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Bartlow's tumuli, better known as the three hills

The Linton News is delighted to welcome a new reporter, Beatrice Bray, to the team. Here is her first article.

TOO large for molehills, but too small for pyramids, these mounds of Bartlow's rise from the ground with all the glory of giant upturned pudding bowls. Indeed, they look a bit like a forgotten earthwork left abandoned by following a TV garden makeover gone rather wild.

These mounds lie in a secluded spot off a woodland path just a short walk away from the round tower of St Mary's church. Walk past the church entrance on the left-hand side of the church. Carry on through the churchyard until you reach a path. Go down to the right and wander down the path. You will step back in time. First, you cross a bridge over an abandoned railway line. Next, you stumble upon these enigmatic mounds.

They do make great vantage points. The surrounding countryside is flat, so if you climb the steps on the highest of these mounds - this mound is 35 metres high - and you will see some grand views. If you simply want to savour the wildness of this woodland spot that would be fine in itself but if you are curious about the history of these mounds, there is an explanatory board on site.

These mounds of earth are, in fact, Roman burial mounds dating back to around the first or second centuries AD. Put another way they are around 1900 years old. The East of England and Belgium are dotted with such mounds.

For centuries these mounds kept their buried treasures intact. Then, in 1815, Busick Harwood, a doctor retired from India, recruited a group of unemployed men in order to excavate the tallest mound. No sooner had these objects reached the surface, than they mostly disappeared. No proper records were taken. A further Victorian archaeologist, John Gage, led a more careful series of digs between 1832 and 1840. The findings were studied by scholars such as Faraday but these relics were soon to perish



One of the three hills at Bartlow

Picture taken by Beatrice Bray

in a fire at Easton Lodge, Dunmow, in 1847.

We do, however, know from contemporary records that these diggers found wooden chests, goblets and other relics associated with feasting and sacrifices.

After that the history of the mounds is reduced to an exact but mundane list of local authorities and heritage bodies. We learn little about the Romans themselves save the fact that they left these mounds.

If you want to combine this with a pub meal, try the nearby Three Hills in Ashdon Road, Bartlow. You can also park in the pub car park.

Beatrice Bray

Linton walking group, a new venture



Right Pamela Phipps and left Sheila Bennett, the two ladies who will be organising the new venture

Pictures supplied by Pamela and Sheila



JOIN us for a great way to make new friends, get fit and see our beautiful countryside.

We will walk a total of five to six miles, medium pace and stop half way for a drink (if pub available), sit down, rest and return via a different route. No need to call us - just turn up.

This new walking group commences at 11am prompt at the top of Church Lane by the post box on Sunday 15th September.

Walking boots advised along with a bottle of water and plastic bags to cover boots if we enter a pub.

We plan to run this every 3rd Sunday of the month. Same starting point and time.

We look forward to seeing you.

Organisers Pamela Phipps, 897858 and Sheila Bennett, 890171

Flu clinics and shingles vaccinations

ALTHOUGH many of us haven't yet had our summer holiday, we are already starting to plan for our flu clinics for October.

Everyone over the age of 65, and those in clinical at risk groups, are recommended to have a flu jab every year. We will be offering four Saturday clinics in October and you will be able to book an appointment in one of the clinics from mid-September. Please make arrangements to come to a Saturday clinic if you possibly can, to enable us to offer our usual general surgery appointments during the week.

This year, for the first time, flu immunisation will be offered to all children whose date of birth falls between 2/9/2009 and 1/9/2011 inclusive. This is a nasal spray vaccination and we will be making special arrangements for children to receive their vaccination

Another first for this year is that the shingles vaccination is being offered to patients who were born between 2/9/1942 and 1/9/1943 inclusive and those born between 2/9/1933 and 1/9/34 inclusive. The shingles vaccination is a one-off vaccine that can be given at the same time as the flu jab.

We anticipate that the age bands for both the flu vaccine for children and the shingles vaccine for adults will be extended next year. This year, we are strictly limited to vaccinating only those patients whose date of birth falls in to the ranges specified.

Practice Nurses - Linton Health Centre

Linton News editor news

We are delighted that we can inform you that we have a new editor. We will be introducing her officially in next month's Linton News.

However, we do need some extra support so that she does not change her mind. So, if you feel that you have the skills that could help us to sub-edit or proof-read this paper, please let us know at the email address on page 3.

LNT

We apologise

OUR apologies go to Roger Lapwood. The picture of the Hadstock fete last month should have been credited to him.

Editor

Too good for jumble...

ARE you thinking of up-dating your computer? I would like to hear from anyone with older computers for sale to benefit a charity. Thank you. Kate France

The new item this month is a mobile computer work station, good condition, top + 3 shelves, 59cm wide x 51cm deep x 77cm high.

The following items are also on offer: a small Zanussi washing machine, 19in wide, 26in high, 18in deep, an old set of imperial weights for balance scales, a black plastic dustbin, a green plastic compost bin, two fireside chairs needing covers, a patio heater and table model Hi-spot Minitac with refillable propane gas cylinder 19in high.

No sales last month, but I'm sure we'll be back in full swing in the autumn.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact the editor franarnes@btinternet.com.

NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

Butterflies and ants caught on camera



Above, a tree nymph feeding and below, a six spot burnet moth shown to advantage on a scabious flower

Pictures taken by Leslie Stock and Tracey Wilson

ON Wednesday 31st July, members from the Camera Club travelled to Butterfly World in St Albans, a family friendly place to visit and only an hour or so away by car.

It was one of the hottest days of the year so the exotic butterflies in the enclosure were more on the move than usual, but this was a good test of our ability to capture them in flight as well as close up.

The grounds are divided into numerous sections with various plants to photograph and identify and British butterflies and bees stopping to taste the nectar from the flowers.

We spent some time viewing the largest colony of leaf cutting ants in the country. Watching them going in one direction across a rope bridge carrying bits of leaf and then travelling the other way to pick up some more, was both fascinating and slightly itchy.

After leaving this interesting place we drove a short way into St Albans town centre for market day. The market is very large and sprawls all down the High Street with unusually varied stalls. This was our chance to try out some street photography and speak to some of the locals.

