

July Open Studios

THE free July Open Studios art festival, organised by Cambridge Open Studios, returns for four weekends this July.

Art enthusiasts and collectors across Cambridgeshire are invited to step into artists' studios, garages and galleries to learn about art and the creative process. Over 350 artists will open their studios across Cambridgeshire, including both long-term professionals and emerging talents.

Since 1974, July Open Studios has grown to encompass hundreds of artists in a vast range of disciplines including painting, jewellery, printmaking, ceramics, glass art, digital art, drawing/illustration, woodwork/furniture, sculpture, textiles, photography, book art, lettering/calligraphy, mixed media, collage and much more.

Gabriella del Valle, chair of the management team of volunteers, said, "what started as a small showcase of artists' work has grown into a much-loved event that people look forward to every year. It is a unique opportunity to view art in the space it was created and to hear directly from artists about their inspiration and methods. I am excited to see our first ever young artists' open studio at the Fitzwilliam Museum. Thanks to its support, we can nurture the next generation of creative talent in Cambridgeshire. I encourage as many people as possible to meet with the artists in their studios – I can't wait to welcome guests into my studio."



This year's July Open Studios is sponsored by Feilden+Mawson, Inclume, Movewells, myspace, Paus and St John's Innovation Centre.

Download the Cambridge Open Studios app or digital guide to plan your visits. To find out more, visit <https://camopenstudios.org/>.

Gabriella del Valle
and management team

Georgie Lee

120 Walk threatened land

LOCAL group Kingsway Solar Community Action joined campaigners across the UK on Sunday 8th June for the first-ever National Community Walk, a peaceful, coordinated effort to raise awareness about the growing impact of large-scale solar farms, pylons, and battery energy storage systems on rural landscapes.

The South Cambs walk, held in West Wrating, was a resounding success, attracting over 120 participants. Walkers followed a 2.25-mile route across public footpaths through the area proposed for the Kingsway Solar Farm, with a shorter 1-mile option also available.

The walk offered a powerful moment of community solidarity and concern over the irreversible changes this development would bring. The sun shone, the views were stunning, and it was a heartfelt reminder of what's at stake.

The proposed Kingsway Solar Farm would cover more than 1,500 hectares (3,706 acres) – an area larger than Heathrow Airport – spanning Balsham, West Wrating, Weston Colville, Willingham Green, and Carlton. It would involve massive infrastructure including pylons, substations, and up to 400 MW of battery storage, which carries unresolved safety concerns.

The National Community Walk was inspired by South Norfolk's Block East Pye Solar group and mirrored by campaigners around the country. These walks aim to help raise awareness and strengthen calls for smarter, community-driven energy planning.



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Roz Howling

Walking to make themselves heard

Have your say on 'Land West of Linton'

We have just received news of the *Land West of Linton* proposal to build 250 homes as part of the *Greater Cambridge Local Plan* near Little Linton. This represents a significant increase in the number of homes in Linton. The opportunity to have your say on this development is short. There is a public exhibition of the plans at the Community Rooms in the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3rd July, 4.30–8.30pm. There is a website with few further details of the plan and a survey to be completed by Friday 11th July, at <https://landwestoflinton.co.uk>. Make sure your voice is heard.

Linton News Team

The Hottest Ticket in Town

ALMOST 40 local causes have already signed up to benefit from the new Cambridgeshire Community lottery. The lottery was launched in May by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to raise money for good causes across the county.

Players have the chance to win cash prizes of up to £25,000 while supporting the good cause of their choice. Players can choose which local cause will receive 50p from every £1 ticket, with a further 10p going to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to help them support other local causes. Tickets are £1 each, available at www.cambridgeshirecommunitylottery.co.uk, and draws will take place every Saturday at 8pm.

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's CEO, Michael O'Toole, said, 'this is a fantastic opportunity for people to support their chosen local cause whilst being in with the chance to win something for themselves.' Some of the organisations that have already signed up to boost their fundraising include Living Sport, Fulbourn Windmill, Centre 33, Safe Soulmates, the Chinese Community in Peterborough, and Sew Positive.

Melissa Santiago-Val, CEO of Sew Positive, one of the first charities to sign up, commented, "Sew Positive is delighted to have signed up to the new Cambridgeshire Community Lottery. As a small charity, it's vital to give people different ways to support us."

Corrina O'Flaherty Seddon, Development & Partnerships Lead at Centre 33 said that "Centre 33 offers young people up to age 25 free and confidential support with practical issues and emotional needs. With rising numbers seeking support, this lottery is an exciting new initiative to help raise much-needed funds so we can be there when people need us."

It's not too late to sign up! Not-for-profit organisations – including charities, community groups, PTAs and sports clubs – can sign up at: www.cambridgeshirecommunitylottery.co.uk/good-causes. There is no limit on the number of causes that can join.



For further information, please contact:

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The photos show representatives from good causes that have already signed up.

Julia Cieslak

Young people going to Uganda

A GROUP of young people from Linton (largely associated with St Mary's Church and Linton Free Church) and beyond is set to embark on a project to Uganda at the end of July and beginning of August. They are scheduled to fly out on Friday 25th July.

Following a successful fundraising effort, all the necessary funds are in place to allow the project to go ahead and the young people to participate. The local community has been very supportive in these fund-raising efforts, notably including a highly successful recent auction of promises. We are very grateful for all the generous support. It also means that some significant facility development can be funded at the schools visited by the young people.

Whilst staying in Entebbe, the participants will work at the Early Learning School for a week and visit a partner secondary school. These schools are supported by the Kickstart Coffee charity (based in the Cambridge area) that raises funds to support the education of children from poor backgrounds in Entebbe and beyond. The young people will be able to see the impact of this support and meet families from the local communities associated with the schools. Following the work in the schools, the group will head off for a safari in the Murchison Falls Park area to the north of Entebbe. All the young people involved are excited at the prospect of the trip.

Steve Munday
Chair of Trustees, Beacon Youth Trust

Local government is changing



This is your chance to have your say.

