

Smith follows in the footsteps of champions

IT'S been a while since LLVC student Joshua Smith, now aged 13, was last seen in The Linton News, having won the English Championship title after the three day event at Shenington Super-Prix in 2021, and so we would love to update you on what has been going on at the tracks and how he is progressing. Following in the footsteps of Lewis Hamilton, at the end of 2021 Josh was awarded the prestigious Mark Hines trophy by HKRC (Hunts Kart Race Club). This trophy is given to young drivers who show the most promise and sense of sportsmanship. Lewis Hamilton was awarded the same trophy in 1995, so receiving this has put Josh in an elite bracket. Josh also secured another two Championships in 2021 at HKRC and WMKC (Whilton Mill Kart Club) in the Honda class before moving into the larger and more



Unbeatable: Josh picks up another win

powerful Rotax Mini Max Karts for 2022. Having transitioned between different kart classes, Josh continues to race with the long-established Project One race team and had just taken the HKRC Mini-Max Championship 2022 title for the 2nd year in a row. Josh was also awarded the HKRC Club Champion title for 2022.

Looking ahead to 2023, Josh has a busy year. He will be competing in The Wera Tools British Kart Championships, racing in the Junior Rotax Class against drivers up to 16 years. To give you an idea of how big the championships are, some of the world's most famous motorsport drivers (including George Russell) have British Kart Championship titles on their CVs. Josh will spend 36 weekends out of 52

competing on the racetracks throughout 2023.

Off track, Josh continues to practice on his racing simulator, which will soon be open to the public here in Linton. We look forward to seeing what 2023 has in store for Josh's karting career and hope to bring you more news of his successes in the future.

If you would like to know more about how to get involved in racing, including details on how to book a session on the racing sim in Linton or if you are interested in how you can help support Joshua's racing journey, please contact Joshua's Dad at andy@projectone-racing.com.

Linton News Team
Project One Racing

Planning permission sought for Dolphin Close green

IN what could be seen as an inevitable next step, the new owner of Dolphin Close green has submitted an outline planning application to South Cambs District Council to develop on the site. The green, which forms the central island of the circular close, is one of few open spaces in the eastern part of the village, and has been used by local residents,

especially children, for decades. The application is only an outline, but details a potential single dwelling with a garage, and a garden that would entirely consume the existing space. For full details please see Parish Council Matters on page 7. Residents have until March 28th to make comments on the application.

Linton News Team



The land is one of few open spaces in the heights area of Linton. Image: Google maps

Review: High School Musical

Linton Village College



THERE is one thing a live action Disney film is guaranteed to do, and that's divide opinion. When *High School Musical* was released in 2006, aggressively loving or hating it was the order of the day. With this in mind, Linton Village College's decision to stage this most Marmite of musicals was probably met with some apprehension by anybody who remembers the war of opinion it provoked. So why did a thoroughly British secondary school in a quiet Cambridgeshire village decide to throw its weight behind a sugary American teen flick from nearly 20 years ago? Well here's the thing about *High School Musical*... it's actually really good.

The wisdom of old was that a school production must contain two ingredients: misery, and a jolly good lesson, but how many times must we watch Nancy being murdered by Bill Sykes before we've had enough misery? And how many times must Inspector Goole pop round after dinner before we've been sufficiently educated on the evils of industrial capitalism? *High School Musical* is one hundred percent fun, and to watch a school cast perform a play that they really want to perform is a rare treat. No sooner had the house lights gone out, than the entire company exploded from behind the audience for the first number, which served to introduce us to the cast.

It was here that we meet Troy and Gabriella (Ronnie Harris and Isla Linsdell) the unlikely couple at the heart of the story. Sharpay (Hannah Mizon) and her long suffering twin brother Ryan (Tom Wilson), are introduced as our villains. That being said, there aren't really villains in *High School Musical*, at least not villains who beat each other to death

in Victorian back streets. Rather, we have villains who's only real crime is trying to be the best at what they do. The central cast was stunning, and their solid ability to go from speech to song and back, something that challenges even professional performers, never wavered. Bohemian drama teacher Ms Darbus (Lizzy Tysoe) manages to keep the kids in check with prodigious use of her handheld gong, and it is very apparent that if she worked at LVC in real life, there is no way she would have let them do *High School Musical*.

Jack Scott (Edward Reece), a socially awkward student who's smooth voice has earned him the job of school announcer, provided some of the most bizarre and hilarious moments, with a minute long guitar solo when he didn't think anyone was watching being particularly joyful. The entertainment never let up, and the big musical numbers were backed up technically by a student led production crew who were worthy of the West End. Having 40 performers on stage at once only works if everyone is provid-

ing something, and there wasn't a single member of the cast who didn't throw themselves at everything they did.

As the show wound up to multiple standing ovations, it was clear that this was a group of young people who bore the brunt of Covid, remote learning, isolation and disruption, against the backdrop of unfolding global unease, and decided that what they needed now was a release. We can only be grateful that they sold tickets for it.

High School Musical clearly wasn't the production that they wanted to do, it was the production that they needed to do.

"We're all in this together" ...never were truer words spoken.

Jack Glossop
Linton News Team
Photo: LVC

Heroes without capes

WE are delighted to announce that Mark and Karen Sanderson have been named *Global Heroes of Hope 2023* after being nominated by David Cianciola: Mark as a Survivor and Karen as a Caregiver. They are the first couple to be named Global Heroes.

Throughout the world there are 351 Global Heroes (24 of them in the UK including the couple and David) across 24 countries worldwide, supported by The American Cancer Society, Cancer Research and Relay for Life.

They all work together to spread the word about Relay for Life events, share their stories and talk about hope to everyone and especially those who are presently on their journey, and also to celebrate life. Mark began his journey over 20 years ago, having been diagnosed after a tonsillectomy.

He is a double Survivor, due to having three different cancers, and a bone marrow transplant five years ago, when the Anthony Nolan Trust found him a donor. Karen cared for and continues to care for him and was there for all his treatment and appointments. The couple fundraise in many ways but mainly through Relay for Life, this year in Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds on July 1st and 2nd. Karen's band Linton Jazz will join them and perform on the Saturday.

If you would like more information about Relay for Life - about becoming part of a local team, about fundraising for Cancer Research or by donating raffle prizes to help their fundraising, please contact Karen on lintonjazz64@gmail.com.