Don't forget we have our Annual Exhibition from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 17th October. As usual this will be held in the village hall with over 200 new photographs and the chance to win your favourite. Free entrance, with refreshments, sales of greetings cards and a raffle in aid of club funds.

Tracey Wilson 891988

Gardening club's 71st annual show

THE exhibits grown and created for the Gardening Club's 71st Annual show arrived at the village hall in a variety of containers including a wheelbarrow. Despite the challenging growing season, a large collection of vegetables, fruit and flowers appeared.

There were slightly fewer entrants this year but the amount and quality of the entries remained as good as usual. Many non-Gardening Club members, including some first-time exhibitors, entered items. The children's entries included a fruit and vegetable Dalek, made to celebrate Dr Who's 50th anniversary. Cups went to Henrietta Newble (under eight years), and Joshua West (eight -14 years). Linton Infants school lunchtime gardening club won the Green Fingers cup for groups.

Susan Anderson won four trophies, including the Banksian medal, for entries in several sections. Sandra Chapman won three trophies for her vegetables, her giant shallots winning the Jubilee Challenge cup for best-grown exhibit. Jim Forrest won three flower trophies including the Challenge shield for best flower exhibit. Kirsten Newble won the Endeavour cup for vegetables and fruit. There was a beautiful display of flower arrangements with Jan Sheppard being awarded both trophies for the section including the Connie Wright cup for her delightful miniature Chelsea garden.

There was a good selection of exhibits in the domestic



Exhibitors admiring the entries, "I wonder if mine won?"

Picture taken by Roger Lapwood

section for which Jill Morley won the trophy and a high standard of entries in the other two sections with Caroline Connell winning the Handicraft cup and David Champion winning the Photography cup.

The trophies were presented by Mr Derek Page who has won several awards for Best Kept Garden.

Many thanks to the team of people who helped make this year's show successful, including the judges. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Helen Townsend 893577



Children's Graduation day

THERE were mixed emotions on the last day of term for Linton Granta playgroup as some of the children were graduating and looking forward to beginning a new adventure in September when starting school. Tissues were on hand for the parents, carers and staff when each of the children, dressed in their hats and gowns, were presented with a certificate to congratulate them on finishing playgroup.



Its a big step graduating from playgroup to school

Picture supplied by Granta playgroup

After this all the children from the playgroup had lots of fun being entertained by Calamity Clown and then sat down to enjoy party food.

It was a lovely day and a great way to end the term and to say goodbye to the children going on to school. We wish them all lots of luck for September and will miss them very much. We are looking forward to welcoming both old and new faces to playgroup when we return in September.

Please note that we have limited spaces for September, so if you are interested in your child attending, please be sure to call us on 07806 744 864

Karen Thompson, Playgroup Leader

Successful summer fete for Granta School

THE recent Granta School Summer Fete was much enjoyed by all and raised an amazing sum of £2,000. This will be used to provide equipment and activities for the pupils that could not be funded from the school budget.

As well as the usual attractions, pupils were able to help run their own enterprise stalls selling plants they had grown and craft items they had made.

A splash of colour and excitement was provided by the Linton Fire Brigade, who kindly brought along a fire engine,

An auction with lots, including a portrait by Joanna Harling and a stay in a cottage in Aldeburgh, was very popular.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event in any way. Your support is much appreciated.

Contact Annette Leeman email

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Cooling off in the water



From left to right: Joel, Elsa, Poppy and Oliver having a splashing time

Picture supplied by Conkers

DURING the holidays it can be a challenging time for parents as so many activities stop for their long break. At Conkers we continued to keep the doors open for our weekly Bumps to Babies group and a lot of fun has been had by all.

For example we have been busy making colourful children's rattles that everyone got to take home. In the hot weather we created a water play area for the children to have a good splash, roll the balls and play with the boats. The sound of baby laughter filled the room and many proud parents had a wide smile on their faces.

Bumps to Babies is free to attend. We are open between 1.15 and 2.45pm on Thursday afternoons and we welcome anyone with a bump and children up to the age of one.

If you would like to find out more about the group or indeed anything else about what the Children's Centre has to offer, please call our office.

Debbie Jepps 893594

All aboard for a train ride



Toby, Rebecca and Isaac, with their mums, having a great time on the train

Picture supplied by Chestnuts

PARENTS and children associated with the Chestnuts Playgroup in Linton met for a get together at Audley End Miniature Railway on 22nd July. Everyone enjoyed a picnic in the shade of the trees on what was a really hot and sunny day.

The children had fun playing

in the park area and after lunch expelled more energy on the bouncy castle. Then after plenty of sunshine, we all jumped on the train for an exciting ride through the grounds. Lots and lots of cuddly toys were spotted and great fun was had by all.

Julia Calver

Changes to local bus services

THERE are changes to the number 13 Cambridge – Linton – Haverhill service coming into force in September.

For full details and copies of the timetables for the Stagecoach services please contact them directly on 433250, email them on Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com or visit www.stagecoachbus.com/tis-service-update-details.aspx?id=438

ACE Garden Party – a rum do!

Apologies for missing this from last month's paper. Editor



Everyone enjoying their cream tea

Picture taken by John Bald

WELL, what do you expect? Midsummer in England and it rained. We kept calm and carried on indoors. Very jolly it was, too.

Last year John and I were at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace – this year I did not get to wear the hat but the company made up for it. The catering was good too – a cream tea with strawberries and huge delicious scones from our local bakery, Boswells.

Melanie Murdoch from Age UK came to chat to us, as this was a fundraiser for the mobile warden. Funding from CCC and SCDC, but not LPC, has been reduced and we presented a cheque to reduce the shortfall. Now the scheme has so many clients, we are trying to retain the service which keeps our elders living independently in their own homes. Rob Wallace introduced Community Navigators, a project to facilitate access to services.

Next we have a Ploughman's Lunch at 12.30 on 1st August at the URC Hall. Mike Petty, a noted local historian, is speaking on *Vanishing Cambridgeshire*.

Why was it a rum do? The main raffle prize was spiced rum, kindly donated, and just what you need to warm you on a typical summers day.

Memories of a local lad brought to life

ACE's August meeting was a Ploughman's Lunch – rather better than the food that Henry Pamment had when working in the fields in Victorian times.

