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Community causes share £4,141

THREE charities in Linton each received a funding boost from the Co-op in April as a result of the Co-op's membership scheme which was launched last September.

Linton Zoo Conservation Fund received £1,464, St Mary's church received £1,355 and Chestnut playgroup received £1,322.

When a Co-op member buys own-brand products from food stores or a funeral plan or a funeral from Funeralcare they earn a five per cent reward for themselves, with a further one per cent going to local good causes. All those one per cent rewards, plus the proceeds of the carrier bag charge in England, has resulted in the £4,141 payout in Linton. Nationally, 4,000 good causes are sharing a total pot of £9 million.

Chief Membership Officer at the Co-op, Rufus Ollins, said: "The Co-op has always been community focussed.



Presentation of cheque to Chestnut Playgroup

Picture by Roger Lapwood
members, we are able to identify what communities care most about and then offer support that really makes a difference. By working with and supporting local good causes great things are happening."

Naomi Brown

The original Rochdale Pioneers were motivated by the need to improve the living conditions of those within their local community and they also understood that values were just as important as value.

"By listening to our

Don't miss Linton Clubs Introduction day

JUST a reminder that the Clubs Introduction day is being held in Linton village hall from 10am until 2pm on Saturday 10th June. There has been an excellent response with around 30 groups, clubs and societies attending, all eager to tell you about their activities.

The groups attending are listed below. There is sure to be something of interest for everyone so tell your friends and see you there on Saturday 10th June.

Why not meet up there with a friend and discuss your choices over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit?

ACES, Linton Belle Plate Group, Army cadets, Linton Children's Book Festival, ATC, Linton News, Badminton, Linton Parish Council, Beacon trust, Men's keep fit, Bell ringers, Mother's Union, Camera Club, Music Society, Choir, Scrabble, Friends of St Mary's, Sustainable Linton, Garden club, Village Hall Trustees, Granta Grapevine, Walking Group, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows, WEA, Helping Hands, Whist drive, Historical Society, WI and the IT Club.

Jim Forrest, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Change ahead for Michael Beaumont Linton

THE team at Michael Beaumont Butchers (Linton) Ltd will be closing the Linton store on Sunday 2nd July. Luckily this will not be the end of Michael Beaumont Butchers (Linton) Ltd as the guys will be launching an online home delivery service to keep us stocked with their amazing free range meats, ready to cook meat ideas, own made pies, artisan cheeses, sausage rolls and deli counter.

They have had to make this very difficult decision after Michael Beaumont, James' father, retired from his Fulbourn Shop due to ill health. Over the last 50 years Michael has built up the Fulbourn Butcher's shop to be one of the most successful Cambridgeshire butchers today.

James and the team at Linton feel strongly that the legacy of his father's shop in Fulbourn must continue but they plan to be a strong part of the Linton Community and surrounding villages through their delivery service.

"We have enjoyed every minute of serving Linton and all local villages – you have supported us well over the last three years. This is why we decided to launch our home delivery service so that we could continue to serve you all without the hassle of the well-known parking problem. Of course, you are all very welcome in the Fulbourn shop and we very much hope we will see some of you there. We will be having a welcome party in July for you all – we hope to see some familiar faces.

"We are finalising details of the home delivery service at the moment and will be announcing the result in the shop in Linton and via Facebook @MichaelBeaumontButchersLinton

"We hope to continue to serve you all over the coming years and thank you for your custom. Our thanks also to the Ashcroft family for agreeing to let us rent their shop."

James Beaumont, Owner
Michael Beaumont Butchers (Linton) Ltd

Another successful Bartlow walk

A REALLY big thank you to all those walkers who participated in the Bartlow 2017 walk.

We were so lucky with the weather, a beautiful day but not too hot for dogs and walkers.

We had a record number registering this year, many of them registering online before the event to take advantage of the cheaper prices. All in all we had a grand total of 784 walkers.

Great fun was had walking the route, a new one this year, through the three counties beautiful countryside. The children's trail was very popular too. Live Romans were spotted. The children gathered wonderful bags of goodies and



Walkers on the route which passed the three hills.

Picture taken by Alex Bibby

brought them back to show the staff on duty.

Linton Jazz Band was brilliant as always and entertained us all back in the farmyard.

The money raised is still being processed but it will be used for the three charities chosen for this year.

A popular librarian retires

AFTER thirty years as a librarian, Mrs Liz Cox retired on 30th April. Liz became Peak Relief Assistant with South Cambs District Council at Linton library when it first opened at the Cathodeon Centre in 1999, whilst still being a part time librarian at Saffron Walden for Essex County Council. She joined Saffron Walden when she moved from the library in Harlow.

About two years ago, Liz started the Daylight Readers group meetings in Linton library on the third Friday morning of each month. She was also responsible for setting up the jigsaw trolley for anyone to borrow and exchange/donate complete jigsaws on a casual basis and was instrumental in setting up the new EngAGE venture in Linton.

Liz plans to continue to sing with the Cambridge Rock Choir and join the Daylight Readers as a regular member rather than listening to the discussion from the other side of the staff desk.

She will still be seen around the village with Sadie her rough collie.



Happy in retirement

Photo supplied by Liz

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Summer Fun and Fundraising

THE lovely weather has enabled us to get out in our garden this term. We are starting to think about our garden redesign and would welcome any input from local people with an interest in garden design or contacts in the industry. Please contact our Administrator.

Our first jumble sale on 22nd April was a great success and we thank everyone that helped, donated or attended the event. We raised just under £300 and hope to hold another one in the future. We had three intrepid committee members running the Sawston Fun Run on 14th May and appreciate the Fun Run committee for selecting us as one of their beneficiaries. We would also like to thank Linton Parish Council for their very generous grant to fund real world scenes to enhance our role play area.

Our next open day is scheduled for Friday 30th June. Contact Michelle (07817 069696) to arrange an appointment between 10 and 11.30am. We are now booking places for September 2017. We take children from two years old and offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions five days a week.