Karen and Mark with their award

Linton News Team
Karen Sanderson

A high fibre diet for Linton

EVENTS are being staged for residents looking for more information about engineering work starting this month to connect more than 2,500 homes in Linton and The Abingtons to full fibre broadband.

The work is part of a £39m investment in the county by Gigaclear, the UK's largest rural, full fibre alternative network.

Residents in Linton are invited to join an online presentation on Wednesday, March 8th from 6.30pm-7.30pm. The following Wednesday (March 15th), there will be the opportunity to meet Gigaclear's Community Engagement Manager Andrew Lipski between 4.30pm and 7pm at the Cathodeon Centre in Horseheath Road. Residents living in The Abingtons will be able to join their online presentation on Thursday, March 9th, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Mr Lipski will be holding a drop-in event at the Village Institute the following Thursday (March 16th), from 4.30pm-7pm. Anyone wishing to attend the online events can register at www.gigaclear.com/events

No booking is required for the two drop-in events at which Mr Lipski will be happy to answer any questions about the engineering work taking place and the benefits of full fibre broadband.

For further information, please contact Gigaclear Communications Manager Richard Arquati on 07501 395415 or email richard.arquati@gigaclear.com

Linton News Team
Andrew Lipski

Readers write...

Dear Editor,

It is with great sadness that the family of Brian Pettit must share news that he peacefully passed away on Saturday 18th February. Brian was an extraordinary watchmaker and jeweller, many of you will have had your watches repaired at Small Gifts. Brian was a perfectionist, who always managed to work his magic and persuade the most stubborn of timepieces to behave. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and loyal customers.

Pettit Family

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday 8th March 2023, between 6.30-8.30pm, there will be Community Police meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre in Linton. *Coffee with a copper* has been arranged to allow for parishioners to come along and talk with the police about any issues or concerns. This can include Anti-Social behaviour, Drug related crimes etc etc Please come along at any time between 6.30-8.30pm to enjoy a coffee and a chat.

Linton Parish Council

Come and join the celebrations



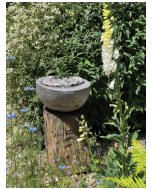
A new coat of paint on the front, but the real magic is inside

JUST over three years ago, Linton Free Church began to think how we could transform our buildings for the 21st century, whilst respecting the rich heritage of our 200-year-old listed building. The work is now completed, so if you walk along Horn Lane, you will see how smart the outside now looks; and we would love you to come and view the transformation of the interior. Open house: 10am-2pm on Saturday 25th March and 2pm-4pm on Sunday 26th March. There will be something for all the family, with refreshments and Bouncy Castles. The dedication of the refurbished building will take place at 3pm on Saturday 25th. Morning worship on Sunday 26th at 10.30. Do join us for either of these events in person or on zoom (see www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk for the zoom link). Please note there is no parking in Horn Lane. Please use the Village Car Park, High Street, or Church Lane. We look forward to welcoming you.

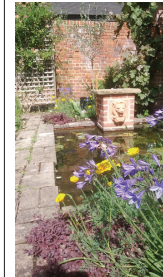
Rev Chris Kemshell (Minister)

Gardens to open once again

SEVEN Linton gardens will open on Sunday 18th June this year for the National Garden Scheme (NGS). They follow the successful openings last year, the first time in Linton, which raised over £7000 for NGS charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie. This year's gardens include a new one that did not open last year, and the date is later in the year, meaning different flowers will be at their peak.



These gardens are not otherwise open to the public, so this is a rare opportunity to explore gardens on your doorstep with a range of sizes from small to large, each with a different style according to the personal tastes of the owners.



Get a rare glimpse of these unique spaces

Some of the gardens are developing rapidly, so expect changes, in part due to extreme drought last summer and extreme cold this winter, providing an opportunity to see what survived locally and a foretaste of future climate change.

Nevertheless, still expect roses, peonies, poppies and irises, trees, herbs and vegetable plots, ponds, artefacts and sculptures. These are the gardens that will open:

1 Mill Lane (Summerfield House); 3 Mill Lane (Millicent House); 20 Mill Lane; 14 High Street; 16 High Street (Queen's House); 64 High Street (Linton House); 94 High Street.

Put the date in your diary, and look out for further details in the May Linton News. If you are not on the list, but would consider opening your garden on 18th June, it is not too late to contact us about being included!

Yali Xue and Chris Tyler-Smith
local National Gardens Scheme coordinators,
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Camsight Linton Group the Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with sight impairment or blindness

SCANDAL and dark misdeeds - in Bartlow! This was the theme of our stories at our meeting in February, told by Mrs Gilly Cunningham. Gilly, who lives in Bartlow, gave us a fascinating and amusing talk on goings-on (in the dark and distant past the present residents will be glad to hear) which our members greatly enjoyed.

This was followed by our raffle and afternoon tea, when we also welcomed a new volunteer to help in our group. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March, at 2pm at the Chalklands Community Centre. If you or anyone you know with sight loss would like further information, please call us on 01223 420033, or on the number below.

Jean Mannion
01223 893595

Right: Camsight members hear a talk by Gilly Cunningham



1st Linton Scouts

THE 2023 AGM was well attended on Wednesday 25th January at the URC Hall on Horn Lane. The call for volunteers was heard, and we are now looking forward to new committee members joining us for our next meeting in April.

Exciting plans for the year ahead are anticipated, although we do have to say a sad farewell to Jane Catley, who leaves Beavers after 18 years as a helper. As always, we are grateful for anyone who is able to offer time to help, or who can provide an interesting talk/experience/activity for the Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

Ed Groenhart, Chair 660493

Infant School back on the road

IT FINALLY feels, after years of uncertainty, that school life is returning to normal. School trips have resumed, with Year Two visiting Braintree Museum, Year One the Duxford Imperial War Museum and Early Years to the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge. There really is no substitute for real-life experiences and travelling by coach with your friends! I think some children would be quite content with the coach trip, a packed lunch, then straight back to school! However, all of these trips have been a great success and help to consolidate the learning that takes place in the classroom. Our PTFa have also started to return to normal with a packed calendar of fundraising events. As school budgets are facing the same squeezes on fuel and food as households, the PTFa really does support the extra activities for the children. Our recent school disco with DJ Barry was a great success. We have lots of other exciting things planned, so please do support us when possible. It is always lovely to see you at our events. Wickes have very kindly donated two new sheds for us to house our outdoor equipment. Thank you so much to the team at Wickes for supporting our school. The children were very excited to see them being built and to move the equipment from our old leaky sheds to the brand new ones!