Henry had written a journal of his times in Barham, London and Linton, which was brought to life by Mike Petty, the noted local historian and author. Mike narrated Henry's life story in his own words, made more poignant by use of local dialect and accent.

Henry was born near Barham, a bonny and clever child, even a little spoiled. He was distracted in his education at a Linton school, so went to work with his father, a gamekeeper, until he lost his post. Then followed hard times, living in poor circumstances in Linton, eventually reduced to the workhouse.

Henry tried working in London, married and had a family but after good times, he returned to Linton where a series of Inns, land deals and businesses failed. Henry was partial to the ale, so that might not have helped.

A tale of the times – shifting fortunes in a changing world. Henry might not have had much luck, but his writing was blessed. Perhaps we could document our life stories. If we try, we might engage the listener as much as Mike riveted us with Henry's story.

Next is a coach trip to Sandringham on 12th September, leaving the Dog and Duck at 9:30am picking up at Chalklands corner and Fire Station. Cost will depend on numbers but should be £18-£20.

Please contact me before 7th September to book.

Enid Bald 891069

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OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
I would like to thank the two lovely ladies that came to my aid this morning on the morning of 24th July.

My elderly mother felt faint and unwell in the heat as we walked to my car parked in the high street. As she fell against me and almost into the road, two ladies appeared out of nowhere and from different directions, to assist us. They helped settle Mum into the car, retrieved the dropped bags of shopping and only left us when they were happy all was well.

So, thank you – we were grateful you were on the spot.
Evelyn and Bev, The Cedars, Balsham

News from Linton health centre

WE have two significant developments to report this month: the introduction of our Nurse Practitioner service and some important changes to your electronic medical records.

Nurse Practitioner Service

We are very pleased to be welcoming Carole Ayres to our practice team this month. Carole is an experienced nurse practitioner previously working in Harlow. She will be working alongside Fiona Wharton, our longstanding practice nurse and newly qualified independent prescriber, to provide appointments for patients with acute health problems.

Nurse practitioners are highly experienced primary care nurses who have undertaken extensive additional training in diagnostic skills and prescribing. They will work alongside our duty doctor to provide on the day appointments for children and adults, with a wide variety of conditions. When you call to book an urgent appointment, our receptionists will ask you the nature of your problem to ensure you are booked with the most appropriate staff member.

Electronic medical records

Our state-of-the art computer system, SystemOne, is now used by the out-of-hours GP service, the district nurses, health visitors and other NHS community teams. As such, it is possible to share your medical information electronically between those involved in your care, with the aim of providing a more integrated service. You retain control of your own record – you decide which health worker can view your GP notes, and whether your GP can view your notes from the other services. We will be asking you about your sharing preferences when you visit the surgery.

Pick up a leaflet or visit the web-site for more information.
Dr Laurence Kemp

Laughter in the village



BOB Harding-Jones was our speaker for August with a collection of his humorous poems about village and family life.

His three grown-up children's reluctance to leave home caused him to write a poem gently pointing out they would become carers to their parents instead of tenants if they stayed much longer.

Some booking letters Bob received from WIs, eg "I will be standing outside to flag down any likely looking individual so drive slowly past as though you want to pick someone up", had us all chuckling.

One eccentric villager, Bob told us about, was distraught, having dropped his ancient coat down a pub's outside privy. On being told to forget about his coat and get a new one, he replied that his sandwiches were in there. The mind boggles! Another poem concerned a warhorse bought by a farmer and trained to plough. On hearing the horn of the local hunt the horse would bolt, dragging the plough, thinking it was the bugle call into battle. So horses do have memories.

Bob now works part-time as a paramedic and got a call about a chemist who had overdosed on nutmeg and was hallucinating. Nutmeg is also said to be an aphrodisiac and the secret of one old couple's happy marriage could have been the grated nutmeg on their bedtime milk.

The next meeting will be on 3rd September when the talk will be *Midwives* by Mrs Gillian Pett.

Sally Proberts

Age UK to expand the home help service in the Linton area

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Our team also consists of office based staff to ensure that a friendly helpful voice is always at the end of the telephone if you have any questions or comments regarding your Home Help service.

There are also job vacancies in this service.

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Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition.

WEEKLY

Cricket practice sessions, Sunday, 1pm & Thursdays 6pm	LVC
Conkers childrens' centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays.	VH
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am, term-time	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Table tennis club, 7.30pm Tuesdays	URC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only	VH
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays until October	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays	CC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

SEPTEMBER

2 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
3 Scrabble club, 10am	CP
3 WI, 7.30pm	VH
4 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
5 Linton Lunch club	Red Lion, Horseheath
5 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
7 Farmer's market, 9.30am	LVC
8 Light House club, 10.15am	URC
10 Storytime, 2pm	Library
10 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
11 Friends of Linton library, 7.30pm	Library
12 ACE outing, 9.30am pickup	D&D
15 Linton walking group, 11am	Church Lane
15 Police surgery, 1pm	Police station
17 Scrabble club, 10am	CP
17 Storytime, 2pm	Library
17 Police panel meeting, 7.30pm	LH
18 CAMTAD, 9-12noon	HC
19 Doctor's surgery closed, pm	HC
19 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
21 Official opening Children's centre, Lib etc.	CC
22 Cambridge Glass fair, 10.30am,	LVC
24 Storytime, 2pm	Library
24 Allotments, public meeting, 7.30pm	VH
27 World's largest coffee morning, 9.30am	VH
27 World's largest coffee morning, 10am	Nicols Court
28 Brownie jumble sale, 2pm	VH

OCTOBER

1 Storytime, 2pm	Library
1 WI, 7.30pm	VH
2 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
3 Linton lunch club, 12noon	Red Lion, Horseheath
5 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
7 Camera Club, 7.15pm	CC

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266

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

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

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In your own time



Dr Derek Lockstone

Picture taken by Sarah Hurcum

HOW do you go from being a GP in North Yorkshire, to a fund raiser in Romania, to a medical adviser for a TV company? Ask Doctor Derek Lockstone as he has done all these things and more. Having studied medicine at Kings College hospital in London, he went on to specialise in anaesthetics. Derek moved to Whitby in Yorkshire in 1971 where he became a GP and staff anaesthetist at Whitby hospital. Whilst in Whitby he set up an Immediate Care Scheme and was also the local police surgeon.

