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Welcome to, Jack our new editor...



Jack Glossop, our new editor

Picture supplied by Jack

AFTER a long search for a new editor, the team at The Linton News is delighted to introduce Jack Glossop, who will be taking over the reins from Fran Armes in October. Although not born here (Not a requirement for the job) Jack grew up in Linton after his parents moved here from London in the mid 90s. "I knew there must be something special about this village" says Jack, "because not only did my parents move here but my Granddad took one look at the place and decided to come as well, having spent his entire life in Manchester up until then. Not only that but, a few years later, my other Granddad moved down from Sheffield." Confirmation that Linton really is the place to be.

For his day job, Jack is a formally trained Butler and Graduate of the International Butler Academy in the Netherlands. Having worked previously in China and Saudi Arabia, he has now found himself a job a little closer to home and works as the Deputy Head Butler at St John's College in Cambridge. "I often get strange looks when I tell people what I do and the conversation invariably turns to Downton Abbey" he says. "Unfortunately, the modern butler's role is very much removed from the stern Mr Carson type that most people expect. We do still wear Morning Suits five days a week but we're more likely to be found hunched over laptops than ironing newspapers."

Jack has contributed to the Linton news on an ad hoc basis over the years, with a brief spell as a sub editor under Wendy Fos-

ter's leadership. He was one of the first on the scene after the Chilford Hall fire in 2012, grabbing an interview with a devastated Simon Alper. "The rubble was still smoking and I was interviewing a man who had just lost everything," says Jack. "There was something extremely humbling about that and I knew how upset people in Linton would be as they woke up to the news. Being a monthly newspaper we're never going to be first to break a story but we can report in a way that is so much more personal to our readership."

Upon accepting the position, Jack's first words were in praise of his predecessor. "Fran has done an amazing job in the past years and poured her heart and soul into the Newspaper. I know just what a challenge getting these pages to print can be and she has coped amazingly." He also praised the management, editorial and delivery teams: "It takes a massive

amount of work to get this paper through 2,350 letterboxes each month and this would be entirely impossible without the huge numbers of people who volunteer their time. They are what makes the Linton News special and I hope to be worthy of leading them."

Asked about his plans for the paper, Jack was clear: "We will be continuing the great work that the Linton News does in reporting on village events, cheering our successes and speaking openly about our failings but I would like to draw more from our pool of Lintonians. There are people from all walks of life in this village and a thousand stories yet to be told, I want to tell them."

Jack Glossop

...goodbye to Fran...

JUST two years after moving to Linton, Fran Armes answered the urgent plea for someone to volunteer to take over the editorship of the Linton News. Now approaching her seventh year at the helm, Fran has decided to retire and pass on the baton so that our much-loved newspaper can continue into its 34th year.

Fran has worked tirelessly to highlight issues of importance to the local area, supporting the community and local businesses with news of events and local stories; many of the latter were obtained on her initiative and involved tremendous personal effort.

As editor, Fran was responsible for organising the team and getting the finished article to the printer. It is difficult to appreciate the size of her role and the time spent on the community's behalf and on The Linton News, both of which she passionately believes in.

Fran, you will be sorely missed by your readers and your team. Thank you for all you have done for us, especially during the last few months as the pandemic made producing the paper an even more stressful task. Below is a small tribute to Fran –

**It's not for the money
It's not for fame
It's not for any personal gain
Seven years of editing
It's hard to believe
The fun and frustration
That is so hard to leave.
But now you are ready for some well-deserved rest
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation
That we are still going strong
Because of your steadfast dedication.**

With love from the team

...and goodbye from Fran

IT hardly seems possible but it is now seven years, almost to the day, since I became editor of the Linton News. I have enjoyed it immensely. It is the best way to get to know the people of the village and what is going on. However, it is a time-consuming post and I need to retire and hand over to a newer younger editor – Jack Glossop.

Of course, I don't do all of the work myself. There is an editorial team of sub-editors and proof readers who do much of the work. I should say that the previous editor Wendy Foster has never moved away from my side so she has worked for 17 years as an editor.

In fact, many of the support teams have been with the Linton News for longer than that, for which I am very grateful. Judith the advertising manager (see management team below) and Jan the senior sub-editor have been there longer and longest of all is our illustrator of *Country Matters*, Maureen who has been with us from nearly the start of the paper.

In addition, the management team members look after the finance and administrative work which is vital to the operation of the paper. And we should not forget the 64 or more voluntary deliverers of the paper.

At this point I should say thank you to the advertisers for the money raised from the advertisers' fees pays for the paper production and enables us to deliver it free to all in Linton, Hadstock, Bartlow and Hildersham.

Then there are people who do the regular items like the country matters with its excellent illustrations. All the regular contributors (eg schools, churches and societies) and of course all of the people who write in. Not to mention our regular photographers who leap off with their cameras at a moment's notice to record events. The Parish Council also contributes to the information about what is going on as do our District and County councillors. And don't let us forget Granta Medical who take good care of our health. Plumridges our printer has helped me in many ways above and beyond the call of duty.

Finally, there is you, the reader, for what is our purpose but to let you know what is going on in the village? Being under the dark cloud of the pandemic has made me realise that it is the hard copy of the paper that is mainly read. Even many people who are online say they only read the paper copy and the online version is used as an archive that you can look back to see what was done before.

According to the Community Help Group, the paper was a help to the people they were assisting during the early days of the pandemic. It is something coming through the letterbox which shines a light on the happenings of the village outside for those confined to the house. It helps keep the community spirit going. Oh, this reminds me that I should also thank the Community Help Group who distributed the paper during lockdown (and did so much more besides).

The paper is just one part of the community that is Linton. I am honoured to have been part of that team.

Fran

GRANTA Medical Practices

2020 Flu Clinics

IN the wake of coronavirus, it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination.

However, with Covid-19 comes the challenge as to how we vaccinate 10,000 Granta patients in a socially-distanced manner, to ensure the safety of our patients, our staff and our local community.

Duxford Imperial War Museum has very kindly agreed to help us and we will be holding "drive-through" flu clinics on **Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 17th October**. If you cannot get to these clinics please don't worry; we will make sure that the patients who can't attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at our surgeries. If you are housebound separate arrangements will be made for you.

Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those patients who will be 65 years old before 31st March 2021, and those patients 6 months of age and up to and including 64 years of age if they fall into one or more of the "at risk" groups. Details of the "at risk" groups can be found on our website. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination please feel free to ring us and we can let you know.

As you will have heard on the news, the government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. However, NHS England wants us to prioritise the "at risk" patients first, and the new second cohort of patients will be vaccinated towards the end of the year. We will send out further details as soon as we have them.

Children aged 2 years old and 3 years old are automatically eligible to be vaccinated by us. These will be done in our surgeries. Children from 4 years old to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an "at risk" category.