If the open day date is not convenient, please contact our Administrator on 07342 900120 to arrange a visit at an alternative time or for further details see admin@chestnut-playgroup.org.uk

Wendy Hine
on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

What the Dickens?

MIKE PETTY, noted local historian and regular columnist in Cambridge News, joined the ACEs on 13th April for our Ploughman's Lunch.

His talk on Dickens' Cambridgeshire Scrapbook was a compilation of many local tales, collected by the Pickwick Club ie local folk in Dickens' time.

We heard of Harry Tuppence Pamment, a clever fellow making the best of his talents but beset with adversity and ill health. Son of a woodsman, his family lost their home when their father died and they moved into Linton. Life was hard, so he

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Harry Potter at Linton Heights

LINTON Heights Junior School became an academy in November 2016. One key advantage is that academy schools do not have to follow the National Curriculum. To this end, some year groups have been experimenting with topic choices selected specifically by the children. Mr Wilson's pupils write:

"This term all of our learning is based around the enchanting theme of Harry Potter. During the Easter holidays, we received our acceptance letters to Hogwarts and on the first day back all Year 4 pupils arrived bedecked in robes with wands in hand ready to begin."

"First we were sorted into our houses by the sorting hat - which was a nerve-wracking experience for everyone. After that we enjoyed a lavish feast and in the afternoon we created a colossal piece of Harry Potter pointillism artwork. We had to work together to make sure that all of the sections matched up. Finally we learned how to play Quidditch in preparation for our upcoming tournament. Each of us proved to be skilled shooting at a hoop goal whilst clutching a broomstick between our legs. And that was just the first day - we can't wait to see what other exciting things are coming up this term."

A selection of
Class 3 children

New sports kit makes students look the part



Jamie Curtis from Cooke Curtis with the headmaster and boys

Picture by Natalie Morris

LINTON Heights Junior School has been busy collecting trophies for its outstanding sports performance across Cambridgeshire over the last 12 months and, thanks to the kind gift from Cambridge based estate agents Cooke Curtis and Co, they are looking the part too.

In times of government cut backs, schools such as Linton Heights depend on the kindness of community-minded companies. With this gift we have purchased some stylish sports kit, which now allows our pupils to look the part. It really gave our runners a strong sense of pride and indeed the winning edge in April's county cross country event and all other events.

We were delighted that our boys came in sixth out of 133 teams and girls 13th. Over the last year Cooke Curtis have sponsored banners and programmes for the annual summer fair as well as the sports kit.

Linton Heights is currently looking for sponsors for replacement interactive white boards. Please contact the school on 892210 if you or your business would like to help.

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The Infants Ofsted and

WE recently had a visit from Ofsted. As with usual Ofsted protocol we received a phone call at 12noon the day before to notify us of the inspection.

Under the current Ofsted framework, the scope and detail with which they scrutinise is huge and in such a short space of time it is an intense process. However, as expected, the staff team pulled together, worked incredibly hard and really did show off all the good things that we do here at Linton Infants.

I am incredibly proud of all the staff team and of the children who were brilliant throughout the two days. The feedback we had was that the children are a real credit to

the school. We are not able to discuss the final outcome until we have received the official report which can take up to a month to be published.

On 16th May we held our Open Evening for the parents of children due to join us in September. It was nice to meet parents who are new to our school and we look forward to working with them.

Sainsburys have now stopped issuing the Active Kids vouchers and it is nearly time for us to send these away. Please check your bag, car, down the side of the sofa and drop any into the school.

Kelly Harries
Head Teacher

..... Admissions disappointments

WE are very aware of some distress among members of our community, following the Admissions for children due to start with us in September 2017.

Cambridgeshire County Council co-ordinates the admissions to all maintained schools and aims to make the process fair and transparent for all.

When a school receives more applications than it has places available, it is referred to as being over subscribed, as is the case with Linton CE Infant School this year. We have places for 60 children and this year, more than 60 children applied to join our school.

As a small village school, the staff and governors are very sympathetic to the upset this has caused in the community. We do not work in isolation of the community; we embrace the opportunities that the whole village network gives the school, be that assistance with raffle prizes, help to set up for the annual fireworks or coming along to our Summer Fair to name but a few.

The situation this year is very unfortunate, and we continue to work closely with the Local Authority to achieve the best outcome for all children.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher and Chris Komodromos, Chair of Governors.

Race night including snails

ON Saturday 24th June, Linton News readers are invited to attend a Race Night in Linton Village College hall. It is being organised by Linton village Cricket Club, to help raise money to support local children's cricket and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

There will be Tote style betting on eight races, with a live snail race too. There will also be a raffle with amazing prizes drawn on the night.

Tickets are £10 each and this includes entry and a full fish and chip supper. Doors open 7.30pm with the first race starting at 8pm. All are welcome.

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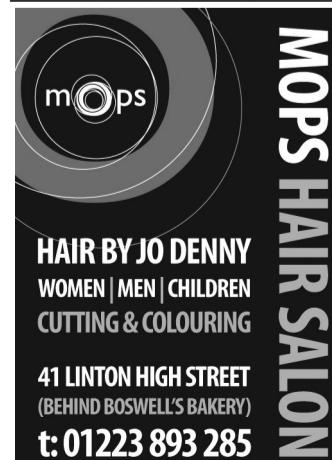
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Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

Allotments available

Dear Editor

I know that finding a suitable allotment site in Linton has been problematic over the years, so I would like to draw attention to the vacant allotments in Ashdon. The site is privately owned and I fear that if it is not properly utilised the land will be sold (and probably be built on).

I have had a plot here for the past eight years and do not find the four-mile trip too onerous. It is a small, friendly site and you can have a full-size plot, or a more manageable half plot. Most people put up a shed and a water butt. So, if anybody would like to start growing their own veg, or flowers and would like to discuss this further ring Christine on 01799 585090 or Ann on 01799 584053. The rent for a full allotment is £20 per annum and £10 for a half.