After retiring in 1995 he continued to work as a locum in such places as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, for the TT races and sports car rallies and for an oil company in Kazakhstan. One of his more glamorous jobs was as ship's surgeon for Swan Hellenic Cruises. He and his wife Colleen, whom he met when she was a staff nurse at Kings College hospital, became involved with a charity called Children in Distress in Romania, where they helped to set up a hospice for children dying of aids.

In 2001 Derek became medical adviser to Yorkshire Television for the popular series of *Heartbeat* and *The Royal*. These were based on Whitby hospital and continued until 2009. Latterly, he acted as medical adviser to the recent series *Call the Midwife*. The Lockstones moved to Linton in 2003. Derek continues to raise funds for Children in Distress but also, somehow, finds time to devote to his interests in medical history, archaeology and other village activities in Linton. He is indeed a man of many parts.

Sarah Hurcum

Stack fires, it's that time of the year again

HARVEST is upon us and we're calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson.

Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also life long work on farms. Stacks burn very slowly meaning crews are committed for long periods of time, making them unavailable for other emergencies. Don't forget, many of the fire fighters attending incidents like these in rural parts of our county are on-call personnel and their retention at a stack fire impacts directly upon business and services in their community. We're working with police, neighbourhood watches and farm groups to drive stack arson down, including

installing covert cameras to help bring those responsible to justice.

What can you do? We're urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area. Report suspicious activity to police on 101 or dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check call 0800 917 99 94.

Leanne Ehren, Media and Communication Officer at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, 01480 444558 or 07747113255

Pizza for everyone



Children from Julie and Jo's enjoying their pizzas

Picture supplied by Childcare

ON Monday 29th July two members of staff from Domino's Pizza Haverhill visited children at Julie & Jo's Childcare in Linton.

In conjunction with a weekly theme focusing on different types of food and where it comes from, the children were given the opportunity to make their own pizza from scratch with the help from staff at Domino's Pizza. The children aged from four to 11 years old not only got to knead the dough for the base but also got to apply the tomato sauce and their favourite healthy toppings, before finishing with a sprinkling of cheese.

Julie Dixon (manager) said: "The children have been looking at how certain food is made and this was a great opportunity for them to get a hands on approach as well as to learn about different textures and shapes in a variety of ingredients."

After making their pizzas, the staff from Domino's baked them before letting the children enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Ben Wakefield aged 10 said: "It was great fun and the best bit was I got to eat the pizza after we made it"

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An update on police matters

BETWEEN 7pm and 8pm on 1st August, a premises in Station Road, presently being renovated, was broken into and a large quantity of steel and copper piping was stolen.

Between 8.30pm on 5th August and 7.20am on 6th August, a vehicle was broken into in Tower View, via the door. A number of items were stolen including a wallet, extension leads and tools.

Between 5.30pm on 2nd August and 10.25am on 6th August, there was an attempt to break into a vehicle parked in the car park area of Did-Dell Court, off Coles Lane. It is believed a screwdriver was used to try and force the window and door. It is also believed entry was not gained and nothing was stolen.

On 10th August, a quantity of meat/steak was stolen from a High Street store in. CCTV is being viewed and enquiries are ongoing.

If anybody has any information regarding the above crimes, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

Please continue to report suspicious activity in your area on either the 101 non emergency number or 999 for emergencies.

Our next police surgery is between 12noon and 1pm on Sunday 15th September at Linton Police Office situated at the Fire Station in Linton.

Thank you for your continued support.

PCSO's Leanne Fisher and Chris Pulley

Part of the Linton Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

Reply To: linton.npt@cambs.pnn.police.ukpanel

News of the next police panel meeting

HELP set the priorities for your local police and police community support officers. Quarterly panel meetings are held in each area throughout South Cambridgeshire where the police present the crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) figures from the previous three months and talk about how they have tackled the issues raised as priorities at the previous meeting.

I am based in Sawston and have two areas that I cover. The area relevant to where you live is Fulbourn/Linton.

At our last panel meeting it was agreed that our priorities over the summer months should be road safety and ASB in green spaces. This means we will be doing speed checks, patrols around parking hotspots, checking for motorists using their mobile phones and other offences. In relation to ASB we will patrol those areas highlighted to us as problem areas. If you have any areas to bring to our attention please let us know.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th September at Linton Heights school. As well as presenting details of what has happened over the summer, I would like to include your thoughts on what should be the priorities for the months leading up to Christmas. Please could you send me any issues you may have. I can't guarantee the meeting will choose your suggestion but I can say that they will be aware concerns of local residents. You can e-mail your suggestions to me at Sandradavidson@cambs.pnn.police.uk or post them to me at Sawston Police Station, 4 Cambridge Road, Sawston CB2 4DG.

A copy of the document for the panel meeting will be posted on our blog at www.southcambscops.org. The PCSOs send out weekly news updates by E-cops which you can sign up to at ww.cambs.police.uk/signupecops. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. New faces will be made most welcome.

Sandra Davidson, Police Sergeant

Dalehead funday success

A CHARITY funday organised by Dalehead Foods at Linton Village College raised just over £10,000 on Sunday 11th August. This will be shared equally between The Sick Children's Trust, which provides two Homes from Home for families that have seriously ill children in hospital, and the Rosie Maternity hospital.

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Vim and vigour, the tale of Whiff

REPORTS are coming in of a sad and tragic end to an amazing life. The life was that of an enigmatic super-fast white-throated needletail swift so beautifully described by its scientific name as *Hirundapus caudacutus*, confirmed to attain speeds of well over one hundred miles per hour – was cut down by a wind turbine.

Of course, some say the irony is the misconstrued intention of wind farms being of an environmentally sound nature! Not on your nelly! I imagine our future energy requirements would put even the most ambitious nuclear production to strain.

However, right now my concern is for the power output of a little fellow called Wiff. You see Wiff it turns out is

an abandoned common swift *Apus apus*. Typically he would have fallen prey to any number of wild or domestic predators save for the kindness of the person taking the trouble handing him to our amazing local vets.