Appointment slots should be available to book from the end of August – keep an eye on our website for further details.

Please note that you MUST pre-book your flu appointment. Please do not just turn up on the day - you will be sent away. If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination please be aware that you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. **You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for accommodating us in this fantastic community collaboration.

Sandra East, Granta Communications

Co-op gives Nichols Court August Cream Tea



Coop and Nichols Court staff going incognito

Picture by Caitlin Seaward

ON Friday 21st August, we shared our appreciation for the staff and residents of Nichols Court in Linton.

The team at the Linton Coop and Jenny Seaward, Local Member Pioneer, organised a Cream Tea for the fifty residents and staff to enjoy in the lounge of Nichols Court. Lizzie Crawley, Manager at Nichols Court, and her lovely team accepted the teas on behalf of the residents. Even Gizmo, the dog, put his mask on to join in the fun.

We hope to make the Cream Tea an annual event and feel this first link up with Nichols Court is the start of a new friendship for us all.

In supporting our local community, we aimed to spread a little happiness (along with a little strawberry jam and

cream) to promote wellbeing.

We encourage people to join the Coop Membership so that 1% of what they spend in store goes to supporting local causes and 5% goes directly back to them, to redeem in store. It's a win, win!

If you would like to join Coop Membership please ask in your local Coop store.

If you are a group or organisation who would like to benefit from Coop Funding or feel you can make a difference by linking up locally please contact your Local Member Pioneer.

We can all help make a difference in our local community, just like the team today that made this happen.

Jenny Seaward,
Coop Member Pioneer
Linton and Fulbourn

Virtual Bake-Off Winners announced



Adult winner: Pavlova by Hannah Adams

THANK you to all those who entered the virtual bake-off organised by the events committee of St Mary's Church, Linton. We had a fantastic 34 adult entries and 13 junior entries. There was a public vote alongside guest judges: Faye, Ellie and Yannick from Linton Community Help and Gemma from The Linton Kitchen. Donations from entries and voting have raised £290 for church funds.

The winner of the adult section is entry 12 – Pavlova by Hannah Adams.

The winner of the junior section is entry 6 – Katie's Piñata Cake by Katie Gilbert, aged nine.

Both winners have received a jute bag donated by The Linton Kitchen containing flour, eggs, butter and a cupcake kit.

Entries, including the winners, are still able to be viewed on the church website, www.stmaryslinton.org.uk

A huge thank you to those who entered, those who voted and our guest judges. Perhaps before too long we will be able to have a bake-off where we can taste the entries.

Charlotte Ellis on behalf of the events committee
events@stmaryslinton.org.uk



Junior winner: Katie's Piñata Cake by Katie Gilbert, aged nine

Photos supplied by the winners

Michelle the author

FROM a young age I knew I wanted to be a writer. As a teenager, I would write novels on my mum's old-fashioned typewriter and would always have my head in a book – anything from *The Famous Five* to *The Hobbit*.

I moved to Linton as a baby and went to all three schools. I left Linton Village College in 1988, heading for Long Road VI Form. I left Linton in the early 1990s but my dad and sister still live in the village, so I pop over now and again from where I now live in Bury St Edmunds.

In 2008 I began writing what would be my first published novel – *The Phoenix Project*. Progress was slow as I was working full time for the NHS (where I still work today). Three-quarters written, the manuscript lay undisturbed underneath my bed for the next eight years. I dragged it out of the dust in 2017 and finally published it in 2018.

Why self-publish? Publishing contracts are few and far between, so I decided to take it on myself – and I have never looked back. It's a scary and difficult process, being responsible for not just the creation of your masterpiece, but the editing, formatting, book cover, advertising and website design. Daunting – but enjoyable!

I love being an indie author and wouldn't have it any other way.

There are now three books in my DI Jack MacIntosh series. All can be seen on my website with direct links to Amazon.

Michelle Kidd (formerly Gillon)
www.michellekiddauthor.com

Bibliography

The Phoenix Project (DI Jack MacIntosh Book 1)

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Calling all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

LINTON SCOUTS will be resuming face-to-face meetings from the week commencing 21st September. All meetings will be outdoors, with appropriate changes due to the current situation. Emails have gone out to all parents/guardians regarding children in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, but if you have not received this, please contact either myself or Group Section Leader, Barry.

We are all looking forward to starting back on the path to Scouting once again, and look forward to seeing everyone. We shall have limited spaces available for newcomers, but again, please contact either myself or Barry to enquire.

We are also very keen to add leaders to our Scout group, so if you are interested in helping out, please get in touch. Full training and support are available through the Scouting Network.

Ed Groenhart, 660493
Chair, 1st Linton Scouts Committee
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Cambridge Makers

IT is great to see how the village has been coming together and working through the pandemic. It's good to see things opening up again and we are pleased to announce that this now includes us.

We are just starting small with a couple of day courses to make lovely things and learn new skills. We've reduced class sizes and put in other measures to avoid potential spread of covid-19.

We are starting with courses in botanical candles, orchard dyeing and haberdashery, mask making and screen printing. There are spaces available on all of these courses happening over the next few weeks, it would be lovely if some locals wanted to join us, anyone feeling ready to get out and start doing things. We also plan to start our normal weekly courses again in September too.

For more information go to www.cambridgemakers.org/cambridge-art-makers/art-courses-overview/short-courses/
Rosemary and Susannah Bangham, 890308
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Screen print of house on the High Street by Jenny Murison
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WE are still here supporting families until our groups get back into action and can help with your queries and concerns.

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SouthCambsChildandFamilyCentres/

Telephone number 01952 284672 or email ChildandFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Please look out for our new virtual play and baby sessions, information will be on the Facebook page as and when they are due to happen. Alternatively please do call us to enquire.

Parent Support Line; speak to a friendly professional from the Early Help District Team about any young person aged 0 to 19 on 01354 750420 or email Districtearlyhelpteam.cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Linton Gardening Club diary

ALL being well, the Garden Club plans to restart its meetings in October.

The talk on Ornamental Grasses planned for 8th September has been cancelled and will now take place next year.

The first talk of the 2020-2021 season is therefore scheduled for Tuesday 13th October and will consist of a short AGM followed by club member Jim Forrest's talk on The Formal Gardens of Dunrobin Castle and Pitmedden in Scotland.

The club is continuing to monitor the coronavirus situation, guidelines etc. to ensure the safety of everybody coming along to its meetings.



Dahlias in full bloom – enough to gladden the heart

Photo supplied by Helen and Jim in our garden. We've grown many more plants than usual from seeds and plugs and everything is now blooming away thanks to the recent sunshine and rain.

