Sawston, Linton and Shelford. Sign up today via cpicb.grantadispatching@nhs.net to pick up your medication at your convenience over the holidays.

Be prepared for common health problems by keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet at home. You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs by having a supply of health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol / ibuprofen), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time and help you feel better quicker, but

will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

Local pharmacists can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. They are available on every high street and in supermarkets, with many open in the evening and at weekends.

Whilst we are closed, if you need urgent medical assistance please use the NHS 111 service. If you have an emergency that poses an immediate threat to life, please ring 999.

For further information on available healthcare services, please go to www.nhs.uk or our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk. We wish you all a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

Linton & District Historical Society

DECEMBER MEETING

Tuesday 19th December

We welcome back David Caulfield with

Songs & Stories of the 60s/70s

starting 7.30pm Coles Lane Linton

with refreshments & raffle

David's anecdotes during his time as a semi-pro in a 60's group proved very popular last year as many of us could relate to this era. So if you want to catch up with David or if you missed out last time, please come along and join us for our final talk of 2023!! (Easy parking in the Health Centre Public Car Park opposite)

FIRST MEETING OF 2024

Tuesday 16th January

The Dogs Trust

starting 7.30pm Coles Lane Linton

with refreshments & raffle

We are hoping Paige Pope can finally get to talk to us on this very popular subject. Covid restrictions and victim to a pothole on her route last time meant she was unable to get here. Let's hope its third time lucky for Paige and you will extend her a warm welcome. For further details about our society please contact us either by email ldhscamb@gmail.com or telephone 01223 893915 or 01223 678835.

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Saturday 16 th	Live Entertainment - Ultimate 80's	8:30pm
Sunday 17 th	Xmas Raffle	5pm
Wednesday 20 th	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Xmas Eve	Party Night/Karaoke	8pm
Thursday 28 th	Live entertainment - Sam Herbert	5pm
New Year's Eve	Live Entertainment - Jennifer Em	8pm

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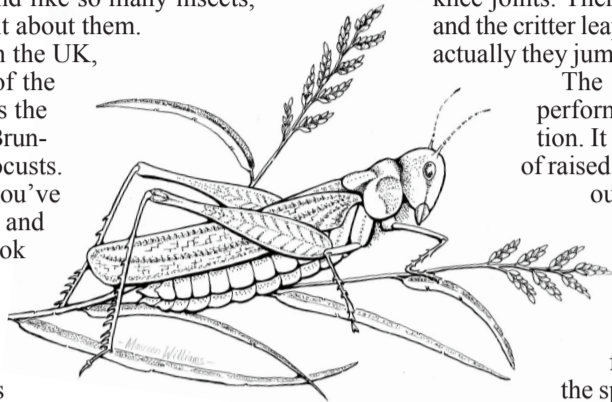
Grasshoppers - athletes of the insect world

JUST as you settle into winter, with thoughts of holly and mistletoe, here is a reminder of the sounds of summer. Settle back into the armchair, imagine the warm evening air, shut your eyes and listen out for the grasshoppers and crickets giving it their all. They are the most ancient living group of herbivorous insects, living at least 250 million years ago, and like so many insects, are fascinating once you learn a little bit about them.

There are 11 sorts of grasshoppers in the UK, mostly in the warmer and dryer parts of the south and east, and the most common is the brown Field Grasshopper, *Chorthippus Brunneus*, closely related to crickets and locusts. They start appearing in June, and once you've heard the short, rapid chirrup, vibrating and repeating every 2 seconds, you can look carefully and find one clinging to a grass stalk. Just as you've spotted it, it leaps away. Was it a cricket or a grasshopper? Crickets have very long delicate antennae, and grasshoppers short stubby ones. Though they eat half their body weight daily, neither has the terrible scorched earth reputation of swarming locusts. Crickets come out at twilight whereas grasshoppers are busy throughout the day.