And so Wiff's journey of survival continued when passed to my partner Julia. With usual courage and dedication she regularly fed and nurtured our feathered friend whilst researching its diet and habit. In another twist of fate it soon became clear her baby bird was not developing normally, whilst we cashed in savings to provide an amply rich

and correct food supply such as crickets and wax-worms, Wiff remained decidedly small with slightly malformed feathers, often a sign of incorrect diet, although we know in this case it wasn't so.

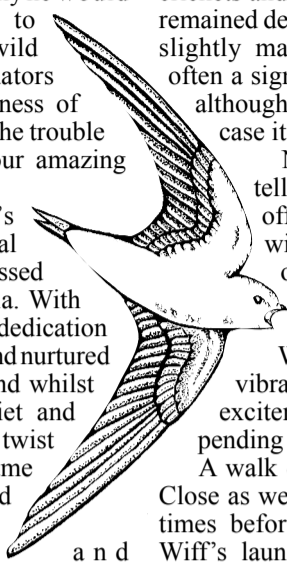
Nevertheless, the tell tale signs of "I'm off to Africa" began with regular flapping of the wings and sudden lack of appetite. Little Wiff would literally vibrate on the floor with excitement over his impending maiden voyage.

A walk down to Camping Close as we've done so many times before with others for Wiff's launch into skies filled with swooping, gliding, singing swifts ended with our bird being

lost after just a few hundred yards of low level flight.

A big thank you to the thoughtful proprietors of the gardens in which permission was granted to search. Having almost given up the hunt, a late return to the area in which he was last seen proved successful and further proof of Wiff's good fortune of invincibility.

Now, safely back home his appetite returned and nothing more than a nightly flutter in a circle can be seen. The problem is that most of his colleagues will have already headed south and won't be back until next spring. Hopefully, by then, having successfully over-wintered in the UK, young Wiff will have developed further, and use his ticket to the African skies for a life full of vim and vigour..



and

Will you hold a pink rose party in October?

ADDENBROOKE'S Charitable Trust (ACT), the dedicated charity for Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals, is celebrating its tenth annual *Pink Rose Appeal* to raise funds for breast cancer care and treatment at the hospital. Since 2008 the appeal has raised over £450,000 for the Cambridge Breast Unit and the Breast Cancer Research Unit.

ACT is inviting people to host Pink Rose parties during October, which is breast cancer awareness month, and ask their guests to make a donation to the cause. It's easy. People are asked to get together with friends, family and colleagues to hold coffee mornings, dinner parties or any other function, have fun and raise much needed funds.

New features for raising funds this year include a boob tube for collecting £1 coins, Mayer Pink Rose jewellery, a Pink Rose appeal rosebush and Pink Rose pin badges.

If you would like more information about the appeal, or a fundraising pack please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mercy Kaggwa 349805

Email communityfundraising@addenbrookes.nhs.uk or go to www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/pinkrose

The Linton village directory

PUBLISHED in 2011, the directory was compiled by the Linton News team and delivered free to each home in the News delivery area.

Covering local services, churches, education, village organizations, entertainment and local businesses with maps of Linton and local footpaths, details were collected over a two-year period and, inevitably, it is slowly becoming outdated.

Nevertheless, the directory is an invaluable source of information. The team has therefore decided to offer the remaining copies free on a first come first served basis, particularly for new residents of Bartlow, Hadstock, Hildersham and Linton. If you would like a copy please call Kate France 891602 (email

kfrance@profsoundconsult.com) or Graham Potter 893226 (email: webmaster@linton.info)

Please note that an electronic copy is on our webpage at www.linton.info which is more up to date, with the addition of new businesses in the village. If you would like to be included and are in the Linton News distribution area, please let us know at webmaster@linton.info

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Eg. an amount would be expressed as £16 11s 10d.

If the sum is concatenated in the example shown, it would be the number 161110. (ie remove the £sd symbols).

I came across a receipt from 1950 with an amount when converted to farthings happened to be the same as the concatenated amount. What was the invoice amount?

Solution to 101 – How much did they pay?
The consecutive payments were £3, £5, £10, £12 and £30.
Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Allotment meeting

THERE is an allotment meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th September in the Village Hall. See Council pages for more information.
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The friends of St Mary's

WE recently held three lovely afternoons of sunshine, tea and cake, raising £280. Thanks to those who arranged the teas and to those who came along in support.

The Friends of St Mary's raise funds to maintain the fabric of our village's beautiful medieval church. To preserve it for future generations, we need help from all in our community.

Become a member for a minimum donation of just £15 by contacting me:
Margaret Clark 892093.

World's biggest coffee morning – times two

FROM 9.30am to 11.30am on Friday 27th September a coffee morning will be held at the village hall to help raise money for Macmillan time. It is an annual, national event and a wonderful opportunity to get together for coffee and cake with friends while raising money for this worthwhile cause.

A raffle and second hand book sale will also take place.

If you can offer any help in the way of your time on the morning itself, a cake, raffle prizes or unwanted books please get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you there.
Fiona Tideswell, fionatideswell@hotmail.com

LAST year we raised over £707 for Macmillan nurses. Can you help to beat that figure this year?

We will be holding a coffee morning from 10am on Friday 27th September at Nichols Court, Flaxfields.

Contact Bel on 894149 or Alison on 897723 if you can help, or donate, or contribute to the raffle or Bring and Buy stall. Trade stands welcome.

Bel Griffiths

New Light House club for children in the United Reformed Church

STARTING on 8th September a regular club, the Light House, will be held from 10.15am–12noon on the second Sunday of every month at the United Reformed Church Hall. It will be open to all children aged five–11 years. There will be games, craft, singing, food, stories and lots fun. Entry is free – just turn up. For more details contact Mandy 892274, Penny 890784, or Liz 890358

A Light and Bright Party for children aged five–11 years, accompanied by adults, will be held from 5–6.30pm on 31st October at Linton United Reformed church hall, with food, games, DVDs and fun for all. Fancy dress is optional – light and bright.

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THE summer term ended amidst sizzling weather with a delightful Sports Day at LVC. For the past few years we have held this event on the final morning because it brings the school together and becomes a wonderful, friendly celebration of the children and their talents. It has a carnival atmosphere with music, a witty commentary (this year coming from the comedy legend that is Mr Guy Barton) and presentations.