Caroline Connell, 892921, High Street

Clapped out Clapper stile

Dear Editor

I was born and brought up in Linton and am still interested in the history of the village, although I now live in Fulbourn.

A neighbour who saw a photo of the stile was most interested to see it. So I arranged for us to visit recently. Imagine my horror as to the state of the stile. We had difficulty in finding it as it was overgrown with weeds and bushes.

Come on Linton, surely you can support the upkeep of this historic clapper stile.

I understand that there are only three in the country. I also understand that in the past someone who was an evacuee here came from Australia and reconstructed the stile to its former glory.

Please do not let this unique clapper stile fall into disrepair. Jill Moore (formally Pamment).

Dear Editor

A big thank you to Tracey Coston for arranging for the dog poo bin to be moved to Rivey Path. There is now no excuse for owners not to clear up their dog's mess.

Liz Cox by email



'Lyveden' An Elizabethan Garden Rediscovered

BOTH members and visitors to our Garden Club May meeting viewed slides of Lyveden and were treated to a fascinating talk given by Veronica Bennett from the National Trust. Lyveden and its garden were the dream of Sir Thomas Tresham, started in 1595 and, after his death, never completed. It stands today on a hill surrounded by glorious Northamptonshire countryside. The house remains as it was when the builders left. In recent years the remains of an Elizabethan garden with terraces, viewing mounds and moats has been rediscovered. The orchard has been restored with paths leading to old hunting grounds. Well worth a trip to Northamptonshire.

Our next Garden Club meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September at the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Claire Kneen talking about *Irises through the year*. Visitors are very welcome.

The Club's 75th Annual Show will be open at 2.30pm on Saturday 29th July in the Village Hall. Schedules giving full details on how to enter are now available from 9 Balsham Road and 3 Mill Lane. There is a large range of classes so please do enter some and join in the fun. Entry is open to everyone. Thank you to everyone who kindly gave their time, plants and produce to make this year's plant sale a success despite the cooler weather. This fundraising effort makes the Annual Show possible.

Anita Daws lgcsecretary 892113

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OUR THANKS

Dear Editor

May I, by way of the Linton News, express my sincere thanks for the kindness shown to me by several locals during my recent visit to your beautiful village from my small town in East Kent to trace the origins of some of my maternal ancestors.

Richard Norden, born in 1807 was the village blacksmith and was still living at 21 Foundry Lane. He and wife Mary Ann Denison had eight known children, one of whom, Selena, born in 1838 in Linton, went on to marry George Willshire (1837) – one of the prolific Hildersham family.

I wonder if any of your readers might be able to pin-point where Foundry Lane and the blacksmith's were located? The charming folk I spoke to during my Linton visit were unable to provide an answer as the name had obviously changed or disappeared.

Unfortunately, due to my declining health, I am unlikely to be able to pay a return visit, but to know I had passed by my ancestors' home would give me great pleasure.

Colin Gordine

Dear Editor

The family of the late Betty Biggs would like to thank all those who attended the funeral service and sent kind messages, floral tributes and donations.

Special thanks to the staff at Symonds House, Granta Medical Practice, HJ Paintin Ltd and The Crown, for all their care and assistance.

The Beacon Youth Group

NOW meet for:

Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05 to 4.30pm at LVC
Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm at LVC
Drop-In Club, Thursdays, 5.30 to 7pm at The Rec
Beacon Youth Group, 7 to 8.30pm at URC

Lee Nash, Beacon Youth Group Leader
Lee@beacontrust.org

Historical Society

LIZ CARTER'S talk in April on Maps and Surveys provided a wealth of information for those of us researching family and local history. To appreciate how migration changed landscapes during the C19th she suggested comparing Ordnance Survey 6 maps of 1873 and 1901, which could be sourced either in libraries and archive offices or online at mapco.net or the National Library of Scotland.

Other important records were generated from the valuation of all land and property following the Finance Act (1909-1910). Surveyors' field books created a snapshot of buildings which, when viewed alongside the 1911 census, are packed with details about each household. The National Archives Discovery catalogue gives advice on accessing the valuation maps and books.

Originally payments in kind made to support the local church, some tithe rights had been transferred as land changed hands. To apportion a new land tax, the Government needed to identify the owners and occupiers. Archive offices hold the maps and some are available online. They can be compared with the censuses for 1841 and 1851.

Liz's final recommendation was to consult the maps and records of landowners created by the 1801 General Enclosure Act. These are usually available at local records offices.

The next meeting is in September, but do come to the village hall on June 10th where we will have information to entice new members, and a preview of next season's programme.

Pat Faircloth, 893928

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WEEKLY

Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion Men's keep fit, 8-9.30pm Mondays LVC sports centre Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701) WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC Scrabble Club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues LVC Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH Beacon Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays CC Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays CC Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057) URC Tots in tow, 9.30-11am, Wednesdays term time only VH Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays URC Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays CC Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library Beacon Drop-In Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm The Rec Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays LVC Beacon Youth Group, 7-8.30pm URC Carpet bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays VH Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP Stay and Play, Fridays 10am - 11.30am CC St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm, Fridays CC St Mary's Bridgeclub, 7pm, Fridays CC For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

JUNE 2017

1 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion Horseheath
3 Farmers' Market, 9am - 12 noon	VH
5 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
10 Introduction to Clubs, Day	VH
12 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
13 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
14 Community navigator, 10am to 12noon	HC
15 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
13 Quiz night, 7pm	URC Hall, Horn Lane
16 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
16 Summer Fair, 5-7pm	LIS
17 Family Activity Day, 1-4pm	Symonds House
17 Hadstock Fête, 1.30pm	Hadstock village green
18 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane
18 Linton Youth Music summer picnic, 1pm	Camping Close
18 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's
20 Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
21 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am to 12noon	HC
23 Safari Supper, 6pm,	Richmonds, 65 High St

JULY 2017

1 Farmers' Market, 9am - 12 noon	VH
3 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
4 WI , 7.30pm	VH
5 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs

7,8,9 LINTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.

Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

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Le grand départ: Linton dad bikes London-Paris for cancer charity

ON 25th May Richard Wadrup, of Joiners Road, will have set off on an epic cycle ride from London to Paris in aid of Myeloma UK. Approximately 125 riders will take on the four-day, 500km ride beginning in Greenwich Park ending with a police escort onto the Champs-Élysées.

Richard has completed over 2,250 training miles in and around Linton and has raised very nearly £3,000 for Myeloma UK, which is the only organisation in the UK focused exclusively on myeloma, a rare, incurable bone marrow cancer. To learn more about myeloma, please visit www.myeloma.org.uk

Richard hopes to enjoy a celebratory beer in the shadows of the Eiffel tower, after which he looks forward to sharing his experiences with the pupils of Linton Infant School during their Healthy Living week after half-term.

To sponsor Richard and help Myeloma UK up to the end of July, please visit www.justgiving.com/RichardWadrupParis.

Homestart concert at Jesus College

A CONCERT in aid of Homestart will be held at 7pm on Thursday 6th July in Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge with Alexander Baillie on cello and Nigel Yandell on piano.

Pieces include *Sonata for Gamba and Keyboard No 2* in D by J S Bach; *Sonata for cello and piano No 5* in D by Beethoven; *Sonata for cello and piano (1915)* by Claude Debussy; *Elegy for cello and piano* by Kenneth Leighton and *Canciones Populares Españolas* by Manuel de Falla.

Tickets cost £20 with gift aid, no gift aid £16, student £10 to include an interval drink.

Tickets and payment details from HomeStart Cambridgeshire by Wednesday 28th June. Email office.cambridge@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk.

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Picture from May 2014

HADSTOCK'S Fête, as those of you who have been before know, is a special event.

Held every year on the Saturday nearest St Botolph's Day, this year it is on Saturday 17th June at 1.30pm.

The fête is centred around the village's beautiful green extending into the church and churchyard, village hall and neighbouring gardens. This, together with the colourful stalls and games, attracts hundreds of visitors.

This year the fête continues its traditional theme with old fashioned fairground attractions such as the swingboats on the green, tombolas, books, bric-a-brac, produce, plants and crafts, face painting and henna application.

There will be two different bouncy castles and field events to test your skills such as skittles, egg throwing, smashing

Tim Boyden, 892746

Music in Hadstock Church Charity concert

At 7.30pm on Saturday 10th June

CLARE Vane provides a concert each year in Hadstock to raise funds for charities. This year it is to support the charity helping those suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. This is a disease that affects 1 in 5,000 people. The program includes Beethoven's piano trio for clarinet, cello and piano alongside a collection of pieces for four hands. Tickets at the door cost £10 (£7 concessions); also online from clairevane pianist.com

Concert helping to raise funds for the Church Fabric Fund

At 6.45pm for 7.30pm start on Saturday 8th July

JOANNA Eden, an acclaimed jazz singer and acoustic singer-songwriter, will perform solo presenting some of the original songs recorded for her upcoming Like Gold album as well as some well-known songs she has recorded over the years: Mr Bojangles, Yesterday, A Taste of Honey, The Man I Love.

The concert will include a support act – the Simpson Sisters, two students who live near Newmarket and sing beautifully together in harmony as well as playing piano, guitar and sax. This concert will be organised by The Friends of St. Botolph Church Hadstock. Tickets cost £12.50

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Making Linton more sustainable

SUSTAINABLE Linton is an action group which meets monthly to discuss how Linton can become more sustainable.

The consequences of climate change, resource depletion and declining biodiversity are now subjects of urgent discussion, so we are looking at ways in which the individual and the wider community can make changes to help the planet stay balanced.

Current group endeavours include community awareness-raising events, reporting on research and liaison with similar local groups.

Recent discussions have focussed on the Centre for Alternative Technology's Zero Carbon Britain initiative.

Sustainable Linton proposes to look at the application of these ideas in our local environment.

Issues relating to the wider world such as electric vehicles and solar-powered refrigeration of vaccines are also of interest.

The most effective role individuals can adopt is to limit consumption by monitored energy use, creative recycling and energy awareness. Lifestyle changes could include tried and tested things such as growing food, recycling unwanted items, repairing broken items, sharing seldom-used items, buying less and reducing long-distance air travel.

Leisure activities can incorporate cost-free options such as walking and cycling with the added bonus they bring to health and the enjoyment of the natural world.

Sustainable Linton promotes these ideas and is passing them on to the next generation.

Meet us on 10th June (Introduction morning at the village hall) and 18th June (Linton Youth Music Picnic). More information on Facebook or contact Paul Richardson on pbrichardson99@gmail.com or 892074. The next meeting is at 8pm on 13th June 2017 at the Dog and Duck.

Min Dinning

Lambs at church service



Lou and the Rev Griffiths with lambs Ivor and Idris

Photo supplied by Rev Griffiths

ON 7th May the congregation at the Family Service at St Botolph's Hadstock, on the theme of Jesus the Good Shepherd, had a real illustration of what this meant when two lambs joined them in the church, together with their owner Lou Symes-Thompson.

Lou, who keeps a flock of over 20 Shetland sheep in a field at Hadstock, described what looking after sheep and lambs involves and how she knows all her flock by name. The lambs she had brought, called Ivor and Idris – just four and two weeks old – gave a real example of how they trust her as their shepherd. Lou said "It can be hard work sometimes going out in the middle of the night but I know how much my sheep rely on me."

Karen Beaumont, a member of the congregation, said "Seeing the lambs and hearing about the care they need really brought the bible passage alive."