In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, district, county and city councils are being replaced with one or more larger unitary councils.

Council leaders want to hear your views before proposals are submitted to national government in November. The closing date is 20th July, which is less than three weeks away. The link is below <https://can-campaigns.co.uk/local-councils-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-are-changing/>

Parish Clerk

Cambridge Art Makers Summer Show

CAMBRIDGE Art Makers are delighted to invite you to visit their Summer Show.

The event will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July, 11am–5pm at Cambridge Makers, The Grip, Linton.

Although we usually have an open weekend in July, this year we're taking a slightly different approach and having more of an exhibition setup, to display more of the work made by our many fabulous course participants as well as our tutors.

A variety of brilliant pieces will be on display, from headwear, to jewellery, to weaving and more. As well as display-only pieces, some items will be available to buy, and we will have refreshments as usual.

We hope to see you then!

Rosemary Bangham

Kaela-Ann Cooper, Open Studio

ONCE again, local artist Kaela-Ann Cooper will be exhibiting alongside other artists for Cambridge Open Studios 2025. Based in Linton, Kaela-Ann welcomes you to visit her working studio through the last three weekends in July (12/13th, 19/20th, 26/27th), 10am–5pm. Entry is free.

Her recent paintings and Illustrations including various other media will be available to purchase, as well as her archive of previous work at a reduced price.

Kaela-Ann is excited to announce the launch of her free online social art club, available to join on Facebook by searching 'Coopers Art Club'. A safe art space to engage in each other's art practices and share current ongoing works in the village. Weekly, Kaela-Ann will present fun art ideas and tasks to get your creativity flowing in your own sketchbooks. These will include interactive topic conversations about artists, as well as art facts and ways to use a variety of materials, techniques and processes.

In the meantime, for more information contact Kaela-Ann directly at Kaelaann@yahoo.co.uk, or via the group page.

Hollie Cooper

Headscratcher

Number 10
Watching a bicycle wheel doing a complete revolution as it was traveling in a forward direction, it was noticed that the path subscribed by the valve made a geometrical shape (NOT a circle). What is the perimeter of the shape in terms of the wheel radius and the area?

Answer to number 9
Take a straight line $y=mx+c$, it cuts the y axis at (0,c) and the x axis at $(-c/m,0)$. The third corner of the triangle is the origin, (0,0). The centre of the triangle is at the meeting point of the lines from the corners to the middle point of the opposite side. Knowing your corners and the equation of the line you can work out the equations for the lines that go through the midpoints of a side from the corners and you can work out where they cross. This point is $(-c/3m, c/3)$, So for a 3,4,5 triangle the point is (1, 1.33)

Answer to number 8.
Any odd number can be represented by the formula $2n+1$. However $2n+1$ is also the difference between $(n+1)^2$ and n^2 . So for 51, $n=25$, $n+1=26$. 25^2 is 625. 26^2 is 676. The difference is 51!

Aspasia

ACE go to Wroxham

ACTIVITIES & Care for Elderly, ACE, has some places available for their coach outing to Wroxham in Norfolk on 10th July 2025.

The return coach fare is £20. The first pick up is at 9.30am outside the Dog & Duck on Linton High Street, followed by the bus stop near the cemetery and then the bus stop near the Linton Library. There is also the option to book an optional 2-hour boat trip for an extra £16.

We are looking forward to welcoming friends, old (and young) and new, to join us on our trip to the Broads.

If you would like further information, or to buy a ticket, please call Jan on 01223 892420.

Our next event, to be held in the Pavilion on Linton Recreation Ground, is a Cream Tea at 2.30pm, Thursday 11th September where we hope to see you again.

Sue Filby

TudorFest 19th July

IT'S 1525 and St. Mary's Church in Linton is awaiting a very special visitor. On 19th July, King Henry VIII is honouring us with his presence!

From 12–4pm at St Mary's, you can meet the King, and even dance with him. You'll hear music written by King Henry, and have a go at singing some of it. You'll meet Tudors from Kentwell Hall and learn about Tudor life, including trying on Tudor clothes, and you can put your parents and friends in the stocks! Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be on sale in the Church. It's free to attend and suitable for all ages.

At 7pm, join King Henry's court inside the Church for an immersive Tudor evening of music, dance and laughter: a spectacular experience featuring Jay Britton, The Tudor Songbook, accompanied by lute, A Merrie Noyse historical musicians, and King Henry VIII himself. Enjoy a taste of Tudor food with Brigitte Webster, Tudor Food Historian and author of *Eating with the Tudors*. All are welcome, though we suggest it is not suitable for under 5s.

Tickets: adults £15, children under 16 free (must be accompanied by an adult). Bar. All proceeds to St Mary's, Linton. Thanks to Linton Parish Council for funding this event.

Gill Fraser Lee

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Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

For entries, email: diary.linton.news@gmail.com
Please check with organisers before attending weekly events

Thur 3	Land West of Linton Exhibition 4.30–8.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Sat 5	West Wickham Big Garden Party, 12–5pm	West Wickham Village Hall
Sat 5	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Sun 6	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Tue 8	Scrabble Club, 10–12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Tue 8	Camsight Meeting, 2pm	Chalklands Community Hall
Thur 10	ACE coach trip to Wroxham, with optional boat trip, 9.30am	Dog and Duck
Thur 10	Friends of St Mary's Afternoon Tea 3–4.30pm	Richmonds, 65 High Street
Fri 11	Land West of Linton Consultation ends	Online
Sat 12	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Sun 13	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Sun 13	Bourn Windmill Open Day, 2–4:30pm	Bourn Windmill
Fri 18	Daylight Readers, 10.30am & 2.30pm	Library
Sat 19	Coffee Morning, 10–12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Sat 19	Mel Symonds' Book Launch, 11–12:30pm	Library
Sat 19	TudorFest, 12–4pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 19	Tudor musical experience, 7pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 19	Cambridge Art Maker's Summer Show, 11–5pm	Cambridge Makers, The Grip
Sat 19	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Sun 20	Cambridge Art Maker's Summer Show, 11–5pm	Cambridge Makers, The Grip
Sun 20	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Mon 21	Farm Lodge Garden Visit, 6.30pm	Farm Lodge, Hildersham
Tue 22	Scrabble Club, 10–12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Wed 23	Weird and Wonderful in the garden 7.30pm	Holy Trinity, Hildersham
Sat 26	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
Sun 27	Cambridge Open Studios, 10–5pm	Various Locations
WEEKLY		
Monday	Mini Movers, 10–11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Tuesday	Rhyme/Duplo Club, 10–11am	Library
Tuesday	Knit and Natter, 2–4pm	Library
Tuesday	IT Club, 5–7pm	Library
Wednesday	Lets Run Girls, 7pm	LVC
Thursday	Stay and Play, 10–11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
	Baby Group, 1–2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
	Games Afternoon, 2–4pm	Library
Friday	Lego/Duplo Club, 11–12pm (1st 2nd & 4th Friday)	Library
	Badminton Club, 8–10pm	Comm. Sports Centre, LVC