The PE Department's John Maddock runs a tight ship and the events are not hampered by delays or inactivity. We currently have some very good athletes in the school, in particular Charlotte and Lauren Murphy who already compete at national level in middle distance competitions. These two are undoubtedly ones to watch in the future.

Although the end of term is a cause for celebration, it is also a sad day because we say a number of goodbyes. This year these extended to Pete Robins (who officially retired a couple of years ago), to Lewis Baillie, who has been the area Schools Sports co-ordinator and is off to teach in Malaysia, to Russell Milne, who has secured promotion to Second in Science at Hinchingsbrook School and finally to Vivien Corrie, the Deputy Principal. Vivien has worked at LVC for 11 years, so our community know her well and she will have taught many of you. She came to us as Head of Science and when I arrived as Principal in 2006 I rapidly spotted her potential as a leader and promoted her to Assistant Principal in charge of Teaching and Learning. As an outstanding teacher herself she was able to influence and train others and raise the standard of teaching to outstanding right across the school. More recently she has worked as my deputy, managing the school curriculum and ensuring that children are on the courses that will guarantee them success in the future and secure them great employment opportunities. The community has a great deal to thank her for. She leaves LVC to become a mother and to take up a role as Ofsted inspector and education consultant.

Caroline Derbyshire Principal

Keep fit as summer slips away

WITH the summer holidays coming to an end, it's time to think about how to stay fit as shorter, colder days appear on the horizon and if you never got fit over the summer, to appreciate how important it is not to leave it for another year.

Some people find exercising on their own so boring that they soon give up. That's why the Linton Men's Monday keep fit club was set up some years ago. It's not a place for fitness fanatics or headbangers but a club based on mutual encouragement and good humour.

Members' ages range from 30s-60s, but all ages are welcome. The club meets at the LVC Community Sports Centre every Monday from 8-9.30pm. After using the fitness suite for half an hour, the club hires the main sports hall for an hour of aerobics and easy circuit training, followed by basketball, indoor football or short tennis - and then most of the members undo some of the good work with a beer.

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Unhealthy children 100 years ago



School picture 1905, note the variety of dress

SCHOOL log books kept by head teachers and annual reports compiled by county and district medical officers of health provide detailed accounts of the appalling state of health of school age children before 1914. Parents no longer sent their children to school with verminous infections. Schools were closed, often for weeks or months, when infectious diseases were discovered. In the Linton area the schools were closed when epidemics of influenza, measles, scarlet fever and typhoid broke out.

In late Victorian times log books recorded incidents of children sent home when they were considered to be a health risk

At Linton in 1864, two village girls were discovered to have eruptions on their hands and neck. In the same year Jane Ryder was reported to be in such a dirty state that she was sent home to wash, so the head carried out a minute inspection

of every child in the school. Problems with verminous hair were wide spread, especially among the older girls. In October 1867 another girl was sent home because she had a scabby and lousy head.

In 1912 the Medical Officer of Health for the county, Dr Robinson, and his team, visited 140 schools, including Lin-

ton, when they inspected and weighed over 14,000 children. They reported that 22 per cent of scholars had a poor physique and around 30 per cent were malnourished and had unclean or verminous heads. The county dentist reported that 80 per cent of children had decaying teeth. Opticians stated that around a third of 12-14 year-olds had

eye diseases resulting in squints and five per cent of children had defective vision in one or both eyes. Ragged clothing was a very real problem as was parental co-operation. There were constant confrontations between parents and the school over the issue of nits and lice in girls' hair. I expect that most readers remember the nit nurse visiting schools.

At Linton ten per cent more parents attended the inspection of their daughters than attended on their sons inspections.

Action taken by the Liberal government from 1906 to 1922 resolved most of the problems. At Linton from 1909 there were regular medical and dental inspections carried out by county officers and local nurses. By 1925, better diets and a comprehensive county-wide system of medical inspections, brought about significant improvements in the health of the five to 14 year school age groups.

Linton adult education classes

THE new 2013-2104 course programme is now available and should be coming through your door soon. Look out for lots of new courses on offer including shorter courses and daytime courses.

The new term starts week commencing 23rd September. Enrolments begin 4th September. To request an enrolment form ring the office on 891233, email adulteducation@lvc.org or visit www.lvcacl

Sawston adult education classes

THE brochure for 2013-2014 adult education classes is out now. The new term commences 23rd September.

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Report on the AGM of Friends of Linton library

FRIENDS of Linton library held their first AGM on 15th May. The friends had £192 in subscriptions, which would go towards new shelving for reserved items and had also donated roughly 20 books, including new hardback novels and history books that would have cost the library up to £30 each.

The meeting included a discussion of new books for donation, including Paul Preston's Spanish Holocaust, a gruelling account of the late stages of the Spanish Civil War and the latest J K Rowling. John Bald gave a short talk based on his Sunday Times/Wellington College Festival of Education presentation Eliminating Failure in Language Learning.

Rumour has it that the latest Rowling, now aka Robert Galbraith, may be on offer at the next meeting if the potential donor has finished it by then.

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Parish Council Matters

Linton trading places

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WE are so lucky to live in such a special village and it's good to see it thriving and attracting new shops. Linton continues to be well supported by the local community and people simply passing through.

I am very much looking forward to the opening of the butcher's shop. I first moved to Linton nearly 40 years ago when there were three butchers' shops to choose from. There was Prentice's, the International Stores and at the other end of the village, the VG stores. But over time we lost all three, leaving a huge void of retail opportunities.



The Linton Kitchen: new popular face on the High Street

Crown and the popular watering hole, The Wagon. We're looking forward to a new dimension in village life.

This progress, I believe, has been enhanced by the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. We live in a village and enjoy the slower pace of life. We all, generally, travel too fast and trying to turn from Joiners Road on to Cambridge Road [A1307] at any time of the day can be a challenge. The problem bears witness to the continued growth of the Culina depot at Haverhill.

The slower pace of life gives us a chance to see what Linton has to offer, encouraging passers-by to stop, visit our shops and in turn breathe new life into such a special place.

On a less sunny note, the scourge of graffiti has struck the village. Please be vigilant. Look out for any outbreaks of vandalism and don't be afraid to report it to the neighbourhood community officers. Graffiti is difficult to remove and it can also be very expensive.