Paula Griffiths: 01799 599141 paula.greatford@btinternet.com

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Cara Moorey, manager

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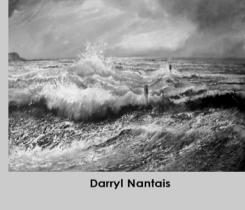
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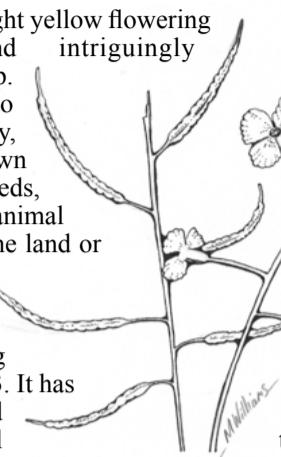


Oil seed rape

WE'VE all seen the swathes of yellow across the landscape. Love it or hate it, oil seed rape is now an integral part of our arable landscape and has been increasing over the years. In 1965 there were 5.2 million tonnes harvested worldwide, and in 2014, 73.8 million tonnes. Why?

Oil seed rape, brassica napus, is a bright yellow flowering member of the mustard/cabbage family and its name derives from the Latin for turnip. It used to be planted as a break crop to suppress weeds and improve soil quality, but now it has become profitable in its own right. It is cultivated mainly for its seeds, which are 45% oil and 55% high protein animal feed. The plant is ploughed back into the land or used for animal bedding.

For humans it supplements butter and lard, and it is contained in mayonnaise, margarine and salad cream, being low in saturated fat and high in Omega 3. It has become the darling of a few celebrated chefs and as fats and oils are essential nutrients, will doubtless stay on the human menu. It is the third largest source of vegetable oil in the world, after



soybean and palm oil.

The processing of the seeds produces rapeseed meal as a by-product, used as cattle, pig and chicken feed. It is used as biodiesel in heating systems, when blended with petroleum distillates. This is expensive, so used oil is more practical. It is also used

for chainsaw oil. Amazingly it was planted to contain the radionuclides after the Chernobyl accident, taking up three times as much as any other plant.

Oil seed rape is sown in August and September and, not surprisingly, looks like a cabbage plant. It grows rapidly from March, growing from 15cm up to two metres. It flowers in April and the seed pods are harvested later in the summer. The stubble is exceptionally coarse and nearly white. So coarse is it that glider pilots are warned never to land on it. It's amazing where web sites lead.

Regular readers of this column might remember that last year there was an article about cabbage stem flea beetles and the danger they posed to oil seed rape. In 2016 in Cambridgeshire, 10% of the crop was lost to drought and 12% to the flea beetle. This year unless it rains soon the situation could be worse.

Aware alert, alive



JEANETTE MOSER, our speaker, is an extremely courageous woman who, after years in the police in South Africa and Rhodesia, is an expert in self defence and passionate in passing on her knowledge. She was in the Rhodesian bush wars and later was headhunted by special branch who wanted her to infiltrate a dangerous extreme right wing group bringing in a huge cache of arms.

During a carjacking she was shot in the leg through the door but managed to drive away. She has done a lot of radio and TV work including South African Gladiators when she brought down a huge hulk after catching him off guard.

With her husband, Alan, acting as the attacker she demonstrated several ways of defending yourself and showed one of our members how to escape from a lock hold round the neck by holding the assailant's arms down and falling against him to unbalance him.

Our next meeting is on 6th June. Rosemary Wheeler is the speaker and the talk entitled *Hats Galore*. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Sally Proberts, 891021

June at Wandlebury

Healthy Walking

EVERY Thursday: 10am or 10.30am to 11am Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. NB: Free of charge and no need to book but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first time.

Grasses of Wandlebury

SUNDAY 11th June from 2pm to 3.30pm

Meet at Wandlebury car park notice board. Booking recommended.

Plants of Wandlebury

SUNDAY 25th June from 2pm to 3.30pm for adults. You will need to book

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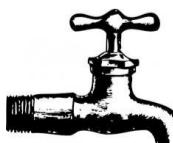
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The sixth purchase

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What was the cost of the sixth purchase?

Solution to 145 – What was the Fields Area?

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Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Come and have fun

EVERYONE is invited to a Family Activities day from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday 17th June at Symonds House to raise funds for the Home. Hopefully there will be enough for a new gazebo for the garden as last year ours blew away in storm Doris.

There will be a bouncy castle, stalls, activities for the children such as hook a duck, hoop la, treasure hunt...for the adults as well.

Julie Cleland, Home Manager, 891237

Library events

THE next ENGAGE meeting in the library is on Wednesday 21st June from 2pm to 3.30pm. The speaker is Veronica Bennett and the talk is on *Gardens and the National Trust*.

Tickets are required for this event and are available from the library for £1 to include refreshments.

Lindsay Healy, Community Library Assistant

Cafe Church

St Botolph's church, Hadstock is holding another Cafe Church service at 9.30am on Sunday 2nd July. Refreshments, chat, activities for all ages and time to think, with a simple service based around Jesus's message Do not Worry. All are welcome. For more information contact me on paula.greatford@btinternet.com or phone 01799 599141.

The Revd Paula Griffiths, Priest at Hadstock

Come to the Fair

LINTON Infant School and PTFA would like to invite you to our summer fair. This year it is being held on Friday 16th June between 5 and 7pm. We have a food theme as the children are learning about the origins and processes behind the food on their plates. Along with a BBQ, crafts and stalls there will be live music, a bouncy castle, the wiggle cars and loads more. The event is open to everyone in the village so please do come along and support us.

Julia Calver, 892179, Linton Infant PTFA

They have won again

CONGRATULATIONS to The Crown, Linton for being the winner of the Saffron Walden Lions Club district Easter egg raffle for the third year running raising a magnificent £270 for charity. The Crown's egg was won by Alison Omand-Lewis of High street Linton.

The Lions raised a total of £1,200 which will be divided between the Essex air ambulance and St Clare's Hospice. The Lions wish to thank all the staff at the Crown who supported us and all those who donated.

Dr Derek Lockstone 891931

The Accelerants unmasked,

COME to a Band and Beerfest on Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm in Linton Village College main hall. (Wine and soft drinks too).