A grasshopper is like most insects, with a head, thorax and abdomen. But the difference with grasshoppers is their astonishing hind legs. The antennae are sensitive to smell, touch, vibration, humidity and strength and direction of wind. The 2 huge eyes can detect colour, shape, movement and distance, and the three tiny

eyes on the front of the head can detect changes in light. How biologists find this out is a bit of mystery to me. But the hind legs, the largest of the three pairs, are more easily fathomed. They have huge muscles in the femur. Before they jump they contract their muscles slowly, bending the hind legs at the knee joints. Then WHAM, the spring is released, and the critter leaps away into the next county. Well actually they jump 20 times their own body length.



The sound the grasshopper makes is performed by a process called stridulation. It rubs its hind legs, each with rows of raised "pegs" across the rigid edge of its outer wing, like a file and scraper, or like rubbing a comb along the edge of a card. The male uses this sound to defend his territory and attract a female, and his tone changes when a female is sighted. When mating, the sperm is transferred in a spermatophore, and eggs are deposited via an

ovipositor at the base of a blade of grass or just below the soil. The female emits a frothy secretion which protects the eggs for the whole winter till it is warm enough for them to hatch. They then go through what is called an incomplete metamorphosis - no pupae, but hatching as miniature grasshoppers, taking two months and several moults before they're fully grown. They then live just a couple of months, before dying off or being eaten by birds, spiders and small mammals. It seems a lot of effort for such a short life span.

Linton Library wishes you all a Happy Christmas!

WE have lots of Christmassy books for all ages to snuggle up with, comfy chairs and study space if you're feeling chilly at home. Come visit Linton library in the warm this December for...

Storytime. Rhyme-time. Duplo-time 10am - 11am, every Tuesday (in term time). Stories, songs and Duplo play for 0-4-year olds.

Games Afternoon for adults Tuesday 5th and 19th at 2pm - 4pm, meet new people and try new games (you can even bring your favourite with you for us all to try).

Knit and Natter Bring along any craft project you're working on, 2pm - 3pm on Tuesday 12th.

Daylight Readers Our Book Groups meet on Friday 15th, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm, and always welcome new members!

The library will be shut for Christmas from Monday December 25 until Tuesday January 2, 2024.

Ann King and Melanie Symonds, Community Library Assistants, Linton Library
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Linton Heights - Cut Your Carbon Campaign

LIKE Anglian Learning Trust, pupils and staff at Linton Heights Junior School take protecting the environment very seriously. Three years ago, a very committed member of the year four teaching team - Mrs Clare Ball - decided to establish the Linton Heights Junior School Eco-Council. Pupils are democratically elected to join this very special group. So far, they have organised school litter picks, brought in food recycling bins, obtained a new compost bin and planted trees/shrubs around the site. In 2023 the school was presented with the Green Flag Award, which proves the school's eco-credibility.

The latest venture for the Eco-Council is taking part in 'Cut your Carbon', a month-long carbon cutting challenge organised by the Eco Schools charity. Pupils at the school take home a checklist which includes nine activities to complete throughout the month. It includes activities like substituting a bath for a shower, donating something you no longer need and going meat-free for a day. We will be encouraging staff as well as pupils to take part! We are hoping to see as many of our families, and perhaps wider community members, taking part as possible.

Pupil comments: Ronnie Cottage: "I am enormously proud to be part of the Eco Council and will certainly be attempting to fulfil each of the nine criteria for carbon cutting!"

Aaron Darke: "It is an honour to be part of the Eco Council and help the school to understand its ecological responsibility."

Isaac Waller: "Since starting the Eco Council I have noticed a definite change in people's attitude towards saving our environment."

As head teacher of Linton Heights Junior School I am very impressed by Mrs Ball and her teams' dedication to this noble cause and eagerly await future enviro-friendly ventures. James Puxley and Y6 pupils Eco Council representatives

Did you know that you can book the Linton Heights Junior School hall for parties / community events. Contact the school office on 01223 892210 for further details.