The extension at the Cathodeon Centre [Hub] is now complete and in full use with better access and parking facilities.

New and improved play equipment has been added to the Meadow,

The village now offers a florist, two bakeries and a café, along with the Co-operative store. With the butcher's due to open soon, we will have a much greater variety of shops and we will be able to choose to spend our money with local businesses, instead of just the multi-national supermarkets.

Adding to all this is the newly rejuvenated Dog and Duck, the long-established



The village sign for those not quite sure where they are!

All pictures taken by Charlotte Wilson

on sick leave, it's become abundantly clear what a great job he does keeping the village clean and tidy. Incredible, isn't it, that those who have just consumed a high-energy drink lack the strength to place the empty can in a bin. Be a good villager and pick up a few pieces of litter. It makes for a cleaner, safer village for us all. I'm sure I'm not alone in wishing Colin better.

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A quick reminder to all to observe the double yellow lines outside the Co-operative store. The only exceptions are disabled drivers who hold valid blue badges.

I would also ask that if you have an elderly neighbour please keep a watchful eye on them. Let us return to the days when everybody kept an eye out for one another.

We no longer have sheltered scheme managers in the village to support the elderly and vulnerable who moved into sheltered properties to receive daily support. We are extremely lucky in Linton to have the Age UK Village Warden Scheme, which is supported by South Cambridgeshire district council and the parish council. Venetia Brown can help with daily tasks such as shopping, making doctor's appointments or just a friendly visit. In an emergency situation - for example, when a resident has returned from hospital and simply needs help with building confidence on their return home - she can assist with tasks that may prove difficult for a few days. This is a very useful and worthwhile service to our community.

We are also very fortunate to have some green spaces here in Linton. We will have new housing, too, at the old police houses and Chalklands.

All in all, I believe we are blessed to live in such a beautiful environment and we should all do our best to keep it that way! PS A snippet from a new South African kid on the block.

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much to the delight of many youngsters who have been enjoying the space during this wonderful spell of summer sunshine.

I recall writing in an article last year that there were issues of owners not keeping their dogs under control, particularly on the recreation ground. Sadly, it's not uncommon to find dog mess, especially on the cricket pitch. This area is used for sporting activities by all age groups and our children are at risk of infection. Please take bags with you and clean up after your dog.

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Cllr Jacque Wilson

Public meeting on Tuesday 24th September to discuss allotments

A PUBLIC meeting has been called for 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th September, in Linton village hall, to discuss and update you on the parish council's (PC) quest to obtain land for allotments.

The history of this search has been well documented and can be found on the PC's website. Since the last update in September 2012, the allotments association has identified land adjacent to Lonsdale as their preferred site, based on the following criteria:

- Not prone to flooding.
 - Pedestrian and vehicle access.
 - Distance from centre of village (to enable as many as possible to walk).
 - Reasonably flat.
 - Noise; members expressed a desire for a peaceful site which ruled out all land adjacent to the A1307.
 - A position which did not spoil the view from neighbouring properties.
- Members also felt that the site needed to be on the village side of the A1307 due to safety concerns regarding crossing the road to reach the allotments.

Consequently in December 2012 the PC wrote to the landowner, the Diocese of Ely (DofE), advising them that this was the preferred site for allotments. The DofE confirmed that the matter would be discussed at their next investments committee meeting on 15th February 2013. On 25th February, and with no response forthcoming from the DofE, the PC wrote to reiterate that they wished to enter negotiations to purchase

this land; if robust negotiations were not forthcoming then they would seek to obtain the land by compulsory purchase.

The land was independently valued in May at £14.5k per acre this reflected a degree of 'hope' value. In June the PC made an offer of £16k per acre for five acres of land, subject to access and planning permission.

Representatives from the DofE attended a PC meeting on 4th July, explaining their role and the requirements of the Diocese, and answering many questions. It was hoped that negotiations would continue on a friendly basis. On 1st August the PC received a letter from the DofE refusing the offer and confirming that they would strongly resist any application for compulsory purchase. They also stated that 'if the PC was to support some housing development on part of the field, and if that persuaded South Cambridgeshire district council to approve it, that might generate sufficient capital to provide allotments to the allotments association free or at significantly reduced cost.'

This land lies outside the village framework and is not designated for development in the local development framework or in the emerging local plan. It does not have any development potential, at least for the foreseeable future.

We urge you to come along to listen and to have your say - we really do need to hear your views. If you are unable to make the meeting please write in and let us know what you think.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4th July 2013.

Present: Mrs E Bald (chairman), P Poulter (vice chairman), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Mrs S Dew, B Manley, G Potter, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance with six members of the public and Mr Francis Burkitt and Mr John Green from the Diocese of Ely.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cox, Hickford, Mannassi and Wakley.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Poulter declared a non disclosable pecuniary interest under the allotments agenda items.

Public participation: A member of the public asked for an update on the search for allotment land. The chairman replied that the preferred site (identified by the allotment association) was the field adjacent to Lonsdale and negotiations were at a very early stage.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June: Under the police, traffic and safety issues item Cllr Champion reported that the manager of the Co-op would be contacting their head office and distribution centre to arrange a meeting.

Under the update on the neighbourhood plan item the clerk reported that the clerk of Hildersham parish council had confirmed that their council had concerns regarding the possible work load and financial resources required to embark on this venture.

Under the matters for future consideration item on the timing of the cutting of flowering verges, this concern would be added to the list of possible changes to the grass maintenance contract which was due for renewal next year.

Presentation by Mr Francis Burkitt from the Diocese of Ely Investments Committee. Mr Burkitt explained that the investments committee met three times a year. Their remit was to raise enough to pay the stipend for the 180 vicars in the Diocese, provide vicarages, the Diocese office etc. The main sources of income were dividends from stocks and shares, and rent from the 6000 acres of Glebe land. To boost the investment income farm land was sometimes sold for development. Following the recent shambolic public consultation undertaken by Carter Jonas which had resulted in much negative feedback they were rethinking their general policy. They would now meet third parties directly in a consensual and friendly way. The only other land owned by the Diocese in Linton was thought to be the area by the Church and currently leased to the parish council. No land had been sold previously for allotments. It was agreed that any future correspondence or contact would be via the clerk. The council was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet and thanked them for attending.