Gardening has helped us both retain some sort of normality and given us much enjoyment over the past few strange months. We've spent much more time than usual

We've also had more opportunity to enjoy other aspects of nature including the local acrobatic sparrows whose favourite game seems to be *How many sparrows can you fit in a bird bath?*

It has also been good to see the village slowly coming out of hibernation and back to life.

It has also been lovely to see friends and club members out and about enjoying the sunshine. Restarting our club meetings feels like another step forward.

Keep safe and well. Enjoy your gardens.

Jim and Helen, 893577
Linton Garden Club
lgsecretary@yahoo.co.uk,

It's Zoo Hoo not hullaballo or boo-hoo



Lion cub Kali



Snow leopard Centurio



Rosalie the Hartmann's mountain zebra

All the pictures of the animals supplied by the zoo

TO help support our next-door neighbour during the COVID lockdown, car repairer Cooper Barnes sponsored lion cub Kali, snow leopard Centurio and Rosalie the Hartmann's mountain zebra.

MD Matt Cooper said. 'We can sometimes hear the animals calling us so thought it would be a positive gesture in these unprecedented times. We have been luckier than a lot of businesses, although we could have stayed open as an essential service, to protect our staff we closed for three weeks at the height of lockdown. I'm pleased to report that we are now busier than ever'.

Zoo owner Kim Simmons was delighted to accept the offer as, in common with all zoos, they were struggling at the outbreak of the pandemic to get fresh feed for the animals. Kim added. "The zoo is of course open again so do visit www.lintonzoo.com, to pre-book your tickets or to consider sponsoring other animals. This is far from the end of this crisis and the road to recovery will be tough and uncertain. It will take a long time to bounce back financially from this difficult time and we will continue to need support – now more than ever"

There are two main ways you can make a donation to their crisis fund by going to the zoo's website www.lintonzoo.com, and clicking on the home box, then scrolling down to the donations section and choosing the either of *Go fund me*, or *Donate supplies* from our Amazon wish list.

Alternatively you could do a bank transfer to their conservation account.

You can see on the same page that there are other ways to help as well. You can sponsor your favourite animal or help

when doing your shopping by clicking on *Easy fundraising* or *Amazon smile*. Alternatively look further down the home page to see what they might like from your spare fruit and vegetables but be sure to find out how and when you can deliver them.

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Matt Cooper matt@cooperbarnes.co.uk



MD Matt Cooper – Dennis was camera shy but here is Matt
Picture supplied by Cooper Barnes

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LINTON DIARY

Farmers' Market

Saturday 5th September from 9am to 12noon in the Village Hall, with strict Social Distancing and only food stalls.

Bin collection dates

Linton refuse collection: Tuesday 1st September and Mondays 14th and 28th September
Linton blue bin collections: Mondays 7th and 21st September
Linton green bin collections: Mondays 7th and 21st September (only one per month guaranteed)

Household Recycling Centres

THE County Council reopened the centres on 11th May for essential visits only. All visits must be pre-booked.

An essential visit is where waste / recycling could not be stored on your property without causing a risk of injury, health or harm to members of your household or harm to public health and amenity.

There will be other restrictions in place.

Full details here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/re-opening-of-household-recycling-centres

News from St Mary's

WE'VE been holding services again on Sundays and Thursdays for two months now – so it's back to normal at St Mary's? Well, of course not: for one thing, everyone in the congregation now wears a face mask and we can accommodate far fewer people than before because of social distancing.

Also, as of the time of writing, we're not allowed to sing, though we can hum along to some beautifully recorded hymns which the Church of England has provided, as well as to any other music we use in worship.

And, of course, we'll be missing our Friday morning School Service when the Infants School reassembles in bubbles who can't all meet together. We shall miss that so much as the term goes on and hope that it won't be too long before we can welcome all the children, their teachers and family members on a Friday morning once again.

But, despite these limitations, church life goes on. There's a regular podcast of Daily Prayer from St Mary's Linton each weekday morning, our 10am Sunday services are available in written form on our website and are posted live on the church's Facebook page. Although we're a long way from a professional production, we rejoice that some people who are shielding at home can join us that way.

Also, lots of families had fun with our online Summer Holiday club.

We're still here for the village. Please join us, in any way that suits you.

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News from the Waggon and Horses

FOLLOWING the COVID-19 lockdown the Waggon and Horses reopened for business on 4th July, and have introduced a number of new rules to minimise the risks associated with the virus—including registration on arrival, hand sanitising stations and garden service only.

The Waggon aims to serve the local community with what it wants and the reintroduction of regular live music, rock and roll, bingo and quiz nights are all proving very popular with customers, old and new alike.

Current laws do not permit entertainment inside the pub but the revitalised garden and marquee area has allowed Helen and Di to meet the demand for such events (with a maximum capacity of 100) whilst adhering to the new social distancing regulations.

In keeping with community and neighbourhood spirit however, they have introduced a noise reduction offensive which includes the recording of sound output levels and finishing all weekday events by 9pm as far as is practically possible.

We welcome any comments, feedback or suggestions so please feel free to pop in at any time.

Alternatively, come and join us as The Waggon and Horses is well and truly back.

Landladies Helen and Di, 269046
@thewaggonandhorseslinton



The continental style umbrellas and marquee welcome you into the Waggon with regular live music on hand

Photo supplied by Helen and Di

Linton Library news September 2020

CURRENT opening hours: Tuesday 10am–2pm and Thursday 2–6pm.

It has been great to see many of you again at the library since we reopened in August.

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Library Engage talks have moved online. For information about upcoming talks please contact volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Please keep using and supporting the library service as we do our best to support you.

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Information about Bus Passes can be found online at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/free-bus-pass>. Help is available on 0345 045 1367.

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How what3words can help 999 #KnowExactlyWhere

THE app *what3words* has helped to locate nearly 4,000 incidents since it first started being used by emergency services. It has given every 3m square in the world a unique identifier made of 3 words – making the location of any emergency very easy to describe and share. For example *tortoises.swarm.announce* will take you to a precise location on Ben Nevis where, in February 2020, a group of hikers was rescued.

To locate, search or navigate to a *what3words* address, all you need is the free app. Make sure you have it downloaded on your device and know how to use it, to help save time, resources and lives.

Cambridge Fire and Rescue Services

Books and Bubbles



Jemima ready for the book signing

Photo by Tony Ellis

LOOKING for a new novel to brighten the upcoming September evenings and keep you in the summer mood? Come along to Home on Linton High Street on Friday 4th September from 6pm for a book signing event with local author Jemima Price.

Jemima will be selling signed copies of her novel *Finding Ruby*, the tale of a young woman's adventures whilst travelling in the far-off summery shores of South East Asia.