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News from the Infants

THIS is the last *Linton News* for this academic year, a time to reflect and say thank you.

Our PTFA has done an amazing job this year, along with our staff team who have supported the various events held. So many memorable fundraising events have been supported by our families: Chocolate Bingo; Pancake Supper, and the Christingle Trail to name a few. Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. It was a huge success!



Our school wouldn't be the place it is without the support of parents and the wider community. Thank you for the support you give.

Thank you also to the staff team who continue to work above and beyond, delivering good quality learning experiences to the children, and thank you to our Governors who continue to be a source of support.

We say goodbye to our Year 2 children who leave us to move onto the next stage of their education. They have grown and achieved so much and we are proud of them.


We also, sadly, say goodbye to Mrs Brooker, our School Secretary, who has worked at the school for over 20 years. She has decided the time is right for new adventures, and to enjoy a little more time to relax and catch up with friends.

All that's left for me to do is wish you all a safe, happy and joyful Summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children into school on Wednesday 3rd September.

Kelly Harries

News from the Heights

WE ARE excited to announce plans for a small extension to the front of our main building, set to begin on Thursday 24th July. The project will create a new reception area, additional office and meeting space, and a larger staffroom to better accommodate the needs of the school community.



Funded through the Anglian Learning School Conditions Allocation, the improvements are aimed at enhancing the working environment for staff and the experience of visitors and families.

The new reception area will provide a more welcoming and accessible entrance, while the upgraded staffroom and expanded office and meeting space will support day-to-day operations. For those of you who have visited Linton Heights, it means that visitors will no longer have to sign in next to bleeding children!

As the development falls within the limits of permitted development, planning permission is not required. This has allowed the school to move forward with its plans promptly, with the majority of the construction scheduled to take place during the summer holidays to minimise disruption to students and learning. The project is due to be finished by the end of October.

We would like to pass our apologies to nearby residents for any noise or disturbance caused by the building work. I have been assured that heavy machinery will not be used before 8am.

Caroline Webb

The Marsh Mail

ENRICHMENT is a core value at Linton Village College. Every June we collapse the timetable for our Enrichment Week. This has been a long-standing fixture in Linton Village College's calendar to enable students to learn outside of the classroom.

Our ambition is for all students to experience a weeklong residential in Year 9, a week's work experience in Year 10 and a range of day trips and events in Years 7 and 8.

This summer our residential trips included Iceland, Paris, Scotland and the Peak District. Our first trip to Iceland was dubbed 'Fire and Ice'. It lived up to its name with trips to volcanoes, hot springs and glaciers on the itinerary. Paris provided both a variety of cultural sightseeing and a day at Euro Disney. The Scotland and Peak District trips afforded our Year 9s with a more physical set of activities such as bouldering, ridge scrambling, water sports, bushcraft and abseiling to name but a few.

Years 7 and 8 enjoyed trips to Chessington, Colchester Zoo, Audley End and Milton Country Park for water sports. Our in-house provision included a 'Cuban Day', a CSI Day', archery, axe throwing and rock climbing.

We also hosted a virtual work experience. This included a day of physical activities led by the Army, online learning and the chance to develop a range of life skills.

After an action-packed week, the planning for Enrichment Week 2026 commences!



Rock climbing at LVC



CSI Day at LVC



Water sports at Milton Country Park

Enrichment is a core value at LVC. It is great to celebrate and recognise independent learning achievements that demonstrate students' holistic education beyond the classroom.

Helena Marsh

Let the Summer Reading Challenge begin!

THE Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading through the holidays. This year's theme is Story Garden – adventures in nature and the great outdoors.

This annual challenge is for pre-school and primary school aged children of all reading abilities. Children should:

- sign up at the Library to receive a collector's folder and bookmark,
- read six library books of their choice during the holidays, and
- collect a sticker for each book read.

In the holidays, collect stickers any time the Library is open. On finishing, children will receive a certificate and medal.

Sign up for free from Saturday 5th July. For all children who sign up at Linton Library on that day, Scotsdales Garden Centre will generously provide a gift to start off the gardening for the Story Garden!

Each Saturday in the holidays we will also be running a free children's craft activity, 11-12.30pm. Also, local author Mel Symonds, will be launching her new book for children on Saturday 19th July, 11-12.30pm. Come and meet her and try the themed activity! More on page 6.

Adults, we hope you'll keep reading all summer too! Choose from our shelves, or download our free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers.

Rhyme then Duplo: Tuesdays 10-11am for 0-4-year-olds.
Lego/Duplo: 1st, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10-11am for 0-4-year-olds.
Games Afternoon: Thursdays 2-4pm. Board/card games provided, or bring your favourites.
IT Drop In: Wednesdays 5-7pm; volunteers offer IT help, including with Addenbrookes MyChart.
Knit and Natter: Tuesdays 2-4pm. Bring any craft project you're working on.
Daylight Readers: book groups meet at 10.30am and 2.30pm on Friday 18th.