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March.....

Wednesday 8 th	Quiz	7:30pm
Saturday 11 th	Karaoke	8pm
Friday 17 th	St Patricks Day Shindig with Sam Herbert	8pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Saturday 25 th	Legends of Rock	8pm

Tuesday - Sunday Happy Kebab Burger van from 6pm

Bowling into a new season



Bowls is a sport for everyone

AFTER a revitalised season and enjoyable tour in 2022, Balsham Bowls Club finished the year with another successful Bingo night and hot supper at the beginning of December. It was nice to see people from the village alongside members of the Club. 2022 brought a number of new and enthusiastic players of the game. We can now hopefully look forward to a stronger Club for the coming year where we plan to be entering more teams with therefore more game opportunities for the members. We are also considering an internal Club competition alongside the regular Monday roll up.

If you are interested in playing, we very much welcome new members. Please visit our website www.balshambowlsclub.co.uk or email balshambowls@gmail.com or call Christine on 07530 649573.

The season will kick-off once again with an open day at the end of April, date to be confirmed. All members welcome and anyone interested in having a go will be welcome to come along and find out more about the Club and spend time with our coaches. The Club has been a successful and integral part of the village since it was founded in 1946. Now, more than ever, we want to welcome any new and existing residents in Balsham and the surrounding villages to contact us and give the game a go. Members of the W.I. enjoyed a great evening with us last year, and loads of people of all ages enjoyed a go at target bowls on Village Feast Day!

Why not you too?

Bob Stigwood

Linton Gardening Club

AT the February meeting of Linton Gardening Club, Gwenda Kyd gave a fascinating talk on some of the nutritional and medicinal properties of common plant based foods and drinks such as carrots, apples, olives, hops (beer!) and grapes (wine!). March brings the spring equinox and the clocks "spring" forward at the end of the month giving us more daylight to enjoy. In our own garden, I have been potting-on cuttings of geraniums and plep-tranthus which were propagated in water over winter. Tomato seeds have been sown in potting compost and kept under plastic on a windowsill to germinate at room temperature.



Above and below: Hymal Honeys

Outdoors, spring bulbs are at their colourful best and some leaf buds have already burst open in the borders. I have hard pruned the cornus and willows stems to produce colourful new growth for winter interest. I now need to lightly prune our buddleias, Himalayan honeysuckle (pheasant berry) and hardy fuchsia back to growing buds before growth really gets going. Gardening and growing plants is widely recognised as beneficial to our physical and mental wellbeing. Joining a garden club adds an enjoyable social and educational element. Linton Gardening Club welcome all ages and abilities and if you or your family are interested in "Linton in Bloom", you will find a warm welcome at any of our meetings so please do come along and see for yourself.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th March in Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm where Paul Johnstone will give a talk on *A Gardener's tale - 7 Years a Gardener at RHS Wisley*.

Jim Linton Garden Club
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March bin collection dates (Linton)

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Green bins: Monday 6th, Monday 20th

ACES high

ACTIVITIES and Care for Elders continued its post-lockdown revival with a soup and roll lunch at the pavilion on the Recreation Ground last month. We were all glad to see each other again, and welcomed several new members, including some who had recently moved to Linton. Our *Bring a Friend* initiative worked well, and we encourage everyone interested to keep this up with our excursion to Norwich on 20th April. The "Fine City" is a lovely venue, with its castle museum, cathedral, shops and restaurants, and we've kept the cost down to £15. To book, contact Jan Sheppard, 01223 892420.

John Bald, Chairman, ACE

An art group for all

LINTON Free Church Art Group meet on Tuesdays from 10am - 12 noon in the Church Hall on Horn Lane. Please feel free to come and join us.

We are an amateur group who meet to support and encourage each other's creative journey. There is no charge for the sessions, simply come along and have fun! For more information ring Jane on 894160

Jane Whitmore



Artwork created at the group

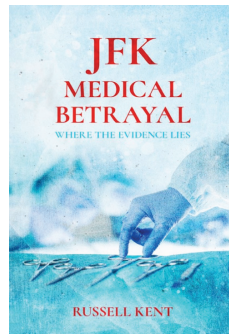
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Litter collected at the last pick

THANK you to everyone who joined in our litter pick on 28th January hosted by Linton Parish Council at the village hall. We had a great turnout of volunteers which resulted in 15 bags of litter collected from around the village, including roadworks signs, a tyre and parts of a vacuum cleaner!

Linton FROG (Friends of the River Granta) and the Parish Council are teaming up again to host a village-wide litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 25th March – please do join us. Pick ‘HQ’ will be the Village Hall 10am until 2pm. We have a supply of litter pickers for adults and children, along with bag holders and plenty of bin bags. Please bring your own gloves if you can.

Pick litter wherever you like in the village and bring your full bags back to HQ for sorting. Free refreshments will be available for everyone who takes part.

If you wish to be involved in another way, e.g. taking official photos or sorting the litter that can be recycled, please do get in touch.

For queries and to register your interest please either email lintonfrog@gmail.com or call Helen on 07812 988 917.

Helen Brookes

WI: Unwelcome Visitors

OUR speaker, Michele Glazebrook from Linton, is a self-employed environmental health officer working on the housing side. When does a pest become a pest? When it comes into our home and can spread disease. Thankfully, rats only live from 12–18 months and seem to thrive, but they regulate their population themselves. Mice are not as serious a health problem as rats. In 1842, Edwin Chadwick published his *Report on the Sanitary Conditions of the Labouring Population of Great Britain* when life expectancy for labourers was 17 years (for tradesmen it was 20, for gentry 37 years). Something had to be done. Refuse removal, a sewage system and clean drinking water were introduced. In 1883, sanitary inspectors were introduced. In 1956, the *Clean Air Act* came in (in 1952, 12,000 people died from the smog).

Michele has had a long and varied career. She started in King’s Lynn in meat safety, working in an abattoir for several months: licencing; markets; gypsy and caravan camps; pest control, and noise control. One inspector was dangled by his feet over a balcony when he turned off some loudspeakers. Conditions in some houses are horrific but inspectors often cannot gain access, so nothing can be done. Michele has been throttled once but fortunately her colleague was a boxer. She showed us her most important piece of equipment, pads for kneeling down and looking for pest droppings. Michele’s sister works in the hotel trade in London and even the top hotels can have bedbug problems, there is nothing to do but throw everything out. A photo of a tree growing right up against a block of flats explained a squirrel infestation.