Complimentary prosecco will be available and there will be the added bonus of browsing the gorgeous wares in Home as well. COVID safety measures will be in place.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jemima and Lucy

WI – small steps

CELEBRATING amazing, inspiring women everywhere, Linton Women's Institute for our August meeting booked our first online speaker, Kate Kirk, a writer and trustee of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in Cambridge. Kate talked about her *Amazing Aunt Cicely*.

Dame Cicely Saunders, born in 1918, was an English doctor, nurse, social worker, physician, and writer who challenged the practices of the time. Noted for her work in the birth of the modern hospice movement, her compassion and conviction brought about lasting and revolutionary change to people in their final days that has the potential to improve the lives of any of us.

We are looking forward to further meetings either online or in person. Now that government guidelines allow for 30 people to gather in a meeting place, Linton Women's Institute is looking into how we might re-open physical meetings to our members and visitors. Our usual venue of Linton Village Hall is busy making plans and changes to keep us all as safe as possible. In the meantime, we have met again for a chat on the village green.

Nationally the WI magazine is still keeping us connected and up to date, working hard to continue to offer opportunities – the latest – a collaboration with the National Gallery to explore *Enjoying art with children* – a virtual session for WI members only. Shelley Ray, President Linton WI, 778482

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Ants everywhere

MY earliest memory of ants is when my brother took my shoe and threw it into a huge ant colony to see if I was brave enough to retrieve it barefoot. I wasn't.

It's the middle of ant season as I write this. They are everywhere, small, wingless, brown/black with nipped in waists. They being black garden ants, *Lasius Niger*, and apparently for every person in the UK, there are more than a million ants, so at least there is one insect not on the endangered list. They belong to the family Formicidae, along with bees and wasps. Our garden ant is one of 12,000 ant species worldwide and, despite being annoying, they do have their uses.

They eat flies which spread germs and fleas which bite. They feed on waste and dead animals and make funnels in the soil which allow water and nutrients to go direct to plant roots.

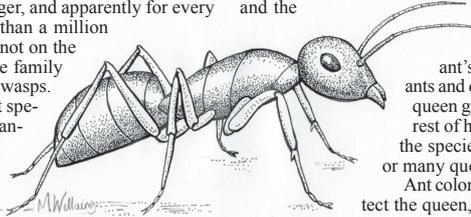
They are a great source of food for caterpillars, spiders, lizards, snails, birds and mammals which are so vital to our ecosystem. In gathering food, they pollinate flowers and distribute seeds.

They nest under paving stones, in soil, in bricks and, of course, in your lawn. They are busiest at sunrise and sunset and go inside looking for sugary food and water. When an ant finds food, it lays a scent trail (called a pheromone) to its nest for others to follow. This explains the trail from the back door to underneath our oven.

As I struggle with the 8kg weight in the gym, an ant can lift 20 times its own body weight. When they fight, it is to the death.

They don't have ears but feel vibrations in the ground through their feet. Nor do they have lungs – instead oxygen enters and leaves through tiny holes in the body.

Getting back to the nest – there are three kinds of ants in a colony: The queen, the female workers and males. The queen males have wings but not the workers. The queen is the only ant that can lay eggs. The male



ant's job is to mate with future queen ants and die very soon afterwards. Once the queen grows to adulthood, she spends the rest of her life laying eggs. Depending on the species, a colony may have one queen or many queens.

Ant colonies also have soldier ants that protect the queen, defend the colony, gather or kill food and attack enemy colonies in search of food and nesting space. If they defeat another ant colony, they take away the eggs. When the eggs hatch, the new ants become the slave ants for the new colony. Some jobs of the colony include taking care of the eggs and babies, gathering food and building the anthills.

The other ant you may have noticed are the bigger and browner flying ants, appearing in hot weather in July and August. We once watched a blackbird going crazy for these, hurling itself at a wall seething with them, with as many as ten in its bill at once.

It is amazing what you can learn about a tiny insect in a matter of minutes.



Open Eco Homes autumn season



Above, loft conversion

HAS spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? Local charity, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season.

After 10 years running live events, this year they're offering their home tours and talks online, running between 14th September and 20th October. Visitors will come away feeling inspired to create their own eco dream home and empowered with the information they need to make it happen.

Tours are led by ordinary householders keen to share their excitement and passion for beautiful low energy homes. The homeowners don't promote particular brands or technologies but are keen to help others learn from their experiences, good and bad, so more can choose and implement home energy improvements

that suit them.

The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants of up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.

The Autumn Season will offer advice on how to make the most of the new scheme, running a talk featuring the latest guidance and advice.

Other online talks in the Autumn Season will cover insulation and heat pumps, giving access to expert advice to provide the much-needed practical information to help people inspired by the tours, to choose what to do. Full event details and registration at:

openecohomes.org
Alana Sinclair, Manager
301842



A house built in three days

Shudy Camps mosaic bench



Does it remind you of Gaudi's sculptures in Spain's parks? Photo by Jilly Cunningham.

IN March a group of volunteers, guided by Jilly Cunningham, produced a beautifully decorated mosaic bench which is now installed alongside the newly renovated village sign in Main Street, Shudy Camps. There was to be an unveiling ceremony but the present emergency put a stop to that.

Jilly is a sculptor whose clients have included Jools Holland, Benjamin Zephaniah, Ken Livingstone, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Jo Brand and Bert Jansch. She now specialises in mosaics.

With financial assistance from Shudy Camps Parish Council nine local ladies, guided by Jilly, covered the concrete bench with over 7,000 mosaic pieces depicting local animals and plants.

You can see a toad, a pheasant, a bee, a squirrel, two robins a hare, a chicken and a frog. Plants feature ash and oak trees, roses, daisies and sunflowers. If you look carefully you can also find the creators' names.

One villager driving past recently described it as like a jewel in the sun.

When this virus emergency is over, it would make a good destination to rest and appreciate the artwork.

Jilly would like to thank the 'ladies who mosaic', her husband Lance and the Parish Council for their support.

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POT POURRI 183

Pot Pourri 183 – What must be their Ages?
I WAS informed that Hypatia was to be visited by three people this weekend. Their combined age multiplied together came to 2,450 and added together was the same age as myself.
Also, the oldest visitor is older than Hypatia. So, what are the ages?
Now, the ages can be determined but the problem is not their ages but Hypatia's.
Hint: Concentrate on Hypatia.

Pot Pourri 182 – The Time Angle
The angle between the hour and minute hand at 8.45 is 22.5 degrees.
Urania

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Keep caring – Coronavirus hasn't gone away

WHILE lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted – everyone needs to take action to help us all return to a more normal life. But, the most important thing we can continue to do is to stay alert, control the virus and, in doing so, keep people safe and help save lives.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is getting behind the local #KeepCaring campaign led by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, and supported by partners. The campaign outlines ways that people can take care of themselves and each other, to help control the spread of coronavirus.