Twelfth Night with Friends

Celebrate Twelfth Night with The Friends of St Mary's who are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 6th January 2024 from 10.00am until 12.00noon in the Pavilion behind St-Mary's Church. The Friends will be serving savouries including cheese scones, sausage rolls and smoked salmon triangles - just the thing for everyone who has had a surfeit of sweet things and chocolate over Christmas. There will also be a raffle and hot drinks. About the Friends: The Friends of St Mary's, Linton was set up in the 1980s to help fund the care of the Church building and its contents. St Mary's, like every other parish church in the country, receives no funding from national or local government, or from the Diocese of Ely, so the upkeep and repair of the building has to be funded locally. The Friends have recently funded over £80,000 of work on new lighting and re-decoration. New members and donations are always welcome. www.friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk Judith Tonry

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District and County Councillors' monthly report November 2023

Possible Solar Farm Application

We were alerted to a proposal from a solar energy company of a possible planning application in our area for a new, very large, solar farm. There is very little detail at the moment but we do know that the potential area amounts to several hundred hectares. The current 'search area' for land is from the east of Balsham down to the north of Linton the over to the east of Fulbourn. If this whole area were to be turned into a solar farm, which is unlikely in our view, it would be the largest solar farm in Europe, by some way. Watch this space!

A1307 Works

The usual A1307 update from us:

After the work to the roundabout at Linton is complete, the final elements of the upgrades to the road will be the remodelling of the Dean Road junction, which is currently underway and then the completion of the 'Greenway' around Abington and joining up with the crossing over the A11. The work for this will start in November time on Newmarket Road, Abington.

For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes>

Anaerobic Digestion Plant Proposals

In our area we have not one, but two live planning applications submitted to the relevant local authorities for bio energy digestion plants. These are plants that breakdown agricultural materials and turn them into energy. For reference there is one on the A505 between Royston and Baldock.

The first application is located just over the Suffolk border outside of Haverhill and off the A1307. The site runs up the Cambridgeshire border and ends at the edge of West Wickham/Weston Colville. You may have seen signs for the anti-lobbying group 'Muck Off Acorn' - this refers to this application. As the application is in Suffolk it will be Suffolk County Council that will make the decision on this but whilst the time for public comments has closed, you can still look at the plans and write to the case office dealing with the application - andy.rutter@suffolk.gov.uk

<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0045%2F23SE&fbclid=IwAR0aj4d4JMd9Yr3cP-Etp9rdR4kKDwvzX0wMy-HkfOomG45fCq0khXRbyrE>. The second application is in the parish of Streetly End, West Wickham. This site is smaller than the first and as it is in Cambridgeshire will be decided by Cambridgeshire County Council. The council are taking public comments now and this can be done via the website - <https://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S0BB1JDYKNQ00>

LHI Bids

This years round of Local Highway Improvement (LHI) bids are now open for parish councils to submit a proposal for funding for a small highway improvement

project in our area. Our parishes have been successful in the past and funding has enabled some small, albeit much needed, improvements to the highway network that wouldn't usually form a part of the Highway budget. Full detail and application forms can be seen here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding>

19 Bus Service Continues

We have previously reported that the number 19 bus service, which runs through some of our smaller villages, such as The Camps and Bartlow, was in danger of having funding pulled for it earlier this year. Luckily, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have agreed to continue to fund the service, at least for another year. However, as ridership of this service is quite low, any encouragement that can be given to people to use it will go a long way to show it's a vital service that should be permanently retained.

Mobile food hub

There is a mobile food hub that visits Linton Village Hall on Coles Lane every Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm. There is no registration required just turn up on the day. If any more information on the scheme, this can be found on the Hope CIC (the charity running the scheme) website - <https://hopeagainst.org/hope-cic-mobile-food-hub> or on 07474725477.