Our next meeting on 7th March is our Annual Meeting when we choose our new officers and is for members only. If anyone would like to join us for future meetings, you’d be most welcome. Look out on the parish notice boards for details of our meeting on 4th April.

Sally Proberts (891021)

ZooLab visits Year 4

BEING appreciative of our wonderful world and all that is in it is a key focus at Linton Heights Junior School. For this reason the recent ZooLab visit was greatly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. The Y4 team write:

On Monday 30th January, Chris from ZooLab visited Y4 with some of his rainforest animals. He told us about his explorations of rainforests around the world, including those in Africa and South America.

The animals he brought with him included; Buttercup the corn snake, Elvis the tarantula, Honey the Gecko and two rats, Princess Katie and Mel, although Mel was too naughty to make an appearance!

Y4 really enjoyed this exciting and informative experience: “I liked the gecko best because it was silky,” said Harper “My favourite part was holding the snake because it was soft” Eloise added.

“My favourite part was when I got to stroke the little rat because it was fluffy.” - Isla

ZooLab Classroom Animal Encounters is a fully interactive learning experience which offers flexibility, accessibility and a unique and an effective learning experience for primary school pupils.

Written by the Year 4 teachers and pupils

Community Warden Scheme

Hi, my name is Chrissy, and I am the Community Warden for Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in Linton.



Chrissy is here to help

I am originally from London where I worked as a nurse for over 30 years. I have lived locally for the past 15 years and have been working in the community for that time, the past year being with Age UK CAP, working in Linton.

As a community warden I can provide practical help, support and companionship to older people in their own home. Support can be flexible to meet your needs and can include a daily telephone call and regular visits. This can help to provide reassurance to the individual as well as to family members who might not live locally.

Examples of support might include making ‘phone calls on your behalf, picking up prescriptions, shopping for small items, making drinks or light lunches, helping to find local groups of interest, arranging transport, or sitting and chatting over a cup of tea.

I can also help you to access other services that might be appropriate, offered by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and other organisations, such as home safety checks, a handyman service, advice on benefits / form filling, IT help or finding support with energy costs.

All new referrals receive a two week FREE trial and there is a small weekly fee to pay thereafter.

If you would like to learn more about the Community Warden scheme in Linton, please call 07931 852019 or 07944 181307, or email: wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

Sarah Thomson
Service Manager

A belting success for charity

WANDLEBURY Country Park near Cambridge has just welcomed some new residents – a herd of eight Belted Galloway cattle. They have a distinctive black and white striped coat, a bit like a humber sweet.

Ed Wombwell is the Estate Manager of Cambridge Past, Present & Future, the local charity which owns Wandlebury Country Park, and he is delighted with the new arrivals. “We have some beautiful wildflower meadows in the park and the cows help to keep the grasses down, which benefits the flowers. So, grazing these cows will help to increase the amount of nature in the park. We don’t have any barns, so our animals are outside all year, which is why we have chosen this hardy Scottish breed. They are also really attractive animals and we hope that visitors to the park will enjoy seeing them.”

For more information about Cambridge Past, Present & Future www.cambridgeppf.org Please contact Rachel French to arrange a visit, email.development@cambridgeppf.org

For more information about Wandlebury Country Park please see our website above.

Cambridge Past Present and Future



Belted Galloways enjoying their new home

Flotilla of fish and ships!!!

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Linton Speedwatch - Monthly Summary

Date	Time	Location	Traffic Direction	Speed Limit	Traffic Volume	Vehicles Speeding	Speeding %	Av. Excess Speed
11th January	8.30am	Horseheath Road	incoming	30mph	105	8	7.62%	36.30mph
17th January	8.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	146	25	17.12%	27.90mph
21st January	10.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	117	7	5.98%	26.71mph
26th January	8.30am	Hatchick Road	outgoing	30mph	98	16	16.33%	36.71mph
28th January	10.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	168	11	6.55%	26.45mph
31st January	8.30am	Bank Road	outgoing	30mph	78	5	6.41%	37.00mph

Source: Linton Speedwatch Team
Greenchester Thanks supports Linton Speedwatch

COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams

ELMS – the new Environmental Land Management Schemes

SOMETIMES I bike down the roads and watch all sorts of activities on the verges, hedges, ditches and fields and wonder exactly what's going on and why. The UK has moved away from the Common Agricultural Policy towards the new ELM schemes. The aim of the schemes is to support the rural economy while achieving the goals of the 25 year Environment Plan working towards our commitment to net zero emissions by 2050. Farmers may enter into agreements to be paid for delivering

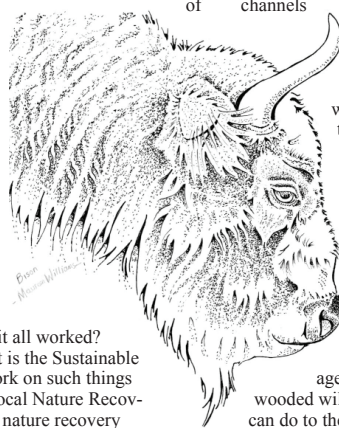
- Clean and plentiful water
- Clean air
- Thriving plants and wildlife
- Protection from environmental hazards

- Reduction of and adaptation to climate change
- Beauty, heritage and engagement with the environment.

Doesn't it all sound like motherhood and apple pie, and wouldn't it be great if it all worked? Very briefly there are three parts. The first is the Sustainable Farming Incentive, paying farmers for work on such things as hedges and grassland. The second is Local Nature Recovery, paying farmers for actions to support nature recovery and local environmental priorities. The third is Landscape Recovery through long term projects such as restoring wilder landscapes, large scale tree planting and peat and marshland restoration. It is this last one which led me, though not exactly seamlessly, to the bison.

We are used to the introduction of konik ponies, longhorn cattle, water buffalo and wolves and golden eagles in the highlands. We have heard about beavers being introduced in many areas, including Spains Hall down the road, and the much

quoted Knepp estate in Sussex. Here's a report from Knepp about their beavers, exactly one year after introduction. - The transformation of their habitat has been breath-taking. Their dams are now holding several acres of open water, mitigating flood risk downstream. They've built a network of channels connecting their pools, allowing them to transport large branches with ease.