For more information email friends@lvc.org or go to www.friendsoflvc.org Tickets are available through Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-accelerants-unmasked-tickets-3417181883 Tickets cost £9 plus £1 Eventbrite charge.

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The Marsh mail



WE look forward to a range of celebratory events at Linton Village College over the coming months.

Having enjoyed Year 11 Leavers' Day at the end of May, including farewell messages and a BBQ, at the end of June we have another opportunity to celebrate with our Year 11 students: the Leavers' Ball.

The Ball on Friday 30th June marks the end of the GCSE examination series and the finale of Year 11's time at the Village College. It is a great tradition that provides an opportunity for the year group to enjoy an evening together before embarking on the next stage of their education and future at different educational establishments.

The Leavers' Ball has become a rite of passage, symbolising students' maturity and independence as they depart from secondary school. This year's theme is Masquerade and promises to be a special and memorable event. I know that students past and present often join staff and students' families to welcome their arrival and the spectacle is somewhat of a community custom.

Thanks in advance to village residents for your patience with unusual modes of transport on local roads and any noise or inconvenience caused on the evening of 30th June.

On the following evening, Saturday 1st July, the decorated school hall is the venue for the Friends of LVC's summer fundraising event: The Accelerants Unmasked – Band & Beerfest. It is a great community event involving live music and guest beers from Milton Brewery. We hope that this will be a very well-attended evening. Tickets can be purchased via the Friends' website: www.friendsoflvc.org

Another date for your diaries is 17th September – LVC's 80th birthday celebrations to celebrate 80 years of learning since the college opened in 1937.

Further information is available on the LVC80 Facebook page. It would be great if former students can attend. Please do share the link with any LVC alumni that you are still in touch with.

If anyone is willing to lend memorabilia (photos, records or items of uniform from previous times) we'd love to hear from them via Facebook or lvc80info@gmail.com

**Helena Marsh,
Executive Principal**



S/1326/17/FL, Matt Lawrence, **6 Flaxfields**. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.

S/1425/17/TC, Mr Barker, **8 Symonds Lane**. Remove 2 small sycamore trees - See application for full details.

S/1429/17/TC, Mr Andy Barker, **8 Symonds Lane**. Remove a group of 4 to 5 small pine trees. See application for full details.

S/1440/17/FL, Mr & Mrs P C Waterfield, **1 Back Road**. Single storey rear extension and internal alterations.

S/1505/17/FL, Mr Peter Burberry, **20 Emsons Close**. Two storey side extension and single rearextension.

S/1516/17/DC, Mr Newble, **Little Chilfords, Back Road**.

Discharge of condition 3 (ecological enhancement) and 6 (external lighting) of planning permission S/0016/17/FL.

S/1588/17/FL, Mr & Mrs Christopher Hine, **12 Lonsdale**. Demolish existing storey. Construct single storey rear and side extension with internal alterations. Reposition the garden wall and garden gate.

S/1739/17/FL, Mr Cartland, **116 High Street**. Single storey rear extension, removal of wall on 2nd floor and introduction of two roof lights.

S/1740/17/LB, Mr Cartland, **116 High Street**. Single storey rear extension, removal of wall on 2nd floor and introduction of two roof lights.

Looking for £1 coins



Have a look through your coins and see what you can find

Photo by Roger Lapwood

SINCE receiving a silver threepenny piece in place of a sixpence as a child, which delighted my Mum who added the 3d to her collection, I have always been interested in coins but I never really looked at what are now the old £1 coins (the new £1 coins entered into circulation on 28th March). That was until I saw a picture of 24 of what I believe to be the original 25 designs of the reverse/tail side of the coin.

Then I found one with a larger ship quoting Bailiwick of Jersey across the top. Beneath the ship in much smaller print is *Resolute 1877*. Checking the internet I discovered that in the 1850s HMS Resolute was searching the Arctic for the lost Franklin expedition when the Resolute got stuck in the ice. The captain was advised to abandon ship.

My daughter and I decided to try to collect a set before they went out of circulation. Hearing that about thirty percent in circulation were fake, we decided to check each one for a clear milled edge and inscription. We understand there are actually seven different inscriptions in total but so far we have found three.

We collected about ten different £1s in the week before the Guides jumble sale, after which the treasurer very kindly allowed me to check and replace any of the four hundred coins to be banked. It was then we realised that the four bridge designs just have a wavy pattern without an inscription around the edge. I found about six more for our set, including one not shown on the chart. It has three bent legs interspersed with bells, is only half milled and has no inscription. Millennium Bells is shown on the top. The bent legs surely indicate the Isle of Man

We are still six coins short, including those for London, Cardiff and Edinburgh. Presumably the set will become harder to complete as the withdrawal date of 15th October draws nearer but we'll keep looking.

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The merger

THE merger of Sawston and Linton has enabled us to recruit two Emergency Care Practitioners (paramedics), helping us improve care to the frail and elderly in their own homes. Working with South Cambridgeshire District Council we are about to have patient advocates in the practices to assist patients to get access to all the community services available. The Mental Health trusts are placing Community Psychiatric Nurses in the practices giving our patients direct access to these services. These are just a few of the services we will now be able to offer directly rather than referring to other organisations.

Gerard Newnham, Business Manager

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2523 Linton Air Cadets

IT has been a busy few weeks at 2523 Linton Squadron ATC. As well as our regular activities we have had success with our spring recruitment night with seven new faces joining the squadron.

In the first week of the Easter break a group of our cadets were invited to a station visit to RAF Marham which included a tour of the active base, a chance to get up close to the RAF's Tornado aircraft and talks conducted by the pilots who fly them.

This was followed by the much anticipated annual Easter camp on Nesscliff Training Area in Shropshire. Corporal Brandon Green was one of those Linton cadets lucky enough to get a place.

He tells us that: "Eastern Camp is broken down into two sections: Field craft and adventure training.