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Linton Camsight VIPs

WE were delighted to welcome our members to the summer lunch this month and happy to report the sun shone! The volunteers served lunch and we all enjoyed a menu of ham salad with new potatoes followed by trifle, coffee/tea and mints. It was a lovely opportunity to get together and have a meal and a natter in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. This was followed by our usual raffle, which is always well received.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July at the usual time of 2pm in Chalklands Community Hall. We will be joined once again by Jukebox Legends so, dear members, get in tune ready for a singalong!

If you would like any more information about the group, or would like to join us, please contact the Cambridge CAMSIGHT office on 01223 420033 or phone Jean Mannion on 01223 83595.

Hilary Bradbury

Linton WI

WE were pleased to welcome members from Abingdon and Balsham WI at our joint meeting on 22nd May. Our speaker, Neil Callan, illustrated his talk on *The History of Silver Spoons* with slides. He also showed a number of his silver spoons, some copies and some original, beginning with a copy of a Roman spoon. We saw how the shape of the bowl and handle changed over time to the style we are used to today. Some members brought silver spoons but, sadly, none were deemed valuable and we were advised to use them daily and enjoy! Refreshments followed with a delicious selection of desserts, an antiques Quiz (won by Linton), and a Raffle.

The speaker at our June meeting was Richard Dolby, Chair of the Hadstock Society. The society is keen to solve the mystery of an important medieval battle. Cnut from Denmark became King of England in 1016 AD and ruled for 19 years. The decisive battle of Assandun against the English was in Essex, but where? Richard explained several pointers (ash trees, a hill, and the church) that make Hadstock a good candidate.

The speaker at our July meeting is Neil Dickinson, talking about butterflies.

New members welcome. Visitors: £5.00. Enquiries: 07305847437.

Elizabeth Cox

Historical Society

OWING to a last minute cancellation for our final of session of this season, we are grateful to Dr Richard Paden, a committee member, who stepped in and gave a fascinating lecture on the *History of Canals*. He began with the construction of the Bridgewater Canal, commissioned by the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater in 1760, and took us right up to the present day. It was a well presented talk, illustrated with photographs and information, not only of the canals but also the structures and social history alongside them.

The 2025/26 season will resume on Tuesday 16th September 2025. For further details of the LDHS please email ldhscambs@gmail.com or call 01223 893915 or 01223 678835.

Ian Creek

Windmill replica restored

AN 80-year-old replica of the historic Bourn Windmill has been lovingly restored by dedicated volunteers of Cambourne Shed, and is now proudly on display in time for the summer season of open days.

The model has been restored to its former glory thanks to the meticulous craftsmanship and shared sense of purpose of the Cambourne Shed: a community group that supports men's mental health and wellbeing through hands-on projects and social connection. Under Greg Thompson's leadership, Andrew Young, Tung Hau, Chris Smith, John Panrucker and Robert Thompson lovingly restored the miniature windmill, which was originally built in the 1940s by enthusiast Michael Dunn using Venetian blinds from his home.



Above: Volunteers work on the restoration
Right: The windmill in all its glory

The model suffered storm damage in the 1960s and had spent years moving between family homes. The Shed team carefully stripped paint, repaired sails, replaced damaged parts (even using original slats from Dunn's Venetian blinds), and repainted every detail with care and precision.

Bourn Windmill is the oldest surviving windmill in the UK, dating to the 16th Century. Estate Manager Allan Scott Davies is delighted with the volunteers' work: "This working model is more than just a charming garden feature; it tells a story of craftsmanship, family legacy, and community spirit."

Michael Dunn's family are thrilled with the outcome. His daughter Jennifer shared that, "We are very pleased the replica has been accepted as part of the museum and are delighted that it has been restored by the local Shed. We are very grateful to all concerned."

The replica, and Bourn Windmill, can be visited on 13th July, 17th August and 14th September. Details on www.cambridgeppf.org/events-list.

Article Louise Palmer
Photos Cambourne Shed



Hundred Parishes Society

THE topography, geology and fertile soils of the Hundred Parishes have combined to provide suitable conditions for farming. Currently, cereals cover about two-thirds of our arable fields with crops of winter or spring-sown barley, oats and wheat. Twenty percent of fields have been planted with oil seed rape or vegetables. Grasslands make up the remainder of fields, providing forage for cattle, sheep or horses.

This spring has been exceptionally warm, very dry and sunny so there are concerns about a possible drought, reduced crop growth and lower yields. Some farmers started earlier than usual to irrigate vulnerable crops, and all are hoping for some more rainy days ahead as plants need moisture to absorb the nutrients they require for growth.

In recent years, some have been able to realise the potential of their south-facing fields, conveniently located over underlying chalk, to plant grape vines. Guided by the results of detailed soil analysis, coupled with careful selection of appropriate species of grape, these winemakers are now producing first class sparkling English wines and also bottles of excellent red, white or rosé wine. Many offer tours of their vineyards as an added attraction.

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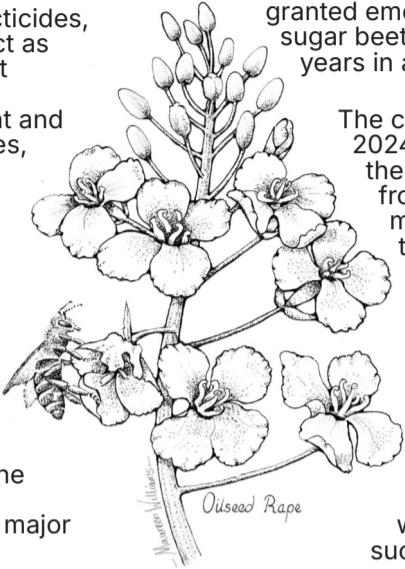
Country Matters

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Neonics

NEO what? Neonics is short for neonicotinoids, meaning new nicotine-like insecticide. If you're interested in agriculture or bees, or even wildlife in general, you will probably have heard of them. They were developed in the 1990s, and are now the single most popular insecticide in the USA. They are a controversial subject that has persisted in the relevant media since their use was first approved in the EU in 2005.