Since last spring, the beavers' gnawing has coppiced the trees, letting in light for re-growth and stimulating life in the water. In the sweltering summer of 2022, their pen was a precious wetland oasis, a haven for insects, birds and other wildlife. Not everyone agrees about the benefits of beavers, but what about what has just happened in Kent? Just north of Canterbury 4 wild bison are roaming in 50 hectares of woodland. The first male arrived from Germany just before Christmas. Rewilding is one thing, but bringing back mega fauna not seen in England for 10,000 years is surely another. When we enclosed our unmanaged land centuries ago, all the scrubby semi-wooded wilderness died off. The idea is that bison can do to the landscape what no mechanical process can replicate. They are clearing pathways through the undergrowth, demolishing trees and stripping bark, all leading to more varied plants, more varied insects and more insect eating predators. Apparently only large herbivores can create that kind of happy chaos. Rewilding doesn't mean abandoning vast swathes of farmland. It can also mean changing the way we treat land that is already protected.

POT POURRI 213

How many cars?

I AM travelling north on the motorway at a steady 50mph. It is assumed that cars travelling south number 2000 per hour. The cars going south are evenly distributed and are also doing 50 mph. How many cars are actually travelling south as I am going north?

Pot Pourri 212 - The farmer's land

The plot shape is a trapezoid with one non parallel side being vertical ie. having 90 degree angle.

Marsh Mail

LVC students were busily involved in lots of extra-curricular opportunities in February.

A cast of 67 students from all year groups, supported by a tech team of six students, performed in *High School Musical* at the start of the month. The plot of the Disney musical, based on a 2006 film, is set in an American high school and encourages students to be individual and true to their own beliefs and interests. Feedback from the school community and members of the public was fantastic. The students were thrilled to receive a standing ovation on the final night.

Years 8-11 students were involved in the South East Cambridgeshire Schools Debate semi-final, debating *This House believes that the UK voting age should be 16*. MP Lucy Frazer was involved in judging the competition (pictured) and was highly impressed by the quality of the students' debating skills and their confident performances. The selected winners were Will in Year 10 and Ben in Year 11, who will represent LVC at the debating final held at the House of Commons in March.

Mental health has also been a focus at the College over the last month, with a number of male-only forums taking place to discuss how provision can be best accessed by male members of the College community. Mental health support has developed to include self-referral to a member of the mental health and well-being team. Lunchtime drop-in appointments with the College counsellor are also available. All male mental health forums will continue to take place once a half term. There is a self-referral form on the LVC website for any student to use.



Linton Library News

WE are pleased to welcome Melanie Symonds as the new Library Assistant. Our new monthly **Read a Little Aloud** session is on Friday 3rd March, 11.15 am-12.15 pm (please note the new time). Relax and listen as library volunteers and staff read from a variety of stories, poetry and literature for adults. It takes place every first Friday of the month.

Knit and Natter will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 7th and 21st March: bring along your latest craft project. *Rhyme and Storytime* will be on Tuesday 14th and 28th at 10.30-11 am. We will have a *games afternoon for adults* on Tuesday 14th, 2-4 pm. Try your hand at Rummikub or Five Crowns. Beginners welcome. *Daylight Readers*, our book club, meets on Friday 17 March. Ask at the library if you are interested in joining.

If you need help with a Bus Pass renewal our Digital Buddy is happy to help - appointments are available on Thursday afternoons from 2 pm. Please book at the library.

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Ann King and Melanie Symonds
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Walking - with Dinosaurs

ON Sunday April 30th, 2023 from 9.30am, please join us for the annual 3 Counties Charity Walk at Hills Farm Bartlow CB21 4PW. All children's activities included in the ticket price.

This year the theme is DINOSAURS! So please bring all your friends and family to have a great day out. Learn lots of facts about the fascinating creatures who lived here before us, and also have a really good walk. Then relax in the farm yard with activities, a jazz band and refreshments.

We are raising money for three lovely local charities this year: Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital, Tom's Trust and Bartlow Church Restoration Fund.

Walks range from 1-13 miles and are fully signed, marshalled and mapped, with toilets and refreshments on the way. On the 13 mile walk you will reach the beautiful point where the three counties Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire meet, marked by the lovely pink sign.

Dogs are very welcome but please keep them under control and on a lead. Tickets will be available nearer to the date, from the website: bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk Tickets are cheaper online than buying them on the day.

This event is a really good practice for anyone doing Duke of Edinburgh, wanting to walk in their boots and get used to their kit. Hetty Findlay, Duncan Ogilvy (walk organiser 893644)

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District and County Councillors' report February 2023

Making Connections Consultation

THANK you to all those that fed their views into the Greater Cambridge Partnership's public consultation, which is more commonly known as the Congestion Charge Consultation. There were in the region of 24,000 responses, which equates to around 15% of the entire population of South Cambridgeshire. This doesn't sound like a lot, but it is!

A1307 Update

The upgrades to the A1307 are moving forward at some pace now. The Greater Cambridge Partnership (the body implementing these schemes) is now in the final phases of making the changes to our section of the road, between Haverhill and the A11. The next phases that are being constructed are:

1. Completing the improved footpath between Pilgrim's (previously Dalehead Foods) and Hildersham. This work includes the removal of the eastbound layby as that is needed to accommodate the widened path. This work has started now and will take a few months to complete.
2. The installation of a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307. This is a relatively major piece of infrastructure and will take at least nine months to complete. There will be minimal disruption whilst the work is happening as the plan is to construct a temporary carriageway around the construction site so that the A1307 will very rarely need to fully close. There may be some road closures of Bartlow Road, Linton and Linton Road, Bartlow, but luckily the diversion routes for these closures are very short. The GCP are also planning on holding one, possibly two, public meetings in Linton in February and March to display the full detail of these plans to anyone that has an interest or concern.