Here are some ways you can keep caring:

- Caring is keeping your distance – inside or outside
- Caring is being responsible – staying isolated if you think you've got symptoms, or been close to someone who has
- Caring is covering your face – even with no symptoms you might still spread virus
- Caring is washing your hands – regularly, when you enter or leave a new place.

We're also asking residents to keep caring by being fire safe at home and on the roads when out and about:

- Caring is testing your smoke alarm – and reminding your loved ones to do the same
- Caring is being careful in the kitchen – not getting distracted while you're cooking and keeping items well away from the hob
- Caring is discarding your cigarettes responsibly – so you don't accidentally start a fire
- Caring is not having a bonfire – that could easily get out of control, putting you and others at risk
- Caring is being a considerate driver – driving at the appropriate speed, not drinking or taking drugs if getting behind the wheel, making sure you and your passengers are wearing seatbelts and not using your phone while driving
- Help us help you and keep caring

Comprehensive advice on current government rules is available on the gov.uk website.

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IT has been an exceptional year for us all, but in particular for our Year 11 students who have foregone their traditional school leavers' experiences and rites of passage. While examinations are typically stressful, they are an important demarcation of the end of secondary education and capture students' academic accomplishments. This year, the awarding of GCSEs was replaced by a Centre Assessed Grade process. This involved teachers estimating the grades that students would have achieved had they sat the exams, using their best professional judgements. Subject rankings of predicted grades were then scrutinised and moderated by subject teams and senior leaders. The government decided that the Centre Assessed Grades would stand without moderation, aside from some students' grades increasing as a result of a centrally applied algorithm.

Now, more than ever, it is important to recognise and celebrate students' broad educational and personal achievements. I am proud of LVC students' stoicism and resilience as their time at LVC ended prematurely. There are many examples of students who have shown exceptional determination, compassion and drive during these challenging times. All have been a delight to watch grow into exceptional young people during their time at the College. We wish them every success in the next step of their education, careers and lives.

As we enter September our focus is on fully reopening the College safely to all students and staff. Extensive planning and preparation has been underway during the summer holiday to ensure that the site and systems are ready for all of our students to return to school full time.

Many changes have had to be implemented to make this possible and to adhere to government guidance. This includes zoning the school site for different year groups, creating nomadic specialist teaching and staggering break and lunch times to reduce movement and minimise close contact between students in different year groups. This is in addition to enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures.

We are all looking forward to seeing our young people back at school and benefiting from face to face teaching again. The school community's ability to adapt and care for each other has been evident during this crisis.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

LALA course for October 2020

LINTON Area Learning Alliance (LALA) aims to offer a multi-week course on a new subject starting in October and January. The last two courses entitled *Working Lives* and *Great Gardens, Famous Gardeners* were very well received. The group met in Linton Village Hall on Tuesday mornings and enjoyed knowledgeable and entertaining lectures as well as having time to chat to friends during the refreshment break.

Sadly the social distancing restrictions due to COVID-19 have led us to change plans for this coming October and to offer an on-line course via Zoom. The tutor will be Ian McLachlan, an aviation history expert. Ian will present *Glory Days* and *Golden Girls* described as: Peace, progress and problems prior to war's gathering clouds. Daring young men and women challenge the skies – shrinking the globe; air-racing adventures; airship heydays. The course will still be on Tuesday mornings, probably for seven weeks, and can be enjoyed from the comfort of your own home and will include breaks for you to move about and make a drink.

The Great Bradley WEA group will also offer a Zoom course from the same lecturer on Wednesday mornings, entitled *Ladies of the Air*. Ian McLachlan will talk about the adventurous aerial journeys of the female pioneers from 19th Century ballooning to aerial combat in WW2 including Hitler's female pilots.

For further information and enrolment details for these courses please contact me on 892737

Sue Mudge

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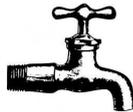
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Councillors' August report

A1307 Update

WORK has started on a new crossing and upgrade of the roundabout at Babraham as well as alteration to the exit from Babraham High Street onto the A1307. This includes closing the right turn facility. This is a big job and is likely to continue through to the autumn. Also starting work soon will be alterations to the dual carriageway in preparation for installing average speed cameras and improvements to the Dean Road crossing.

There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a chance this could be looked at later down the line.

For more up-to-date detail go to GCP website – www.greater-cambridge.org.uk/ or ask John, Henry or your Parish Council's representatives on the GCP.

Consultations are currently ongoing re the access to the city from the East: not directly affecting us on the A1307, but some of our constituents do access Cambridge from this direction, so do engage with the consultation – <https://consultcamb.org.uk/engagementhq/cambridge-eastern-access>

Shielded People

From August 1st the government is relaxing the laws around shielded people. The County Council has made it clear that it is still offering support, physical and emotional, to people within this category. Please do still encourage people that need support to keep in contact with the Council or Henry.

Library Services

Library services in Cambridgeshire have now re-opened, including the local branch in Linton. Please do start to support the service again.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings and tree planting and other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 – £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1st July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30th September.

Rural Crime

It's been reported in national media that Cambridgeshire is the 4th highest county in England in terms of cost of rural crime on its police force. Living in the rural area that we do, it's clear that this is an issue locally. The District Council does have a small budget to fight environmental issues but the main body to deal with this is the police.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Linton and District Historical Society

AS with many other groups our meetings have been thrown into chaos of late, and will be for the foreseeable future.

At the time of writing the committee has decided to cancel the first two meetings of the 2020/21 season and will endeavour to start with the November meeting. Please bear with us and we will review the situation on a monthly basis.

Sadly, in June, our President Garth Collard passed away. He was an inspiration with his local knowledge and his talks always guaranteed a large audience. After suffering ill health for the last eleven years, he still took an interest in the society, keeping his well known sense of humour. He and Elaine would attend our meetings whenever possible.

He will be sorely missed.

Margaret Creek

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Editor's notes

1. Currently there are a lot of planning applications going through South Cambs District Council (SCDC) as they catch up following the pandemic.

Therefore I aim only to report those that have not been decided and need permission and are open for people to comment on or maybe are controversial.

2. The names of the people making the application is now on the SCDC applications list second layer of information. So therefore I will now only give the reference number, the place and what is being considered.

20/03186/FUL, 18 Chalklands, Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling S/3525/17/LB, 8 Green Lane., Variation of condition 4 (method statement) & 5 (materials) of listed building consent S/3525/17/LB

20/03171S73, 8 Green Lane, Variation of condition 5 (surface water drainage), 6 (hard and soft landscape) and 8 (arboricultural method statement and tree protection strategy) and removal of condition 9 (traffic management plan) of planning permission ≈ 20/1633/TTCA, 6 Church Lane, Wild Plum - WP1 - Reduce crown height by 30%, 2m reduction.