Neonics are a class of synthetic insecticides, chemically similar to nicotine. They act as nerve poisons by disrupting the insect nervous system. They are systemic, meaning they're absorbed by the plant and transported throughout all plant tissues, including pollen and nectar, making them a potential threat to pollinators. They control pests successfully, are not dangerous to mammals and birds, and vets use them for tic control and flea collars. BUT they also impact bees and other pollinators such as hoverflies and any flower visiting insects. This fact led to restrictions in 2013 and an outright ban in Europe in 2017, later postponed to provide opportunity for further research. A minor dose can weaken the immune system, navigational skill, stamina, memory and fertility, while a major dose can lead to paralysis and death.



If you were to follow beekeepers' arguments, you would think that use of neonics is leading us to ecological Armageddon. However farmers, particularly here in East Anglia, have seen their oil seed rape and beet crops decimated by pests over decades, and anyone growing fruit and vegetables at home must sometimes stand helplessly by. It is for this reason that the outright ban has not been fully implemented. Despite the ban, 10 EU countries including England (not the rest of the UK), were granted emergency authorisation to use neonics for sugar beet only in England. This has happened for four years in a row.

The current position, in a paper from December 2024, states that further research is needed, and there is a UK pollinator monitoring scheme dating from 2017 which, in theory, should enable a more accurate picture of pollinator health. The trouble is that bees have been declining for years, from pesticides, habitat loss, climate change, disease, and parasites. Neonics are only partially responsible. Unlike post-war DDT, an outright ban is not such a clear cut decision. The type of neonics now being used is called Cruiser SB, apparently less damaging. Scientists are trying to develop an alternative way to fight the cabbage stem flea beetle. The latest government statement is a classic: 'We are committed to working with stakeholders to support the growers to succeed without neonicotinoids'.

Roots and FROG

ST MARY'S was full last month for the free screening of *Fugolburna*, which is an ancient name for Fulbourn meaning 'birds by a stream'. Over 90 people watched the film which tells the tale of the wonderful and rare chalk streams we have locally, focusing on Fulbourn Fen Nature Reserve. It's a beautiful place to walk and a site of specific scientific interest because of the variety of flora and fauna by the historic chalk streams. Sadly, these streams are drying up with the ever increasing demand for water from Cambridge and the surrounding area.

We are lucky to have our own chalk stream in Linton and the meeting was an opportunity to reach out and involve people in looking after our local nature and wildlife. FROG and Linton Roots hosted the event and regularly post in the diary section. Linton Roots holds regular meetings and you can find our events in the newsletter diary.

We are extremely grateful to Fulbourn Forum who made the film and to St Mary's church for offering to host the film screening. We are so fortunate to live in such a place and hope to maintain it for future generations but need any help you can offer!

Yannick, Kirsten and Anna (Linton Roots)
Contact us here: linton-roots@outlook.com

Butterfly and Bumblebee Walk

FROG is delighted to announce our next free activity for adults and children: butterfly and bumblebee walk, Saturday 9th August, starting in St Mary's churchyard at 11am.

The walk will last 1.5 hours, and will be led by Matt Hayes, PhD student in the Department of Zoology, Cambridge. He is investigating how to manage nature reserves to protect species from climate change and extreme weather.

This event will coincide with the UK Big Butterfly Count (Friday 18th July to Sunday 10th August). Butterfly Conservation has declared a butterfly emergency and needs your help more than ever: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>.

Butterflies and moths are important indicators of biodiversity. Their fragility makes them quick to react to change so their struggle to survive is a serious warning about our environment. Eighty percent of UK butterfly species

have decreased in abundance and/or distribution since 1976. The UK has 59 species of butterflies – 57 resident and two regular migrants. But five species of butterfly have become extinct in the last 150 years.

Areas rich in butterflies and moths are rich in other invertebrates. These collectively provide a wide range of environmental benefits. Moths and butterflies are an important element of the food chain, and support a range of other predators and parasites.

About FROG
FROG is a volunteer group that runs litter picks, conservation and citizen science monitoring tasks, and events to promote a love of our natural world. Everyone is welcome to join. Please contact us at lintonfrog@gmail.com or visit us at https://www.facebook.com/LintonFROG/?locale=en_GB.
Jonathan Silverman

Open Gardens

ON a bright Sunday afternoon on 18th May, eight very different Linton gardens were opened to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme to raise money for many of the UK's well-known nursing, health, and gardening charities.

Of our 425 visitors many were locals, but many came from throughout the county and beyond. In all we raised an astonishing £3,306! But there were more than just gardens on show – there were local poets reading their work in one garden, teas and cakes in another (thank you Gemma from the Linton Kitchen) and several had plants for purchase.

Gardens this year stretched from Symonds Lane to Wheatsheaf Way as well as along the High Street.

So, if you would like to take part next year do contact Jenny Marks (jenny.marks@ngs.org.uk). No garden is too small, and as everyone knows a garden is always a project in hand, so it doesn't have to be perfect. If you contact Jenny, she will advise.

For more information about the National Gardens Scheme go to their website <https://ngs.org.uk/>

The date of next year's Open Gardens at Linton is 31st May 2026.
Michael Wilcockson



Queen's House garden

Garden Club Summer Events

WHY not take a break from gardening and join us at our summer events?

West Wickham Big Garden Party, 5th July, 12.00–5.00pm, West Wickham Village Hall. Visit our stall for helpful advice, quizzes and edible flowers!

Garden visit to Farm Lodge, Hildersham, 21st July, 6.30pm (£7.50 including refreshments). Proceeds to the National Garden Scheme charities. Places are limited, so please book early (members only). findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/47248/farm-lodge. Contact Rio Glyn-Davies for further information: rioglyndavies@gmail.com.

Inspired to take some photographs when you are out and about? Here's a reminder of this year's competition categories: Frozen, Light and Dark, Terrific Trees. Contact us on photo@westwickham.org for more details.