Statement of Community Engagement

The District Council will be consulting on its 'Statement of Community Involvement' between October 18th and November 29th. This is a document that details how the planning service engages with various elements of the community during the planning process. This is quite important and planning is one of the authorities most public-facing services that affects everyone. More information on the current statement can be found here - <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/statement-of-community-involvement/>

Free Electric Blankets

South Cambs District Council are offering a free electric blanket to those most in need, in the run up to the winter months. Those that qualify for these will need to be claiming Council Tax Support and also one of the following criteria:

Attendance allowance
Personal independence Payment
Disability Living Allowance

Full detail of the scheme can be found here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/free-electric-blankets-will-help-residents-most-in-need-this-winter/>

District Council - John Batchelor - johndbatchelor23@gmail.com
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Construction of new highway access for site maintenance

Land Rear Of 41 Back Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LG

Ref. No: 23/04312/FUL | Validated: Mon 13 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by partial discharge of condition 3 (Materials) of listed building consent 21/04516/LBC

16 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS
Ref. No: 21/04516/CONDA | Validated: Mon 06 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 Maple. Crown reduce back to previous pruning point. Tree is significantly overshadowing garden. Crown has significant knuckles from repeated pollarding. Crown reduce canopy by up to 3m back to these points.

93 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT
Ref. No: 23/1333/TTCA | Validated: Thu 02 Nov 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Replace existing up and over (electric) garage door with a roller equivalent.

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Remembrance Sunday Thanks & thoughts



THANK YOU to Lawrence Kidman, Poppy Co-ordinator Par Excellence. After many years of loyal and unflagging service, Lawrence is standing down as the local co-ordinator for the distribution of poppies and the collection of donations.

He makes up the boxes and distributes them to shops, pubs & schools. After Remembrance Sunday he collects the boxes and ensures the donations get to the Royal British Legion, so these most important funds can be put to work.

Not only that, but he stands for hours as a poppy seller himself. (I have seen him standing in the rain doing this). It is Lawrence who puts the remembrance crosses in front of our war-memorial, and on the individual graves of those who gave their lives for our Country and our Freedoms.

His is a perfect example of, what the Rector Paul Seaton-Burn, was talking about in his sermon during the Remembrance Sunday Service – volunteering is a doing word. In volunteering for selling poppies, or doing SpeedWatch, being in the church choir, being on the committee of a local club, helping with the ACEs, being a Parish Councillor – all of these make the Community - and make you a part of the Community. You make friends and make a difference.

Lawrence has certainly made that difference over the years. Thank you Lawrence.

PS He will still be selling poppies, just not doing all the hard work that is involved in the co-ordinating role.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Last Post sounded by Tien Redington

THE LAST POST was originally a trumpet call to signify that the last post had been set at night around a camp and wasn't associated with the loss of life at all. That came later.

Traditionally it is played on a bugle, which has no keys or holes. The tune has to be made from the notes you can get out of a pipe or length of tube. You go from one note to the next just by changing the lip and lung pressure. Even if it is played on a trumpet or cornet, which have valves, it is still done just with the lips.

So, young Tien, who played this twice on Remembrance Sunday, displayed an amazing skill, doing so well under the pressure of such a poignant occasion. Followed, each time after the silence, by the reveille.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT Full Council meeting to discuss the Parish Precept will be held on 30th November 2023, followed by a Full Council meeting on Thursday 7th December 2023. The meetings will take place at the Cathodeon Centre.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with the Linton Parish Council please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

The Parish Council office will close for Christmas from midday on Tuesday 19th December 2022, reopening on Thursday 4th January 2024. During this time the team will monitor emails and calls.

The Linton Parish Council and the team at the office would like to wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Clerk

Official Opening of the Multi Use Games Area

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, oh sorry, back in 2022 in Linton, the Parish Council asked Parishioners what they would like to see the unused Bowls Green become.

The results of the survey were highest sporting-wise for netball, basketball, tennis and a trim trail. For non-sporting activities; outdoor market, cinema/theatre & venue hire were most popular.