20/1632/TTCA, 4 Church Lane, (Site Visit Pending) Conifer - C1 - Fell, has suffered damage and stem failure in the past, growing under the canopy of the Ash tree. Conifer - C2 - Fell, has suffered damage and stem failure in the past, growing under the canopy of the Ash tree. Conifer - C3 - Fell, has outgrown its situation too close to other trees, would like to replant with smaller native tree. 20/1594/TTCA, 65 High Street, (Site Visit Pending) G 1 - 5 Elms - Fell to ground level. (Reason - grow on the river bank, lean towards the Dog and Duck opposite, if they die they will constitute a hazard for the Dog and Duck. In the event of flooding, the soil around the roots may be washed away and the trees will collapse, causing structural damage to the Dog and Duck opposite.)

20/02907/HFUL, 72 Balsham Road Linton, Brick built storage shed to front of property.

20/02473/HFUL, 54 Finchams Close, Single storey front extension and single storey rear extension.

20/02372/HFUL, Wheatsheaf, Horseheath Road, Construction of a single storey annex to the side of Wheatsheaf.

20/03480/HFUL, 53 Bartlow Road, An extension and remodel to an existing bungalow including first floor dormer, additional rooflights, and amendments to the proposed ground floor. Open for comment icon

20/1766/TTCA, 8 Horn Lane, Weeping ash (T1) - take damaged limb back in to avoid chance of injury from collapse; Reduce Height by up to 4m and Crown Reduction by up to 4m. Permission also requested to regularly prune the weeping branch tips at 2.5m from ground level.

Damson (T2) - remove tree to near ground level and ecoplug stump due to inappropriate siting growing out of a listed flint and brick wall in very close proximity to the listed house (<1m). We are particularly concerned about the weeping ash (T1). It has developed a crack in its lower limb that we noticed in the last few days. We are concerned that this is a danger to our children when they play in the garden. It also has signs of fungal infection, which we were told is likely inonotus. We were recommended to reduce the weight of the tree to prolong its life.

The damson tree is growing in an inappropriate location out of a flint and brick wall to the rear of our listed property. We are concerned that it will damage this wall.

20/03498/HFUL, 53 Back Road, Erection of a timber framed cart shed with attached workshop.

Possible Controversial applications

S/2553/16/CONDH, Land Off Horseheath Road, Submission of details required by condition 12 (Foul water Drainage) of planning permission, S/2553/16/OL

S/2553/16/CONDI, Land Off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT, Submission of details required by condition 11 (Surface water drainage) of planning permission S/2553/16/OL

S/2553/16/CONDG, Horseheath Road, Submission of details required by condition 8 (Details of proposed allotments) of planning permission S/2553/16/OL

More information

For more information on the latest planning applications see the parish Council Matters page 7

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Reports Round-Up June-July 2020

RECENT meetings were mainly related to traffic, also impacting on the increasingly contentious issue of parking as village needs change due to Covid-19.

GCP/CSET meeting – 13th July

GCP, Mott Macdonald, Cllrs Kell, Hine, Hill, Enid Bald, John and Henry Batchelor.

This followed a Traffic Working Party meeting where GCP had suggested turning the Green at Parsonage Way into a car park; firmly rejected as not possible nor viable. Update given on schemes 14-17 (see later reports for what these are and responses to them)

GCP options for village centre traffic flow include restricting width of highway, removing or reducing on-road parking. Where would these cars go? Cllrs re-iterated the many reasons why a Transport Hub (scheme 15) is needed. High Street parking includes around 20 P+R commuter cars (GCP survey); these spaces could be better used by residents and business, perhaps with time-limited parking. LPC will conduct a survey to establish parking need – please respond when you receive this.

A1307 Villages Forum – 14th July

Representatives of villages along A1307, Cllrs Manassi, Kell, Enid Bald, John and Henry Batchelor. Oli Daffam on Greenways project.

CSET projects updated. Particular concern that scheme 14, the proposed west-bound bus lane near Bartlow Road to The Grip, has been approved – the way this was done, the flawed basis for the decision (only used by 3 buses each weekday to save 2-3 minutes), the effect on environment and cost (£1.3m over 30 years). Benefit is to Haverhill, but are they contributing? Does not fit with wider transport policy; Combined Authority not consulted. Can the decision be held to scrutiny? Letter of complaint written to Mayor, MP and others.

Greenway through to Linton commended. Links to other villages and safe cycle stores at bus stops are needed. Change of working practices and lifestyle could change transport needs; sustainable travel is needed with more public consultation.

Covid 19 has highlighted the role of local business and suppliers. A directory could be produced by this Forum to promote local trade, information and resources.

GCP Greenways workshop – 28th July

GCP, Mott Macdonald, resident group and Parish representatives. Cllrs Kell and Enid Bald for LPC.

Routes for Non-Motorised Traffic (NMT) discussed – Bourne Bridge-Hildersham-Linton. Flaws found in proposed schemes which need to be changed to make them acceptable. In particular, safety issues such as the signalised crossing at Hildersham Crossroads are now to be lost as it would slow traffic on A1307 and cost too much. In Linton access to the A1307 is now safer and speedier due to High Street lights, and we know how they can save £1.3million.

GCP Liaison Group – 10th August

GCP, Mott Macdonald, Liaison group, action group and Parish representatives. Cllrs Kell, Cox and Enid Bald for LPC

Scheme 14 – west-bound bus lane. Heavily criticised as “crazy waste of money”

Scheme 15 – Bartlow Road Roundabout – described as “as death trap for cyclists”, but supported in principle. Strong support for Transport Hub and Greenway routes to Bartlow, etc

Scheme 16 – Dean Road Crossroads – closing the right turn at Dean Road. Supported as “inconvenient but safer”. HGVs would divert through Horseheath, causing problems there.

Scheme 17 – Average speed cameras, Linton to Horseheath. Was speed the actual cause of the accidents? Many were “self-inflicted”. Lack of policing was a major issue. Could there be uniform speed over the whole section, extended to Withersfield turning?

Local Development Plan

There is a “call for sites”. LPC listened to one group who are submitting the site on Balsham Road. Not the one that LPC opposed and which was rejected, but the one leading to the Water Tower...there are interesting times ahead.

Please check report and minutes on LPC website, GCP updates, etc. These matters affect you and public response is needed – not just on twitter and facebook.

Cllr Enid Bald

Bark Bark! K9 News!

AS OF the 6th April 2020, it is now illegal to buy a puppy from a third party. ‘Lucy’s Law’ (named after Lucy, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who was rescued from a puppy farm where she was subjected to terrible conditions) it means that anyone wanting to get a new puppy or kitten in England must now buy direct from a breeder or rescue centre.

Licensed dog breeders are required to show puppies interacting with their mothers in their place of birth.

If a business sells puppies or kittens without a licence, they will be given an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to six months. (See how they like being locked up in cramped conditions.)