Budgets and Council Tax

February is always budget-setting time for local authorities. This is where they set out the areas of the council where they will be spending/allocating their budgets. It is also when they can choose to raise council tax to help pay for the services that they have to provide. County Council: The County Council will be implementing a 4.99% increase on council tax. This is split as such - 2% increase on Adult Social Care and 2.99% on the Basic Council Tax rate. This equates to £73 per year for a band D rated property. District Council: SCDC will be implementing an additional £5 per year on band D properties, which equates to circa a 3.5% rise. There are also other precept-setting authorities in Cambridgeshire. They are, at time of writing, proposing the following increases:

Fire Authority - £4.95 per annum increase for band D properties;
Police and Crime Commissioner - 5.8% increase which equates to 29p per week on a band D property;

Combined Authority - this is a brand new tax that is being introduced which will exclusively help to support bus services in Cambridgeshire. The proposal is £12 per year for band D properties.

Business Rates

It is looking very likely that there will be hikes in business rates over the coming years. These rates are set nationally but are collected by the District Council. It seems quite counterproductive, to us at least, to offer a lot of financial support to keep businesses going during the pandemic and then to clobber them with increased business rates to help pay for said financial support. Please do make any local business owners aware of what looks likely to be coming!

20mph schemes

The Highways and Transport Committee at the County Council approved the changes to the Council's policy on 20 mph speed limits outlined in previous reports. The proposed timetable for applications for funding for new 20 mph speed limits is as follows:

- Go 'live' with application process on-line for new schemes (February 2023);
- Application period (February to April 2023);
- Prioritisation (May to June 2023);
- Committee report for approval (July 2023);
- Programming and delivery of schemes (August 2023 onwards).

Linton Warm Hubs

Cambridgeshire ACRE and South Cambs District Council are working with communities all across the district to open Warm Hubs to help people struggling with fuel cost or just wanting an opportunity to get together. Linton had two open last year and there is now another one at the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. Details of all 3 are:

- St Mary's Church - Thursday 11 am - 2 pm
- Linton Free Church - Tuesday 1 pm - 4 pm
- Sports Pavilion - Wednesday 1 pm - 4 pm

Electric Vehicle Charging

The District Council has introduced a grant of up to £5,000 per application for electric vehicle charging points on community/public buildings within the district. It's a great opportunity for us to expand our electric charging network and make our area more accessible for those wanting to travel here via electric vehicle.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/grants-funding-and-community-support/electric-vehicle-charge-point-grant/>
Water Resources Consultation Response
SCDC Cabinet has approved the Council's response to Water Resources East consultation on a Draft Regional Water Resources Plan for Eastern England. The response underlines the need for certainty about future water supplies as a key prerequisite of the emerging Local Plan.

Refugees

The District Council has received Government funding to buy an additional 30 houses, to be used to house Ukrainian and Afghan refugees. It is hoped to have them in place by the end of the year. In the longer run, when no longer required for this purpose, the houses will become part of the social housing stock.

District Council - John Batchelor - johndbatchelor23@gmail.com
District & County Council - Henry Batchelor - henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Proposed demolition of existing garage, entrance gate and wall and part of existing boundary wall; Erection of new entrance gates and rebuild of part of existing boundary wall and construction of access drive and erection of cart shed; Internal alterations to existing dwelling including installation of new fixed glazed window.

21 Horn Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HT

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T1 Malus. Tree shows some basal decay and crowded / overgrown canopy. Crown reduce by up to 1m and crown raise ends of lower branches by up to 0.5m. Remove internal water shoots / crossing branches.

4 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY

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Certificate Of Lawfulness Under S192 For Loft conversion including rear facing dormer and front facing rooflight windows.

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Refurbishment to the existing Wardens House for SEN and office use to include constructing DDA access into property, internal alterations and refurbishment to Ground Floor space for SEN, light refurbishment to First Floor accommodation for office use, repair and replacement of external RWGs and Roof felt, replacement of windows for new Crittall windows, replacement of oil tank to Air Source Heat Pump and general upgrade of mechanical and electrical devices for new.

Linton Village College Cambridge Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JB

Ref. No: 23/00488/LBC | Validated: Thu 09 Feb 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Modification of planning obligations contained in a Section 106 Agreement dated 28 January 2020 made between (1) South Cambridgeshire District Council and (2) Trafalgar Homes (Cambridge) Limited pursuant to planning ref; S/0163/18/FL

Land At 20 Cambridge Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NN

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Parish Liaison Meeting update for the village

WARM HUBS

There are now 25 plus warm hubs in the South Cambridgeshire area, including two in Linton. Tuesday 1pm-4pm at Linton Free Church, Horn Lane and Thursday 11am - 2pm at St Mary's Church Pavillion. Cambridgeshire Acra are training volunteers to help run the Hubs but also open new ones around the local area. Some hubs welcome support agencies to give advice and also provide free CO2 monitors. Information can be found in the South Cambridgeshire Magazine and online at scambys.gov.uk or contact Chris Riches on 01954 713070. All the above information is being linked to Warden Schemes, Mobile Wardens and also the Handyperson Scheme.

Civil Parking Enforcement

This new scheme will pass the power of parking issues from the Police to the County Council Parking Enforcement Officers by the end of 2023. In all Parishes during 2023 lines are going to be painted and updated so that all parking restrictions are in place. Enforcement Officers will be in most Parishes by the end of 2023 and they will issue tickets, complete all the paperwork and collect the fines. Parish Councillors will be asked to provide information about areas in the village where there is a recurrence of illegal and unsafe parking. For example outside schools, on pavements, drivers parking in disabled bays without displaying a Disabled badge.

Community Safety

A number of agencies are involved in supporting all residents and keeping them safe including South Cambridgeshire District Council, all support agencies, the Police, the Fire Service, Charities, Doctors, Schools and Mental Health Agencies. Projects that they tackle include Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, Negligence, County Lines, Child Abuse, Drug related Crime, ASB, Modern Slavery, Speeding/Speedwatch and inconsiderate Parking, these are just a handful of the issues they encounter on a daily basis. You can help by being the eyes and ears of your neighbourhood. Watch out for unsuitable/unsafe behaviour, closed curtains, young people not in school during school hours, people suddenly wearing high end clothing /designer clothes and shoes and using high end devices, post/ papers hanging out of postboxes, strange cars parked in the street or groups/ individuals hanging around and behaving suspiciously. PLEASE REPORT anything you are uneasy about to...

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There are also forms that you can fill in online at www.police.uk.