The Parish Council has delivered a netball/tennis court and a basketball court. (A large part of the funding was from the S106 money that Croudace had to provide to the village to mitigate the impact of the development of the Horseheath Road site.) We haven't forgotten the trim trail but it is probably better sited somewhere else and will be a future project.

The Parish Council has also made the decision to leave the area open and free to use for these sports. However, this decision will be kept under review and could change in the future should the area be subjected to vandalism or inappropriate uses.

As to non-sporting activities; please do enquire if you would like to organise some sort of event that could use the space and the Parish Council will discuss how this would work and an appropriate fee.

Therefore, it was with some pride, on behalf of the Parish Council, that I cut the ribbon to the unrecognisable bowls green area on 21 October 2023. It could not have been achieved without the focused work of the Parish Council office staff, particularly Jenny Seaward & Kate Dyer, in getting quotes and commissioning the various works that were needed. Plus all the extra meetings of various of the Councillors including John Bald, Chris Hine, Kate Kell & Helen Lawrence-Foulds and the very enthusiastic participation of the representatives of Basketball, John Merriman & Jason Miranda plus netballers in the person of Lisa Cooke.



First Game on the MUGA

On the day there was a demonstration basketball match between our very lovely Retained Firefighters and citizens of Linton, who, I think, were definitely victorious.

And then, given this is our green and pleasant land, it started to rain so the netball demonstration and tennis didn't really get a look-in.

Thank you to the Football Club Committee for opening the bar and the kitchen (providing most welcome burgers & chips) in the pavilion plus training a new barmaid, Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds. And also thank you to Carrie who provided First Aid Support.

The Parish Council hope that many of you will enjoy the use of courts over the coming years.

Cllr

Thank You to John Bald

For all his service to the community of Linton Parish these past 6 years and before that, for his unstinting support of his wife Enid Bald as she carried out her responsibilities as a Parish Councillor. His particularly succinct way of phrasing and summarising tricky points of debate in both Planning and Full Council meetings will be missed.

As he embarks on a new path in his life, we wish him all the very best for the future.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi, Chairman Linton Parish Council

Planning & Meeting Update October/November 2023

PLANNING officers (or committee members) have to consider the pros and cons of all applications that they receive and make their decision based on whether the benefits of a proposal outweigh the harms caused, or whether the harm would be too great to allow the application to proceed. Considerations include:

- The principle of development – is the use or function right for the site?
- Layout – is everything on the plan in the “right” place?
- Scale and massing – is the proposal the right size for the site? Does it fit with its surroundings? Will it cause unreasonable overshadowing or loss of daylight or sunlight?
- Design – does it fit the context it is in, and will it enhance the local area?
- Listed buildings and conservation areas – is the proposal appropriate with regard to heritage, including listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments or other heritage assets nearby?
- Green space and biodiversity – does the proposal enhance biodiversity, are trees and hedges affected and is any proposed green space well-designed to be functional and safe?
- Has the applicant considered local wildlife or protected species such as bats, badgers, owls, great crested newts and birds?
- Streets and roads – onsite, will they be safe and usable for all intended users? And how will existing transport networks be affected?
- Are public rights of way going to be enhanced or affected?
- Is there enough cycle and car parking? Refuse and storage facilities?
- Will there be noise, fumes or smell that may impact surrounding homes or businesses?
- Are there any local surface water, foul water drainage and flooding issues?
- Will signage, external lighting or advertisements affect the area?

We would like to highlight the two applications for Anaerobic Digestion Plants that have been submitted in our area:

The first is in Streetly End, West Wickham Cambridgeshire County Council will decide this application – comments can be made on the CCC Planning portal – reference CCC/23/110/FUL

The second is just over the border in Suffolk, but the site stretches to the edge of West Wickham/Weston Colville. The reference on the Suffolk County Planning Portal is SCC/0045/23SE. Comments can still be made until a decision is taken.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE):

The start of this scheme is now in sight. On the 24th November the CPE scheme should have been laid before Parliament. As many other CPE schemes have been approved across the country, we hope the scheme for South Cambridgeshire has received the same approval. Once approved, there will be a three week District wide publicity campaign, followed by six weeks when drivers committing parking offences will receive formal warning notices. Once this period has ended, the start of February, Penalty Charge Notices will be issued.