Club information or if you'd like to join one of our teams, contact Sally Collins at wwdgc@westwickham.org.

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Zero Carbon Communities Grant

SCDC's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant is open for applications, closing Tuesday 1st July 2025. Parish councils and voluntary/community organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 for projects that either:

- a) reduce carbon emissions, for example, from a community building, or;
- b) foster greater community engagement on climate issues and encourage sustainable behaviour change.

For full eligibility information, please consult the guidance documents on scambs.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant or email zcc@scambs.gov.uk

Allotment Improvement Grant

A new grant from the District Council providing up to £10,000 in funding to support projects that enhance the productivity, sustainability, and social value of allotment spaces. Key priorities include:

- improving water access through reliable connections and rainwater harvesting;
- implementing pest control measures, such as fencing;
- upgrading facilities such as waterless toilets;
- delivering measurable social benefits, such as promoting mental well-being, outdoor activity and community engagement. Other allotment improvements will also be considered, ensuring that allotments remain thriving, inclusive spaces for all.

For more information, visit scambs.gov.uk/community-and-people/community-action/allotment-improvement-grant

Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT)

South Cambridgeshire District Council has helped residents on lower incomes secure up to £3.6 million in benefits they're entitled to but weren't claiming. The Council's innovative LIFT software identifies households potentially eligible for benefits but not claiming them. They are sent a letter or text encouraging them to apply, with follow-up phone calls.

The Council has helped over 110 households that were eligible for Pension Credit but weren't claiming it. Pension Credit is a benefit for people over State Pension age (currently 66) with low incomes. It provides extra money for living costs and can lead to other support. If they remain eligible for the rest of their lives, these households will receive up to £3.2 million in Pension Credit between them.

Households that applied for Pension Credit before last Christmas were also eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment following a change in eligibility criteria last year. This is a payment of either £200 or £300, depending on a person's age. The projected extra income this Winter Fuel Payment will bring new claimants across South Cambridgeshire, as long as they remain eligible for it, is just over £229,000.

In addition, the programme has been used to promote the availability of the Household Support Fund. This is a one-off hardship payment of £110 administered by Cambridgeshire County Council. Just under 250 South

Cambridgeshire households went on to claim it during the past 12 months – with a total claim value of £26,400.

The Council also identified nearly 70 households that only just missed out on being eligible for Pension Credit, and therefore the Winter Fuel Payment. They were all contacted and offered a free electric blanket and financial advice through Income Maximisation appointments with Council officers.

The next areas of focus for the Council's Data Team, using the LIFT software, will include encouraging more eligible residents to claim grants to retrofit their home with energy efficiency measures. There will also be a campaign to raise awareness of Cambridge Water's Assure Tariff, which offers discounts on water bills for those eligible.

Acorn Anaerobic Digester

The Acorn anaerobic biodigester planning application, which has been rolling through the system for a few years now, is finally coming to Suffolk County Council's planning committee this month for a decision. Henry has registered to speak at the committee to put across the views that have been made to him so far. The date of the committee is June 19th, so by the time you read this, the decision will have been made.

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

Linton author's third children's book

LINTON-based author Mel Symonds is set to publish her third children's book this month: *A Mirror in the Woods*. Inspired by her fascination with physics and her love of wandering round National Trust buildings, this story is set in the fictional grounds of Wimsley Estate.



Marley and Lottie have opened a dark green wooden door, walked over a rusty bridge, entered the dense woods, and have stumbled upon a large mirror. Now the mirror wants Marley to solve its puzzle. Can Marley piece together the clues? Can she outrun the nasty Ms Spincross, who's hot on her heels? Can she save her friend before it's too late?

To celebrate the publication of this science-themed mystery fiction for children aged 9–12 years old, Mel will be at Linton Library on 19th July, 11am–12.30pm, with science experiments and craft drop-in fun exploring the wonders of light.

Mel Symonds

Planning Applications

Planning Applications from 14th May to 18th June.

25/02286/FUL. Erection of 3 No. dwellings with altered highway and pedestrian access. 41 Back Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LG. Validated: Tue 10th Jun 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/02203/HFUL. Conversion of existing outhouse to habitable room with a pitched roof to replace existing flat roof and single storey side extension with flat roof over. 27 Tower View Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LL. Validated: Wed 4th Jun 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/02144/HFUL. Single-storey front extension with lean-to roof, internal alterations to layout and alterations to first floor windows to front and rear elevations. 29 The Woodlands Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4UG. Validated: Mon 2nd Jun 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/0532/TTCA. T1 - Elder - Reduce crown by 2 metres all round T2 - Forsythia - Reduce crown by 2 metres all round T3 - Plum - Remove T4 - Lilac - Reduce crown by 2 metres all round. 13 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS. Validated: Thu 29th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/02039/CL2PD. Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the change of use of an existing telephone kiosk on the High Street to a safe space for a defibrillator. Public Telephone 7M From 33 High Street 5M From B1052 High Street (B1052) Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS. Validated: Thu 29th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/02063/HFUL. Two Storey Front/side Extension and Single Storey Side Extension. 30 Brinkman Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4XF. Validated: Tue 27th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/01833/HFUL. Installation of Air Source Heat Pump at rear of property. 10 Hillway Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JE. Validated: Tue 20th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/01678/FUL. Change of use of annexe to independent unit of accommodation for one person. 30 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY. Validated: Mon 19th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/01959/LBC. Removal and replacement of plasterboard and insulation, replacement of all existing windows with Accoya timber frames and PassivGlas double glazing, and minor external roof alteration, which includes two small ventilation outlets and a new rooflight on the mansard roof. Remove existing external render and replace with lime render. 36 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY. Validated: Mon 19th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

25/01958/HFUL. Internal refurbishments, replacement of all existing windows with Accoya timber frames and PassivGlas double glazing, and minor external roof alteration, which includes two small ventilation outlets and a new rooflight on the mansard roof. Remove existing external render and replace with lime render. 36 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY. Validated: Mon 19th May 2025. Status: Awaiting decision.