"The field craft section had a

12 hour block of military skills training covering movement in the field, hand signals, cooking in the field, shelter building, camouflage and concealment. Then a 26 hour training exercise the following day with a scenario of various missions to be completed. This was the highlight of the week.

"Adventure training consisted of various activities including leadership tasks, orienteering, physical training, climbing, abseiling, paintballing and laser shooting. The camp was then finalised with a disco and final parade."

For anyone that would like to learn more about what we do then please come to see us. We parade on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Red Zone of Linton Village College. Email 2523@aircadets.org for details.

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Parish Council Matters

Chairman's annual report

Parish staff

Linton parish council (and indeed any parish council) are highly dependent on the expertise and dedication of the professional staff who support and help guide the workings of a parish council on a day to day basis. This is especially true in a large and growing parish like Linton with 3,555 residents on the electoral roll alone. Linton parish council has struggled in this respect having had six full and part time clerks in the previous three years. Throughout this period the council has been very fortunate to have retained the services of Anne Meeks who worked selflessly in difficult circumstances to ensure that the day to day running of the parish council carried on. This meant that the hundreds of queries from residents each year were answered and that other key tasks such as the preparation of papers for meetings were also meticulously carried out as was general record keeping and the complete reorganisation of the parish council office. I am pleased to say that Anne has now been confirmed as assistant clerk by way of a long overdue recognition of her skills and invaluable contribution to Linton and Linton parish council.

Linton parish council has been equally fortunate in recruiting the shy and retiring 'local lass' Kate Wiseman to the role of clerk and also responsible financial officer (RFO) without which no parish council can legally operate. Kate is currently undertaking the professional training required for both roles and has brought a new energy and vigour to the parish council – as well as badly needed new skills in Social Media and IT. I would also like to mention Chris Filby, our village custodian, who is out in all weathers keeping our village clean and tidy.

Membership of Linton parish council

During the same period Linton parish council has lost, through resignation for various reasons, four very knowledgeable and able parish councillors and has managed to recruit one replacement, Cllr Chris Hine, (hopefully, with one more pending and some further enquiries from residents). However, at present, Linton parish council still has vacancies for three more parish councillors and would be pleased to discuss the role with any residents who may be interested.

Working groups

If you would like to experience first-hand what the parish council actually does and the level of involvement from councillors, residents are able to be co-opted onto any of the working groups. These are informal non-decision making groups which are intended to

share ideas on key issues such as traffic, planning, open spaces, allotments and many other aspects. Please see the website and speak with the clerk for more information, this really is a great way of getting a taste for how your local council works, without having to make any commitment.

Projects and project management

Staff turnover has meant that some projects had to be put on hold as the parish lacked the backroom staff to manage them and an RFO was required to oversee the finance. Linton parish council also had a substantial backlog of projects from previous years that had been previously agreed in outline but not started or completed for various reasons, these are at the forefront of the council's focus now that the staffing is in place. I am also pleased to say that some of these, such as the road in the cemetery have now been ticked off as has improvements to the area around Horn Lane bridge and major work on Leadwell Meadows.

South Cambridgeshire district council and Cambridgeshire county council

In common with other parish councils in South Cambridgeshire Linton is dependent on the district and county councils for the provision of many services and Linton parish council have noted the effects of budget cuts on services provided by South Cambridgeshire district council and Cambridgeshire county council – which were never easy to access at the best of times. This has led to widespread frustration at the lack of speedy response to issues such as potholes, the state of the pavements and emergency issues such as blocked or overflowing drains, especially in the High Street and Emsons Close, and failed streetlights. Also Linton is like all other villages in South Cambridgeshire impacted by the failure of South Cambridgeshire district council to finalise the Local Plan which means Linton remains vulnerable to speculative planning applications.

Planning

The chair of planning will comment in detail, I will only comment that – as most residents of Linton know – the infrastructure and services in the village be it drains, roads, parking spaces, school places, healthcare, etc are already at or near capacity and yet we are besieged by major planning applications.

Financial management

The financial reports are available for inspection and the end of year audit is currently in progress: and we again expect a clean bill of health in this critical area thanks to Cllr Graham Potter as

chair of finance and Kate Wiseman our new clerk and RFO. This parish has also been successful in reducing the amount of long term funds held (that is funds requested previously by former parish councillors for work that, for one reason and another, was not undertaken) this was necessary to forestall the possibility of funds being clawed back.

Priorities

Indeed while some necessary long term projects (especially related to protecting the unique environment and character of Linton) will always be undertaken, the aim is also to ensure that the residents currently contributing to the precept will see more of the benefits.

This is why it is pleasing to see projects for the Beacon Trust and summer activities for young people and the Village Societies Day being supported by the parish council and continued support for village sporting clubs such as LVCC, AZTECS, LGFC and many more. Other priorities include more engagement with residents, schools and local businesses by any means possible. This has included the very well attended public consultation on the proposed development along Back Road with approximately 200 residents attending, and a much improved online presence, allowing for improved interaction with a new generation, as well as an extended dialogue with schools to understand their issues and challenges. Linton parish council still needs to do more to understand the needs and problems faced by local businesses and to explore ways of assisting them to ensure that Linton remains a thriving centre for shops and businesses.

Lastly, I would like to thank the vice chair, Brian Manley, and other parish councillors for their support during the year and to congratulate all those who stood in the recent local elections in Linton. The parish council looks forward to working with our 'new' district and county councillors, not only on Linton issues but also wider concerns such as the A1307 and the City Deal options as these all have an effect upon Linton.

Chairman Cllr Paul Poulter

Annual meeting of the parish

MANY thanks to the residents who attended the annual meeting of the parish at the village hall on Monday 15th May 2017. Your support was greatly appreciated.

If there are any issues affecting our village that you would like to raise please contact the parish council office, details shown in box below.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20th April 2017.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Brian Manley (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Merrie Mannassi; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr David Champion; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Graham Potter. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District Cllrs Henry Batchelor and John Batchelor. Members of the public: four. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Amy Smith.