The team from SCDC and CCC were asked why this “gentle” approach is being taken, rather than a tougher stance. Their answer was that it is fairer to drivers to give them plenty of time to change their behaviour before handing out the penalties. The participants showed surprise (or disbelief!) that only two Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) are initially to be employed for the whole of the South Cambs area. The scheme can operate up to 7 days a week and that it should become self-financing in the long term.

It is worth noting that some enforcement responsibilities will remain with the police. These include:

Obstructive Parking, Dangerous Parking, Footway parking where there are no restrictions in place, Parking in a cycle lane where there are no other restrictions in place.

Cllr Kate Kell

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence. Open discussion and Decision required.

Open Forum for Public Participation

The Chairman requested that Agenda item 157/23/24(d)(i) be moved up the agenda for discussion under the public participation section of the meeting.

Participant One raised a question relating to access from the rear of a property backing onto Coles Lane Car Park in relation to the deeds of the same containing details of a right of way across the car park which is currently occupied by two public parking spaces. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the Clerk ascertain ownership of the car park and the status of the right of way. Once established the Parish Council to take the necessary steps to reinstate the access rights if applicable. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. 8 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Councillor Vacancies.

Consideration for the application from a parishioner to become a member of the Linton Parish Council.

The applicant gave a presentation to the Parish Council explaining their reasons for applying to become a member.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the parishioner be co-opted to the Parish Council. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. 3 in favour with two against and four abstentions. Motion carried.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Update on the application for 20mph zones in the village following the CCC Highways and Transport Committee meeting held on 12th October 2023.

The Clerk updated the Council that confirmation had been received on the success of the bid for 20mph zones throughout the village and that design plans would follow in due course. Noted.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for October 2023.

In addition to the written report.

County Councillor Henry Batchelor added the following points:

- Civil Parking enforcement is scheduled to commence by the end of 2023. The only potential delay being that the scheme requires the Department of Transport to sign in agreement.
- The No 19 bus service, which was due to be discontinued will continue to run, providing essential links to nearby villages.
- An application for a Bio-Energy Digestion plant in Haverhill, Suffolk, near to the Cambridgeshire border is open for comments for approx. one week. Cllr Batchelor agreed to send details of the application and a link to the Clerk for circulation to councillors who may wish to comment.

Council Representatives, Committees and Working Groups.

Invitation for any changes to the current Council Representatives. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that Cllr Lee Gardner represent the Linton Parish Council for the Cathodeon Trustee committee. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee. Cllr Kate Kell updated the council that the planting scheme is being closely monitored by the Planning Committee.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Traffic Working Group in relation to the location for cycle stands to be provided and installed by Abbey Developments as per the S106 agreement. The Traffic Working Group updated the council that permission required for the installation of the proposed cycle stands is being sought by the Clerk.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds requested that the cycle stand distance from the pavement on the High Street be such that no obstruction is caused to pedestrians.

Horseheath Road.

Update on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the council stating that a parishioner had reported excessive mud on Bakers Lane following heavy rain on 18th September 2023 and that this had been noted during a site visit with the LLFA. Also, that flooding had occurred on the same day, affecting two properties at the bottom of Lonsdale. It was requested that the EPIC plan be revisited.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

RFO, Risk & Compliance Manager Report.

Update on the Wet Pour from Sovereign Play. For Information. The RFO updated the council that the recent Wet Pour work carried out by Sovereign Play had surpassed expectations. However, prior to curing the wet pour had been deliberately damaged. The damage had been assessed and it was advised that it was minimal in relation to repair costs.