Please do your bit by always asking to see puppies and kittens interacting with their mothers in their place of birth, looking out for the warning signs of a despicable lie being perpetrated and reporting any suspicious activity to the police.

By raising awareness of illegal sellers to the local authorities, we can all help to protect the nation’s cats and dogs and give them the best start in life. Also, make sure any puppy you acquire has been with their mother until they are at least eight weeks old. If they are separated from their mother before this age they are very likely to have behavioural issues as adult dogs. Just like children they have to learn from their mother acceptable social behaviours. Don’t get duped by unscrupulous sellers.

Dangerous Dogs Act

Since 1991 it has been illegal for dogs to be ‘out of control in a public place’. In 2014 the law was amended to include incidents on private property – so inside your home and others’ homes. This includes front and back gardens.

It is an offence if your dog attacks an assistance dog but attacks on other animals including pet dogs are not. (Attacks on Livestock are an issue covered by the Animals Act 1971 which gives the landowner the right to shoot your dog dead). However a court could prosecute if a person believes they would have been injured if they tried to stop a dog attacking their animal.

You are endangering your beloved pet itself if it goes for another dog. If it does get reported to the police, as is advised, your pet will most likely be taken away and probably put to sleep. It is not the dog’s fault. It will be your fault.

Targeted dog thefts

There is a very worrying rise in the incident of thefts of dogs in the Cambridge area. This is being driven by the high price people are prepared to pay, especially since the beginning of the pandemic and lock-down. They are being taken from kennels and gardens, with fences being cut through. Dog walkers have been approached even whilst out walking their dogs. Be alert for any signs of unusual interest in your dogs in your garden or when out and about. Make sure your garden is secure from people getting in, not just your dog getting out.

What to do if your dog goes missing

If your dog does go missing report it to the police immediately – call 101 or do it online at camb.police.uk/report.

Then report the theft to your local authority Dog Warden, notify your microchip database provider and www.doglost.co.uk or their Facebook page as they co-ordinate thefts for each county and offer advice and support.

Everyone can help with this if they DON’T buy a dog on the internet or down the pub as this will just incentivise the horrible people that do this. Better to go to a Rescue Centre and give a deserving dog (or cat) a loving forever home.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

The Parish Clerk’s Maternity Leave – Hellos and Goodbyes

AS MANY of you may be aware our Parish Clerk, Kate Wiseman is due to start her maternity leave very soon. It has been a busy few weeks, tying up loose ends and training the new covering Clerk. From the first week in September, Jenny Seaward will be covering the role of Parish Clerk for the village. With the support of the Councillors and the office team we are hoping that the transition will go smoothly.

Jenny has lived in the village for ten years with her husband and daughter. Although new to the role, she has recently created the Linton Village Directory and has extensive local knowledge.

Please note that the Parish Council Office is still currently closed to the public. However, we can be contacted by email and telephone and will respond as soon as possible. LPC

Planning Updates July – August 2020

A BUSY time with meetings almost every week, here are updates on the larger sites.

Paynes Meadow –

The OL application for the exception site behind Paynes Meadow was refused due to the adverse effect it would have on the landscape.

The developer has appealed the decision, despite saying that if LPC and residents did not support the plans they would not proceed. We have no details of what type of appeal it will be – written submission or yet another Public Enquiry.

Chalklands – 20/03186/FUL – Application for a 4-bed house as infill in the garden of the old Warden’s House adjacent to Community Room.

Horseheath Road – A few Discharge of Condition applications have come through. Currently an 8-week archaeological dig is in progress and we look forward to hearing what else has been found. There is provision for Carbon14 analysis to ensure that dates are gained for the burial/s.

As we will have allotments, perhaps it is time that Linton Allotments Association re-grouped to organise the running of them?

Bartlow Road – Yet more submissions have been received to discharge conditions. These are mainly re-submissions with some new data, to which we have previously objected and which have not been revised to address the objections and issues raised.

Mill House – s/1035/15/Discharge of Conditions. Conversion of barn, replacement structures and garage already granted. The reports are detailed and interesting. For an excellent history of the area, look at condition 8, which describes the industrial past and development of the area. The river was an important navigable transport route – they had a thatched boathouse!

24 Mill Lane -20/01369/HFUL – Single storey extension. LPC objects to this due to size, effect on the Conservation Area and Village Green, and materials. The “Protect Mill Lane” group and others have also raised objections.

Please send comment on planning applications to SCDC Planning, as resident comments are still part of the planning and democratic process.

Cllr Enid Bald

Village parking issues; A little understanding

THERE have been numerous complaints regarding the parking in the village via telephone calls, emails and social media. We feel we must ask you all for a little more understanding and consideration.

The hospitality businesses in the village have been severely affected by the restrictions implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic and they have needed to diversify to continue trading. As such, areas normally used for parking have been subject to a temporary change in use to accommodate extra seating areas and help the businesses maximise trade.

This has caused a negative impact on the capacity of parking, especially on the High Street. The Parish Council asks for your understanding and patience on this matter while we all aim to support the long term future of the worst affected businesses.

If you can walk or cycle to the village centre, please do so. If it is essential that you drive please consider parking in the free public car park in Coles Lane. We need to focus on reducing parking in the High Street simply for convenience sake as this would free up spaces for the residents and visitors that really need them.

The Parish Council has also received many photographs of inconsiderate parking, again, we ask for your co-operation on this matter. We all need to be mindful of others when we park, please ensure you do not block driveways, cause restrictions to pavement width or park so close to a junction that other road users struggle with visibility.

The Parish Council has taken advice from South Cambridge Police and the Cambridge County Council Highways Enforcement Officer on this matter but as many of the issues are due to lack of thought rather than a blatant disregard for the law, there is little we can actually do. We have overcome bigger issues in the past few months and we can rise to this challenge too.

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ABBREVIATED Minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held on the 16th July 2020 via remote video conference.

Apologies for Absence Cllr Lee Gardner and Cllr Amy Smith
Councillors' Declarations of Interest None

Councillor Vacancies: There are currently five vacancies available for co-option.

Chairman's Comment None

Open Forum for Public Participation; There were two members of the public present who attending the meeting to discuss the Swifts. The population is in decline nationally, but wanted to raise awareness in Linton. An article has been drafted for Linton News.

There are several ways this can be improved. Swift boxes can be built and placed as well as other options. At the point, the residents were hoping to gain general support from the Parish Council for the project overall.

This is something that the local schools, children's organisations and groups such as scouts, could be involved so there is a lot of potential to get the village involved.

Swifts are clean birds and a box can be placed at any point above the five metre recommendation as an ideal height. However, they can nest at lower points. This has been a very successful project in Over.

LPC advised they were happy to support this as a project.