Electric Car Charging

By 2050 the plan is that all cars on the road will be electric powered so that carbon emissions will be at 0%. The use of electric powered cars plays a key role in carbon emissions reduction. But 25% of homes in South Cambridgeshire do not have driveways so therefore local Parishes need to start thinking about finding places to site Electric Car Charging points. These could be sited at Parish/Villages Halls/Libraries/Community Buildings. All the points must be publicly accessible 24/7, near local attractions such as parks, pubs, shops, gyms, libraries etc and be in a safe well lit location. They also must be next to a power source, and placed near homes that do not have private parking, there should also be Private Parking Bays for visitors such as workmen so that they can re-charge too.

Grants will be made available shortly for this work to begin but to apply for a grant Parish Councils need to demonstrate a demand for a charger on the chosen site attending a monthly meeting

Cllr Karen Sanderson

Collation & Induction of the New Team Rector Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn

TO mis-quote William Blake

"A good local church has much in common with a pub, except it is colder and there is less conversation", this sentiment reflects the importance of the Parish Church to a Village, as much as a Pub, in helping to make a viable community. In Linton we are extremely lucky to have a visually beautiful Parish Church, an excellent Ministry team, 3 excellent Pubs and plenty of history. It is important to know that the Parish Church belongs to the people. It is part of our common heritage and the responsibility for its custody rests legally with the Parochial Church Councils and morally with the Parishioners, of whom the church councils are the elected representatives.

On February 14, on behalf of the Parish Council, I had the privilege to play a small part in welcoming the new Rector to our Village, along with other local community representatives and ecumenical partners during the service held for the Collation and Induction. This is something that has happened down the centuries but which, until relatively recently, was an act of Canon Law carried out in private. However, over time, the Church of England has adapted and now a service is held. This Collation then reflects the Spiritualities (responsibility to perform divine service, preach, teach and provide pastoral care) and Temporalities or actual legal possession of the Benefice (defined as a permanent Church appointment, typically that of a rector or vicar, for which property and income are provided in respect of pastoral duties.). Actual paperwork, accepting the responsibilities, is signed during the Service.

The service included the participation of the Church Wardens and others of the Ministry Team from surrounding Villages, including Bartlow, Shudy Camps, Castle Camps and Horseheath. As usual, the Choir sung beautifully and as the Bishop of Ely said in his sermon, they raised the roof with their singing (a reference to holding a service amidst a lot of scaffold poles). A very interesting Church of England service and on behalf of the Parish Council, we hope the Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn will be happy in our Village. Cllr Merrie

Parish Precept 2023/4

Precept is the budgeting terminology used to determine the amount of your council tax which is allocated to the Parish Council to enable it to cover essential operating costs and services required in the village. This includes maintaining open spaces and play equipment, grass cutting and grounds maintenance, Cemetery management, providing litter bins and waste disposal and staffing costs. The Parish Council also awards funds to support local charities and groups, often helping them with running costs. Larger projects such as the Skate Park and the Bowls Green are solely funded by the Parish Council.

In the fiscal year ending 31 March 2023 Linton received an S106 contribution from the Developer of "The Pastures" of approx. £86,000 in line with the planning process to help support Linton with infrastructure. This is a useful contribution, and although it must be used in a certain way, for either indoor or outdoor community space, it benefits the village as a whole. Some of this money has been used to support the Village Hall and the rest is going to be used to pay for some of the work needed to refurbish the old Bowls green area and make it a positive asset for the Village.

As we have this developer's contribution, additional funds for larger projects was not required, we have managed to keep the increase this year at 6.6%. For a band D property this adds £5.93 on the Parish Council line of your Council Tax Bill for the whole year. This equates to 11 pence per week.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Planning Update January - February 2023

DOLPHIN Close - 23/00351/OUT

An Outline Planning Application has now been received for the circular amenity land in the middle of Dolphin Close that was sold at auction last year. Outline planning applications look at the principle of development on a piece of land. Planning Officers are asked to explore whether the positive aspects of development outweigh any harm caused by it, or whether the harm caused would outweigh the benefits. Once Outline consent is granted, land is likely to be built on unless the developer lets the consent lapse. All matters are reserved in this application which means that if approval is given, the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the development could be completely different when a Reserved Matters or Full application is subsequently applied for. On Thursday 16th February, the LPC Planning Committee voted to Object to the proposed development of this land as we agreed that the open character of Dolphin Close and the wider Heights Development would be harmed by building on this plot. We also felt strongly that the land has been enjoyed by many children and adults as open amenity space for 49 years and that, therefore, the amenity of residents would be harmed by the development. Our full comments are available on the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning portal. Please use this web address: https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/view-and-add-comment-on-planning-applications/ to search for the application (23/00351/OUT). This web page also has a link at the bottom to "Material Planning Considerations" - these are the key things that Planners will take into account when deciding an application. This application is due to be decided by Tuesday 28th March - if you would like to comment, please do so as soon as possible. Comments received before the determination date must still be considered by the Planning Officer.

Bartlow Road - Foul Water Appeal Hearing

Following the postponement of the Hearing in January, LPC have requested that it should take place in Linton Village Hall. This has been agreed by the Local Authority and the Planning Inspectorate. The new proposed date is Thursday 13th April Again, the numbers matter! Please put this date in your diary and come along to the Village Hall to support your Parish Council.

Bartlow Road - Other

We are still waiting for an explanation about the protected hedgerow that has been removed from the front of the site. A number of residents have also contacted us about the outlet from the site that goes into the River Granta at the end of the Pocket Park near the A1307. Unfortunately, although the Planning Authority refused the Surface Water scheme for the site as requested by the Parish Council, the Planning Inspector who determined the Appeal lodged by Abbey decided that the scheme was acceptable and over-ruled the decision. This "feature" is therefore there to stay.

20 Cambridge Road (The White Van Centre)The developer and planning authority employed an interesting tactic to allow the development to start on this site! A non-material amendment application was submitted to the GCSP to define "demolition" as being outside the requirements of the pre-commencement conditions. We were notified about the application but given no time to comment as it was already decided before we held our planning meeting in January. While LPC will be pleased to see the addition of 14 affordable one and two-bedroom apartments, we are concerned that the conditions that were placed on the original development should be discharged correctly for the safety of residents - this particularly relates to the contamination on the site and the surface water drainage scheme. LPC Planning

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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman acknowledged that Cllrs Poulter and Cieluch would not be able to attend meetings for the next two months.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Notification of temporary withdrawal of bulky waste collections by SCDC. For Information.

County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor confirmed that following a temporary suspension of the service, the County Council had arranged a storage facility and SCDC would be restarting bulky waste collections.