Cllr Carl Cieluch raised that the security fencing provided no protection against access and that this should be addressed for any future works.

Finance

Confirmation of the completion of the external audit for the period ending 31st March 2023, with no 'except' matters raised. Correspondence item 94 refers. Decision required to accept the completion of the external audit by PKF Littlejohn and acknowledge any recommendations required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that following review of the report, completion of audit be accepted. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Contracts & Quotes

Consideration of the quotes received from Arien Designs for the replacement notice board on the High Street.

The Clerk updated the council with changes to the original quotes at the meeting.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the quote for the oak noticeboard, without a header board be accepted. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the applications of tender for the Village Ranger Contract.

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed that the application for tender from Local Handyman Services be accepted on condition that Public Liability cover is increased by the contractor to a minimum of £5,000,000.00. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. 8 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Consideration for the applications of tender for the Cemetery Ranger Contract. Correspondence item 82 and 98 refer. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed that the application for tender from Local Handyman Services be accepted on condition that Public Liability cover is increased by the contractor to a minimum of £5,000,000.00. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. 8 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Consideration for the quotations for lighting at the Recreation Ground. For repairs to the streetlamp near the Beacon Youth Trust hut.

The RFO advised the council of an additional quote received from James Tarrant to repair the lamp post.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the quote received from James Tarrant to repair and stabilise the lamppost be accepted. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Grants & Funding

Update on Expression of Interest applications submitted to the Cambridgeshire Priorities Grant Fund.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that Expressions of Interest be submitted for the pavilion heating pump & solar panels and lighting at the MUGA. The Coles Lane Car Park was discounted due to outstanding questions regarding ownership. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between

26.08.2023-08.09.2023, 09.09.2023-22.09.2023 and 23.09.2023-04.10.2023 Written report available on the the PC website.

Highways

Update following the Traffic Working Group (TWG) meeting held on 5th October 2023.

The TWG updated the council on the choice of MVAS unit to be a Morelock MSID, compatible with the existing unit owned by the Parish Council with a view to securing a solar powered version. It was also noted that a disabled bay had been requested to be installed near the Dog & Duck within the plans for new parking bays. The request had been added to the design plans for by the project manager at CCC.

Update on the LHI Bid for 2024/25 and consideration for the recommendation from the Traffic Working Group.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that physical traffic calming measures be applied for on all approach roads into the village in the LHI for 2024/25. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Pavement Licence Application

Retrospective consideration of the comments submitted for a Pavement Licence renewal application by The Linton Kitchen and the response from SCDC following the comments on the same. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the comments submitted and support for the pavement licence be accepted. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. 7 in favour with two abstentions. Agreed.

Cemetery

Consideration for recommendation from the Cemetery Working Group for the designs and quotations for the Cemetery project in relation to the Hundred Parishes Grant. Cllr John Bald proposed that the recommendation from the Cemetery Working Group be accepted.

• Noticeboard and Lectern by Arien Designs (artwork provided by Footprint Design)

• The Ripon bench from Broxap

• The concrete effect standpipe from Celtic Sustainable.

Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. All Agreed.

Churchyard

Consideration for the request from the Parochial Church Committee to repair/replace two memorial benches within the grounds of St Mary's Church.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the first bench to the right-hand side of the entrance gate be repaired and repainted. The second bench situated in the Remembrance area would be impractical to repair due to age. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground

Notification of the removal of the memorial bench installed on the Recreation Ground due to suitability concerns.

Consideration for the replacement memorial bench to be purchased and installed on the Meadow Recreation Ground.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed to move the existing bench to the top of Coles Lane, where a replacement bench is required under the Linton in Bloom project and to order a replacement Henley Teak 1.5metre bench from Sloane & Sons. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for September 2023 from the Beacon Youth Trust. Written report available on the Councillor section of the PC website/Councillor packs. For information.

Cllr Carl Cieluch noted that targets had been exceeded.

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

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