Both members of the public left the meeting following this item.

Consideration of the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th June 2020. The minutes were proposed by Cllr John Bald and seconded by Cllr Brian Cox. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report

Linton Recreation Ground update. **Noted.**

Bin and notice board to a maximum of £800.00 to purchase and install. Clerk can action independently. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Consideration of LPC adopting local historians archiving system and incorporating this into the LPC records.

This was recommended to be put to the County Council to be incorporated into their archives as it was felt that this would best be kept separate from LPC's records. Cllr John Bald to run point as assist in the transfer.

The County Council is not accepting donations until the 3rd August 2020, unless records are at an immediate risk of destruction. The History Society and Cambridge Connection could also be contacted to be consulted. **Agreed.**

Planning Matters

Consideration of the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on the 18th June 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary Planning Committee meeting held on the 2nd July 2020. **Noted.**

Horseheath Road

Update on the Planning application for Horseheath Road, application reference S/4418/19/RM, for the erection of 42 dwellings including the provisions of 0.45ha for allotments on the land south of Wheatshaf Barn, Horseheath Road, following the Planning Committee meeting of Linton Parish Council. The decision came through following the Planning Committee meeting. LPC have worked closely with the developers who have changed things considerably since their original application, including moving the boundary line to not include the ransom strip. There were also several other concessions. LPC lost, but lost honourably.

Bartlow Road Planning Applications

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Councillor Enid Bald. LPC has opposed all the amendments and discharge of conditions that have been received.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for July 2020.

District and County Cllr Henry Batchelor provided an update on the A1307. The main items of interest are the proposals regarding

the west bound bus lane which was approved at the meeting of the Greater City Partnership (GCP) board, despite objections, not only from Linton but many other surrounding villages.

The second is that the Traffic Hub that was proposed for Horseheath Road at Linton has been withdrawn as it was felt there was not enough evidence for this. This is a blow, especially for Linton. Unfortunately, there is no system of appeal for decisions made by GCP.

10th August is the next Local Forum meeting which concerns the Linton section of the road, including the Dene Road junction.

The District Council are looking at parking issues and restrictions currently, if there is any progression on this then LPC will be updated.

District Cllr John Batchelor added that there were objections raised on these two items by SCDC and they have been offered a meeting with the vice-chair, this will be pursued.

The District and County Councillors left the meeting following this item.

Finance

Consideration of Quotations received

Correspondence item 19. Local Handyman Services re quotation for fencing at Granta Leys, the Cathodeon Centre and the Clapper Stile. The Clerk advised that she has power to agree the other quotes however the quotation for the fence at Granta Leys would require council agreement. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed, Cllr John Bald seconded put to a vote with all for but one abstentions. **Agreed.**

Correspondence item 50. Shelter Maintenance Ltd re Parsonage Way Bus Stop. Cllr Enid Bald proposed, Cllr Brian Cox seconded **Agreed.**

Consideration of Funding requests

Correspondence item 34; Linton Heights Jr School re request for funding for Art Therapy room at Linton Heights Junior School. What they are asking for isn't within LPC's remit to provide. Request further information on use and cost and how this could be re-proposed. They were also requested to confirm that the funds can be ringfenced.

Correspondence item 45; Magpas Air Ambulance Service re grant request for 2020/ 2021. Check to see what was paid before, if at all and bring back to a future meeting.

Correspondence item 85. Linton Infants School refunding request as a result of COVID-19. What they are asking for isn't within our remit to provide. Request further information on use and cost and how this could be re-proposed. They were also requested to confirm that the funds can be ringfenced.

Consideration of Funding Opportunities

Correspondence item 69. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) re opening/ closing date for Zero Carbon Communities Grant and briefing information. Pass to Village Hall and Cathodeon Centre.

Trees, Biodiversity, River Care and Wildlife

Correspondence item 62. Parishioner email re request for Parish Council support re protecting swifts in Linton. Dealt with under public participation section of the meeting. Forward to Cathodeon Centre and Village Hall.

Traffic

Correspondence item 25. GCP response to LPC questions raised at CSET LLF on 1st June 2020. For information. **Noted.**

Correspondence item 26. Copy of Horseheath PC comments to GCP re west bound bus lane. For information. **Noted.**

Correspondence items 72 and 73, Parishioner emails re concerns of parking in Meadow Lane and resident only parking signage. This could be requested to be included in the GCP. CCC have paused the implementation of any residents parking scheme from the end of March 2020 for a 12-month period. This will have to be revisited at a later point.

Verbal update from the Traffic Working Group meeting held on the 9th July 2020. The A1307 Forum Group has asked for a village and Parish Council response ready for the 10th August meeting. The next FC meeting is after this so the response from LPC was discussed.

The Traffic Working Group (TWG) have recommended sending in a complaint about the way the meeting was held, this was agreed by Council LPC also join up with the villages forum to send in comments. Cllr John Bald proposed, Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All for with one abstention. **Agreed.**

Camping Close

Correspondence item 32. Parishioner email re replacing bins in Camping Close and village wide.

Cllr Enid Bald proposed a maximum budget of £1000 for two units of the recycling and main rubbish to be reviewed, installed and collected by SCDC. Cllr John Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Correspondence item 36. Parishioner email re jurisdiction of flint wall boarding east side of Camping Close. Refer this to the County Council, the Parish Council has no record of this being actioned and do not own the land.

Correspondence item 47. Parishioner email re overflowing bin at Camping Close. Dealt with under 75/20/21a with correspondence item 32.

The Meadow Recreation Ground

Correspondence item 81. CAPALC re NALC and Government update on reopening playgrounds. **Noted.**

Consideration of the request from Victor Harris to consider allowing the 2020 Fairground on the Meadow Recreation Ground to commence at the end of July/ beginning of August 2020. Cllr John Bald proposed we do not allow this to be held this year, Cllr Kate Kell seconded, four in favour, three against one abstention. **Agreed. This cannot be held this year.**

Correspondence item 86. Linton Granta Football Club re The Meadow Recreation Ground and Pitch and permission for memorial bench location in front of pavilion.

The Tree Warden will review the trees.

Bench proposed by Cllr John Bald and seconded by Cllr Chris Hine. **Agreed with one abstention.**

Correspondence items not pertaining to an agenda item.

Item 42. Air Ambulance Service follow up email re request for textile bank at school. Cllr Brian Cox proposed this is not done, Cllr John Bald seconded. **Agreed not to progress.**

Item 53. Practical mentoring payment terms and rates. **Noted.**

Item 56. GCPP re Invitation to complete survey on Green Infrastructure in Cambridge. Forward email to Councillors to respond to independently.

Matters for Future Consideration A survey of the High Street and traffic issues to allow LPC a greater opportunity to put forward for changes.

The main section of the meeting was closed at: 9.20pm

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