Summer Teas

The Friends of St Mary's invite you to join them for afternoon tea, which will be served from 3:00 - 4:30pm on Thursday, 10th July at Brian and Margaret Cox's, Richmonds, 65 High Street.

A variety of cakes, scones and sandwiches will be accompanied by freshly brewed tea. Hopefully, the weather will be good and it will be a chance to enjoy Linton's gardens in the company of old friends and possibly make new ones. There will be no charge, but donations to The Friends will be welcomed at the events.

Judith Tonry

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The Pavilion - Update

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the recent Additional Parish Council meeting held on the 12th June 2025. The meeting focused on the future of the Pavilion and it was appreciated that so many parishioners shared their concerns.

The Parish Council apologise for any misunderstanding caused by the statements issued recently and would like to reassure the parishioners that memorabilia belonging to both the Linton Grant Football Club (LGFC) and Linton Village Cricket Club (LVCC) will remain on display at the Pavilion.

From 1st July 2025 the Parish Council will be responsible for the Pavilion, including all running costs, safety regulations, maintenance and bookings. A 3-month period has been put in place with LGFC and LVCC, which will enable LPC and the clubs to work together for a smooth transition.

The option to set up a Management Committee to run the Pavilion remains in place. A committee would need to consist of representatives from the sports clubs, the parish council, and impartial parishioners. Full responsibility and accountability would need to be embraced by those involved. If there is enough support this can be discussed further, please contact the Parish Council office if this is something you would be keen to be involved in.

All prior bookings made with the LGFC before the 12th June 2025 will go ahead, future bookings will need to be made through the Parish Council office.

The popular Warm Hub and meetings of the Linton ACEs will continue to be hosted at the venue free of charge.

As with all change, the finer details need to be addressed. Further meetings with the Parish Council and both clubs will continue over the next three months and beyond.



The aim of the Parish Council remains to relieve the clubs from the burden of costs and regulations and to help promote sport in Linton. The plan is to encourage additional activity at the Pavilion building whilst retaining priority use of the facilities for the LGFC and the LVCC. The best way forward is to work together to achieve the ultimate goal.

Linton Parish Council

Traffic Matters - Update

THE PARISH Council recently held a survey in the Linton News and on social media asking for your views on traffic calming options in Linton.

The options were as follows.
Option 1 - Implement the 20mph for all roads in Linton without traffic calming measures
Option 2 - Cease to continue with the implementation of the 20mph scheme for all roads in Linton.
Options 3 - to apply for traffic calming measures on Horseheath Road only and install 20mph speed limits on key roads only.

The majority of those who participated voted for option 3 with 62% in favour.



The suggestion for additional speed cameras was raised, which is being considered for some roads, along with physical traffic calming measures on Horseheath Road.

Also, some parishioners requested traffic calming on Back Road which, providing funds are available, may be an option for the next LHI Bid (2026–2027). This would complete the reduction of the historical shortcut through the village for commuters travelling to and from Haverhill and Cambridge.

Concerns were raised in relation to enforcement of the 20mph speed limits. The Cambridgeshire Constabulary have provided reassurance on this matter. If persistent speeding or dangerous driving is reported, support will be provided. The local Speed Watch team send all relevant data to the police and will request that additional enforcement takes place, as it is essential to reduce speeding violations.

At the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 19th June a decision was taken to implement the 20mph speed limits on the following roads. Horseheath Road, Symonds Lane, Back Road and Bartlow Road. Speed Indicator Devices are being investigated, especially for roads where the speed limit will remain at 30mph.

In addition to the 20mph speed zones, the Parish Council are reviewing the best options for traffic calming as recommended by CCC, and will take a final decision on Thursday 26th June 2025, to allow the application to be submitted to the Cambridgeshire County Council, LHI Member panel for presentation on Friday 11th July 2025.

Linton Parish Council

Events Calendar Launch

IT'S SAFE to say that in recent months the village has been a hive of activity. Litter picks, coffee mornings, quilt exhibitions, a red balloon sale, numerous fetes, NGS Open Gardens and the Garth Collard exhibition, there's been lots of community activity to enjoy.

Organisers have approached the Parish Council with concerns of event clashes, which they feel may be an issue - people can't be in two places at once! Parishioners and visitors have requested more information on future events to help them plan their weekends!

There is an extremely useful calendar in the Linton News each month which shows many of the activities for the month ahead.

Future activities will soon be available by way of a new Events Calendar on the Linton Village Directory website at www.lintonvillagedirectory.com. This is being funded by the Parish Council and managed by the office team, with the help of volunteers. Each month a link to the calendar will be posted on social media.

If you would like to know what's on, please visit the website.
If you would like to add an event, please contact the Parish Council office on enquires@linton-pc.gov.uk with all the details and we will add the event to the calendar.

Linton Parish Council

Summer at the Recreation Ground

IN PREVIOUS years the Parish Council has arranged to open the Pavilion on selected afternoons during the School Summer Holidays.

This year it has been agreed to try something a little different to ensure that parishioners using the Recreation Ground and Play Equipment are not restricted to a particular time or day.



There will be a porta-loo in place for the duration of the holidays which will be serviced regularly and available all day, every day.

The office is also trying to liaise with Haverhill Ice Creams Ltd to arrange regular visits to the village. Once this is confirmed we will share more information.

Roll on Summer!

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Abbreviated minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Election of the Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Tony Smith nominated Cllr Kate Kell to stand as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Election of the Vice-Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Karen Sanderson nominated Cllr Lee Gardner to stand as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. All Agreed.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked the members for their support in voting her as Chairman for another year.

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 17th of April 2025. Decision required.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed the minutes be approved. Cllr Jasvir Singh seconded. Agreed with three abstentions.

Planning

Consideration for the expression of interest to procure land in Linton by a property developer. Decision required. Cllr Chris Hine proposed the clerk respond stating that the area of land was part of an S106 agreement that the area remains a communal green open space to be available to residents in perpetuity and therefore there in no interest in the sale of the land. Cllr James Lake seconded. All Agreed.