Open forum for public participation: A resident advised that they were attending the meeting with an interest on the provision of community defibrillators item. The resident advised that these can be purchased and installed in a public place for residents to use for a cost of only £1,300.00. The original suggestion had been that these could be installed in adopted phone booths, however LPC has not adopted any to date, meaning that it would become an issue of reviewing viable locations. It was advised to council that the fire station/police office could be a viable location. With the permission of the chairman this item was brought forward and discussed by council at this point. It was noted by council that whilst these could prove beneficial there are some concerns in relation to maintenance, use, statistics of them working and location. Council decided to defer this item until the meeting of the 18th May to allow them to research and consider viable locations.

District and county councillors' reports & business: The district clrs advised that they were aware that there is an issue with the response times of South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) recently and attributed this to a reduced staff as many people, particularly within the planning department, are leaving for higher paid roles within the private sector. This has a knock on effect where interim staff are covering and taking on new responsibilities and it is all a learning curve, creating delays. It was also advised that once a planning application is approved it cannot be appealed which means that these decisions cannot be reviewed, with the exception of proven errors within the process, which again has no legal outcome on the application and will only merit a review of the process. The district clrs also mentioned the coming omissions sites review and explained that these are SHLAA sites that were then, as such, inserted into the Local Plan. The sites are now being questioned by developers and landowners and are being pushed for review by the inspector. The argument remains the same for the omissions sites as previously submitted. LPC can attend and support this and SCDC can submit new arguments to the officers, a meeting is to be held on the 8th June.

No county councillor report was submitted.

Planning matters: Update from the meeting with Trafalgar Homes, regarding the old van centre site, 20 Cambridge Road, originally in relation to planning application S/3076/16/FL which was subsequently withdrawn: Written report submitted.

Update of the decision from SCDC in relation of the planning application S/2553/16/OL, up to 50 dwellings and not less than 0.45 hectares for allotments, Horseheath Road: LPC spoke at the SCDC planning committee meeting as did the Venerable Alan Clarkson, to whom LPC would like to thank for his outstanding speech and presentation. The application was refused which is great news, however it is almost certain that the developer will submit an appeal. It was also noted that compulsory purchase cannot be considered until the planning application processes have been completed.

Planning working group meeting report from the 22nd March 2017: Written report submitted.

Request sent to SCDC regarding information of the statutory consultees in relation to planning application S/0096/17/FL, for up to 95 new dwellings on the agricultural land north east of Back Road: The clerk advised that following the meeting with Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) highways at SCDC it has become apparent that LPC are not automatically supplied with a list of the independent statutory consultees, which would be incredibly useful for LPC and may assist in building a case. The clerk has contacted the case officer and requested this full list be provided with a copy of each report and recommendation.

Traffic matters: Haverhill Town Forum meeting of 20th March: Written report submitted. Noted.

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over and is now covered in Ivy within the churchyard and requires removal. Local Handyman Services is a preferred supplier so the clerk will contact to see if he is willing to undertake the task first, if not then the clerk is to contact an external body. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Potter, Agreed.

Consideration of the removal of the skate ramp and consideration/delegation of the possible new designs for the replacement: Due to the safety risks posed it was recommended that the skate ramp be removed with immediate effect. Cllr Mannassi proposed that the clerk collate the standard three competitive quotations and that the job be offered to the most competitively priced. This was seconded by Cllr Manley and put to a vote with six in favour, two against and one abstention. Agreed.

Consideration of the BENCH community payback scheme proposed project behind Kingfisher Walk and agreement to purchase required tools: The clerk introduced this item by advising that there are two decisions required. The first is to agree to purchase the tools required by BENCH community payback scheme to complete the work required down behind Kingfisher Walk and The Grove, and the second is to review the proposal from BENCH that two fence panels should be installed opposite the gateway to number 2 Kingfisher Walk as the lack of a barrier and sheer drop pose a direct health and safety issue. It was noted that this had previously been fenced however this had become dilapidated over time and now only the posts remain. BENCH have agreed that they could install these should LPC cover the cost of the materials. On the first element of work, the purchase of tools, this was proposed by Cllr Bald, seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed. On the second element of work, installation of the fence panels, the chairman agreed to suspend Standing Order 3 (d) to (k) to allow a resident to speak on this topic. The resident advised that she lives in The Woodlands and regularly uses this pathway due to the lack of footpath along part of Back Road and she expressed her concern as a parent that the corner in question poses a very real safety risk, particularly to those with young children or on bikes or scooters. The resident also noted that the ground is unstable and there is an immediate 15-20 foot drop straight into the river. The chairman reinstated Standing Order 3 (d) to (k) and asked to put the installation of two fence panels, with notification of without prejudice, as this is not council land, to a vote. Cllr Bald proposed and Cllr Hine seconded with eight in favour and one against. Agreed.

The Beacon Youth Trust: Written report submitted. Concerns were noted by Cllr Ward that some components of the report have a distinctly religious feel to them and that she wished to arrange a meeting with the Beacon Youth Trust to discuss these elements in more detail.

Consideration of support and participation for Linton Volunteers Day on 10th June: Proposed by Cllr Bald, seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Agreed.

Consideration of correspondence received: Resident regarding broken rail and posts alongside 32 High Street and Market Square. It was decided that the resident and Cllr Ward are to consult on possible ideas that could protect the exposed gas pipe and return to council with this to review.

Connections Bus Project regarding youth work provision for the summer holidays 2017: Cllr Ward proposed, Cllr Hill seconded. Put to a vote with eight in favour and one abstention. Agreed.

St Mary's Church regarding a Community Peace Garden in the churchyard and request for funding support: The clerk was tasked to confirm the details and review if LPC can support the funding request legally as this is within the churchyard and not the church itself.

HJ Paintin Ltd regarding consideration for a cross headstone in the cemetery: Proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Put to a vote with eight in favour and one against. Agreed.

Linton village cricket club repayment of balance of grant not used: Noted.

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