Update on the outstanding Highway maintenance issues.

The Highways Officer has advised that all outstanding issues, including Speedwatch signage and blocked gullies will be chased with contractors. The Clerk would continue to push for the work to be completed. County Councillor Henry Batchelor advised that the most severe potholes had been placed on a 36-hour repair schedule. He advised that there is a form on the CCC website to claim for damage caused to vehicles. The office will advise parishioners of this via social media. All other potholes on a 21-day schedule.

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

In addition to the written report, County Councillor Henry Batchelor added the following.

The Making Connections Transport public consultation has now closed. A very strong response was received with over 24,000 completed surveys. Results are expected in March 2023.

District Councillor John Batchelor spoke regarding housing and explained the key amnesty currently taking place which aims to reduce illegal sub-letting of council houses. The authority is keen to reclaim council houses as there are currently 1,700 on the waiting list in South Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Paul Poulter asked about local development when there are known issues with water supply.

DC John Batchelor stated that the supply issues were not immediate but will be in the next 5-10 years and long-term plans were underway for new reservoirs in the region.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Cllr Kate Kell gave an update stating that the removal of the hedges on Bartlow Road would be raised with the compliance team at SCDC.

Update on the Planning Appeal. For Information.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that following the postponement of the appeal hearing the office would request the Linton Village Hall be considered as a suitable venue to enable local attendance and minimise further delays.

Horseheath Road.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that CCC Highways are not in agreement with the surface water solutions proposed by the developer, Croude as previously indicated, and that new plans have been requested which must not increase the risk of flooding to Lonsdale or beyond. These will be assessed once presented.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee regarding a request for an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Horseheath Road to include Michaelotts. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the recommendation from the Planning Committee to support the movement of the 30mph speed limit but would stipulate that the village boundary sign, which incorporates the current speed limit signage is not moved as it marks the village envelope. Speedwatch data can also be provided in support of the proposal. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. All Agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan meeting held on 16th January 2022. For Information.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that the Neighbourhood Plan will soon

be ready for public exhibition and requested the office look into suitable dates to hire the Village Hall in April.

Local Plan

Consideration for the recommendation by the Planning Committee regarding progress of the Local Plan.

Open discussion and Decision required.

It was suggested to contact Lucy Frazer MP and surrounding villages to gauge preference for development divided amongst parishes or a single site for new houses and a single settlement area. Cllr Kate Kell proposed to contact the A1307 Forum to hold further discussions. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Future Projects

Consideration of existing and long-term projects proposals received to date, and request for all councillors to focus and respond on the next three-five years to allow for financial forecasting. Open discussion and Action required.

The Clerk explained that the office was currently at capacity for projects and the Top 3 project proposals will be reviewed in October 2023. It was requested that a minimum of two councillors would be required to work with an allocated member of the office team on all new projects as support would be required.

Finance

Notification of the submission of the precept for 2023/24. For Information. Noted.

S137 and Independent Grant Applications.

Update on grant applications for 2023/2024. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald proposed not to grant funds to the Church for a projector. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the Linton Infants set up and run the project for a month to measure demand and reapply for a grant once the level of interest could be measured. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 02.12.2022-16.12.2022, and 16.12.2022-30.12.2022. Written reports available. For information. Noted.

Cllr Kate Kell requested that the Clerk contact CCC Highways with MSID and Speedwatch data for Hadstock Road to show that the speed reduction measures installed have proven to be insufficient in reducing speed, which was raised by the Parish Council on installation.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in December 2022. Written report available. For information. Noted. Notification of the submission of the LHI Bid by the deadline of the 6th January 2023. For Information. Noted.

Churchyard

Further update on the Churchyard paths. Open discussion and Decision required.

Following a meeting of the Parish Council, the PCC and the contractor, John Cobb has provided an estimate for remedial work to address the pooling of water at the church entrance. It was confirmed that the work completed to date was accurate to the specification provided.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed to pay the outstanding amount on the invoice for work completed to date. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed to accept the estimate for additional work. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground

Consideration for concerns raised by a parishioner regarding the removal of the wings on the entrance bollard leading to Joiners Road. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald stated that the Parish Council had taken the decision to improve disabled access via the Joiners Road entrance and proposed that an offer be made to the parishioner for a councillor to meet with the parishioner to highlight the issues faced. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

The Clerk advised the council of ongoing reported use of a motorbike on the footpath of the recreation ground. The Council advised to continue to report incidents to the Cambridgeshire Police and CCC as several of the paths are not for vehicular access.

Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for December 2022 from the Beacon Youth Trust. Written reports available. For information. Noted.

Update on the Quarterly Review meeting held with the Beacon Youth Trust held on Monday 16th January 2023. Written reports available at the meeting. Open discussion and Decision required. Cllr Carl Cieluch led discussion with a summary of the report. Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that no amendment be made to the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to allow for complete flexibility on session hours and face-to-face contact during the holiday periods. Cllr John Bald seconded. 9 in favour with 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

Cllr Carl Cieluch stated that ongoing improvements to reports were satisfactory and that the RFO would continue to monitor and support the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT).

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that a 10% reduction on the quarterly payment, due to missed targets, be suspended until the end of the final quarter to allow the opportunity for the hours to be made up. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. 2 in favour, 6 against with 3 abstentions. Motion denied.

Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that a 10% reduction on the quarterly payment be applied to this quarter's payment, due to missed targets. Cllr John Bald seconded. 6 in favour, 2 against with 3 abstentions. Motion carried.

Open Spaces

Update on the meeting held with Gigaclear and Highways on 17th January 2022 in relation to the positioning of the Full Fibre to Premises (FFTP) cabinet on Parsonage Way. For Information. Following the site meeting on 17th January the cabinet will be located adjacent to the Fire Station fence on the left-hand side of Parsonage Way.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman sign the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for supporting the Linton Litter Pick scheduled to take place on Saturday 28th January 2023 with refreshments, plus three subsequent litter picks during 2023. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed a £600 budget for the litter picks throughout 2023. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. All Agreed.

Meeting Dates

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on 16th February 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm to which all Councillors will be summoned. For Information. Noted.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Poulter, Cieluch and Ennew.

Consideration of the change of date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish to Monday 24th April 2023. Verbal update from the Clerk. Decision required.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the change of date to Monday 24th April be accepted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website. Clerk.

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