Finance

Consideration and approval of the Internal Audit Report. Open discussion and Decision required.

The Chairman thanked the RFO for an excellent audit, especially considering her recent appointment to the post in January 2025.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed the Internal Audit Report be approved. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the request from the Clerk to appoint a CAPALC registered Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025/2026 for two visits, with a maximum budget to be approved. Decision required.

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed a maximum budget of £500.00 to appoint a CAPALC registered Internal Auditor for the financial year 2025/2026 for two visits. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

To review the end of year accounts and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) to be sent to the External Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2025.

Notification of adjustments required to previous financial End of Year accounts. For Information. Noted.

Review of Section 1 and agreement for the Chairman to sign Section 1. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed to approve and agree for the Chairman to sign Section 1 of the AGAR. Cllr Jasvir Singh seconded. All Agreed.

The Chairman signed Section 1 of the AGAR.

Review of Section 2 and agreement for the Chairman to sign Section 2. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed to approve and agree for the Chairman to sign Section 2 of the AGAR. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

The Chairman signed Section 2 of the AGAR.

District and County Councillors Report Annual Report.

The Chairman congratulated County Councillor Henry Batchelor on his recent success in the Local Election.

In addition to the written report the following points were made.

1. The County & District Councillors apologised for not

being able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Thursday 8th May 2025.

2. An update on Green Energy proposals of Anaerobic Digestion Plants with the development at Streetly End having been recently agreed. The Acorn Digestion Plant at Haverhill due to be decided next month by Suffolk County Council. Cllr Batchelor advised he would be attending the meeting and would give comments on behalf of the parish if requested to do so.

3. Few details are available in relation to future housing developments in Cambridgeshire but the estimated numbers of 100-150k have been suggested. In context the total number of houses in Cambridge is 60k. Prior warning of a potential housing development site at Grange Farm – Abington was mentioned.

4. Cllr Henry Batchelor spoke briefly on the changes in structure of local government and advised that options for mergers between smaller authorities were being considered.

5. Cllr John Batchelor advised that Cllr Henry Batchelor's recent success in the local election had returned as 47% of the vote and that the Liberal Democrats now hold the majority of seats in SCDC. He also advised that the local MP Pippa Heylings was keen to be involved and offer support in local issues.

6. Cllr John Batchelor also congratulated Cllr Kate Kell for her re-election of Chairman of the Linton Parish Council.

Cllr James Lake asked if the 4-day working week would be continuing.

Cllr John Batchelor advised that the results of the assessment would be received next week, and a decision would be taken at the SCDC meeting in July 2025.

Cllr Brian Cox queried future development and the known issues with water supply.

Cllr Henry Batchelor advised that a government working party has been investigating options, one of which is for a major new reservoir in Fenland, which only meets the current Local Plan, estimating the needs for 40,00 homes, so the speculation of 110k would require much more water in the future.

20mph Speed Limit Scheme

Consideration of all options in relation to the 20mph scheme in Linton, following an operational decision taken by the police concerning the enforcement of speeding violations in 20mph speed limit scheme and the request from a councillor for further public consultation prior to further decisions on the approved scheme in Linton. Decision required.

Councillors raised several points and concerns in relation to the 20mph scheme and traffic calming measures in Linton. Cllr Kate Kell proposed a public consultation arranged via Linton News, social media, noticeboards, and school newsletters with three options to choose from as follows:

1. To continue with the implementation of the 20mph scheme on all roads, regardless of the status of traffic calming measures.

2. To cease the implementation of the 20mph scheme for all roads in Linton.

3. LPC apply for an LHI to install "traffic calming" on Horseheath Road only and install 20mph on Horseheath Road, Symonds Lane and Back Road with a view to applying for traffic calming measures on Back Road once funds are available. Bartlow Road to be changed to 20mph. Balsham Road and Hadstock Road to remain at 30mph which will continue to be enforced by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The results of the consultation to be brought to the Parish Council meeting in June 2025 to make a final decision on

the LHI Bid and the 20mph scheme. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. 8 in favour with one abstention. Motion carried.

Market Square

Update in relation to the request for removal of all bins and storage on the Market Square. For information.

Due to the notification that bins remain on the Market Square despite requests to remove them by LPC, the Clerk was requested to insert a small piece in the Linton News requiring removal of all bins stored on the public open space. It was also requested that a Final Notice letter be sent where ownership can be confirmed.

Meadow Recreation Ground

Consideration for the provision of facilities on the Recreation Ground for the summer holidays. Decision required.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed the quotation from Lattahire at £403.20 including VAT. Cllr Jasvir Singh seconded. 8 in favour with two abstentions.

The Pavilion

Notification of the progress of remedial works to date in relation to Fire Safety at the Pavilion building. For Information.

The Clerk advised that the spend to date of £3165.84 does not include the replacement doors.

Update following the recent meetings with LGFC and LVCC and consideration of further actions to be taken by LPC in relation to the Pavilion building. Decision required.

A brief update was provided from councillors who attended recent meetings with LGFC and LVCC.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed that, having taken into account the concerns raised by both clubs in relation to the required increase in responsibility and the inability to agree the Building Management Document, that upon the expiration of the current extended licence to occupy the Pavilion building until the 30th June 2025, changes would be required. The management and maintenance of the Pavilion building to be transferred and assumed by Linton Parish Council. The Linton Parish Council office to be responsible for administering a booking system that will be accessible to any Linton Club, Group or Organisation and that a meeting be arranged to speak with LGFC and LVCC regarding the changes as a matter of urgency.

The Chairman invited members of the public present to speak.

Further discussion followed with all parties raising valid points and concerns.

LPC reassured those present that the measures being taken would not exclude the use of the facilities by either club but would remove the financial and administrative burdens faced by the clubs and allow them to focus on sport in Linton. It was stated that the proposed changes would also help to ensure this valuable community asset would remain available to all in perpetuity.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Lee Gardner seconded the proposal. All Agreed.

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