Report on internal audit check: The main area of concern was risk assessments. Recently risk assessments had been received for Leadwell Meadows and the play equipment. Risk assessment reminders would be sent out by the clerk and would be an agenda item until complete to ensure a clear audit trail.

Update on the Quality Parish Status scheme: The clerk had issued a report which confirmed that the revised scheme was still at the consultation stage and the outcome would not be known until autumn at the earliest. It was agreed to review this when further information had been received.

Consideration of options for the removal of graffiti on the fire station bus shelter: The clerk explained that South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) environmental health department was willing to remove the graffiti as best it could as a short term measure. However they required an assurance that either a new bus shelter would be installed or that the perspex panels would be replaced. It was agreed to investigate whether the proposed bus hub project would include a new shelter. It was noted that the Cambridge News had reported that following a complaint from a member of the public regarding graffiti on a bus shelter the police had attended but only found a smiley face. It was concerning that the fire station bus shelter had not been identified. An explanation would be requested.

Village notice boards: Much discussion took place regarding fly posting and the possible need for more notice boards in the village. The general consensus was that more notice boards would not necessarily reduce fly posting. It was agreed to monitor the situation in areas where fly posting was regularly occurring and to consult with residents, including a note in Parish Council Matters.

Consideration of the application from Mr Simon Hill for co-option to council: Cllr Cornell proposed that Mr Hill be co-opted to the council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter and resolved by the meeting. Mr Hill was duly elected.

Correspondence received for consideration: St Edmundsbury borough council local plan - publication of submission drafts Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031, Haverhill Vision 2031 and Rural Areas Vision 2031 was noted. It was agreed Cllr Champion would attend the public consultation being held in Haverhill library on Saturday 20th July. He would report back his findings with particular respect to traffic issues and their impact on the A1307.

Mrs France had objected to the parish council considering the cutting of the open space in Kingfisher Walk. The general consensus was that the council should not set a precedent regarding this area of land. However, ownership should be confirmed.

Matters for future consideration: Cllr Manley reported that the Football Stadia Improvement Fund had offered a grant of 42% of the total projects costs up to a maximum of £50k. Other grants and fund-raising were noted and commended. Congratulations were sent to the football club and particularly David O'Dell for his work on this project to refurbish the pavilion.

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 18th July 2013.

Present: P Poulter (vice chairman), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, S Hill, B Manley, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) and district councillor Mrs T Bear were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Bald, Hickford, Mannassi and Potter.

Welcome: Simon Hill was welcomed to the council and the signing of his declaration of office form was witnessed.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Poulter declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest under the allotments agenda items.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July: Under the consideration of options for the removal of graffiti on the fire station bus shelter item the clerk confirmed that the graffiti had been removed from the bus shelter by the environmental health team.

Written reports from district councillors: The report from Cllr Bear was noted. Referring to the installation of solar panels on South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) homes Cllr Bear confirmed that the homes were selected by the contractor and were those receiving the optimum sunlight. She also confirmed that the contractor would receive the electricity rebate. Further information on the scheme would be sought. No report had been received from Cllr Hickford.

Written report from the county councillor: Not received.

Update on proposed bus hub: Cllr Cornell reported that there was to be no hub; the scheme was to make improvements to existing bus stops. It was proposed to extend the bus lay-by opposite the Swan and to install a new drainage gully and raised kerbs to allow level boarding, four cycle racks, and Real Time Information (RTI) boards. Concerns were raised that the current bus shelter was to be rotated and placed at the back of the footway. It was noted that there were currently no dropped kerbs in the vicinity and there were concerns regarding the existing gully. The clerk would alert the county council to these issues.

The bus stop at the fire station would be moved to the opposite side of Parsonage Way towards Horseheath Road where a new lay-by would be constructed. Raised kerbs, four cycle racks and a new bus shelter incorporating RTI would be installed. A shelter with seating similar to that currently at the Swan Bridge would be requested.

Update on pavilion refurbishment: Cllr Manley had received the grant acceptance form from The Football Stadia Improvement Fund which would be completed and signed by the chairman. A decision on the application to Sport England for a grant of £50k was expected by the end of the month. Mr David O'Dell was again congratulated on his efforts to secure funding.

Update on risk assessments: The clerk reported that risk assessment checks had been undertaken for the Cemetery, Coles Lane car park, Parsonage Way and Paynes Meadow open spaces and the play equipment on the recreation ground. Cllr Manley agreed to undertake the outstanding check on the recreation ground.

Consideration of the award of the Cambridgeshire county council local highways improvement bid in respect of the proposed Co-op parking scheme: Cllr Cornell confirmed that Cllr Hickford had contacted the county council to see what could be done to improve the proposed scheme. Cllr Champion reported that he had contacted the manager of the Co-op regarding deliveries most of which were between 7am and 8am however there was no control over some specialised deliveries. Cllr Walker reported that the worst time for congestion appeared to be around 6pm caused by illegal and inconsiderate parking. Cllr Champion would contact the PCSOs again asking them to monitor the situation and to issue tickets. The yellow lines needed to be refreshed as a matter of urgency.

Matters for future consideration: Cllr Cox suggested that the lease of the Glebe land (by St Mary's Church) be reviewed as the area appeared to give no real benefit to the village.

Consideration of a feasibility report in respect of the installation of CCTV at access points to the village: Cllr Champion proposed that the council did not proceed on the basis of costs. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting. A decision on other ideas for spending the extra precept money was now required.

Consideration of the quotations for tree surveys, mapping and tree work recommendations: Cllr Cornell proposed that the robust quotation from Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Ltd for £1750+VAT be accepted, being the lowest quotation received and the company had been used successfully in the past. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting.

Cllr Walker was selected to be chair for the remainder of the meeting and took over from Cllr Poulter who had declared an interest.

Allotments: Matters arising from the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2013 and the correspondence advice from the SCDC monitoring officer regarding declarations of interest at previous meetings. Cllr Cox proposed that the advice from the monitoring officer be accepted and the matter closed. The council had shown due diligence by contacting the legal department to seek clarification as soon as the matter had arisen. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and resolved by the meeting.

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