

# Extra cash for potholes

SOUTH Cambs MP Lucy Frazer has announced an extra £4.1 million in the fight against potholes in Cambridgeshire.

The County is facing a pothole crisis after freezing conditions and heavy rain in recent months. The sight of traffic cones in potholes has become a part of daily life in Linton and the surrounding villages, where the weather has been causing even newly repaired holes to open back up.

Mrs Frazer told the Linton News that she is pleased to have secured the new funds as part of a £200 million pound boost to the national Potholes Fund in the Spring Budget. Potholes can cause damage to cars, but more importantly, are a serious safety hazard to cyclists, mobility scooters and more vulnerable pedestrians.

“Although it is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council to repair the highways in my constituency, I have always been happy to report problems on behalf of my constituents and follow-up with the authority if any issues remain outstanding,” Mrs. Frazer said. If you have recently noticed any potholes, you can use the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Reporting Tool, which can be accessed at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults).

Linton News Team



Linton has been plagued by potholes in recent months

# Fireworks funds a boost for schools

2022's Linton Fireworks Display was a bumper year with a huge crowd, amazing reviews, a new committee, and the raising of a huge £3000 each for Linton Infants School, Linton Heights Junior School, and Linton Village College.

It is a fabulous cross-community event supporting the uniformed groups within the village as well as the three mainstream schools. We were able to feed and water all of the guest's thanks to Wylde Skye, the fireworks committee hot drinks tent and the amazing support of Lol's Pizza, Andy Prentice's Hog Roast, and the Waffle Company. The Friends of the River Granta provided great support the following day, making sure that the village

was free of litter as a result of the event. Thanks to our sponsors who allow us to manage our costs and donate more to the schools. Thank you to Sanofi, Camgrain, Linton Village Motors, Hockeys Estate Agent, Cooper Barnes, Nextnorth, Brick Marketing, Darryl Nantais Gallery, HJ Paintin, OS Comms, Hilbury Turf and Penn Design and Print. Sadly this year we say goodbye to our Co-Chairs whose children have now finished at Linton Village College. They will still be around to support, so if anyone fancies volunteering for a role please get in touch.

Natalie Morris  
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The Infant school receives their cheque

# Anderson Trust provides vital support

THE Anderson Trust was established in 1998 as a result of the sale of Church Cottage in Linton, the former home of Professor Charles and Mrs Mary Anderson. According to the terms of the Trust Deed the purpose of the Trust is to promote the Christian religion in and from the Parish of St Mary's, Linton; to sustain the Church of St Mary's and worship therein; to promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, particularly for the benefit of the Church School and of religious teaching in Linton and for any other charitable purpose for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton. At a meeting of the Trustees, held on March 16th, distribution of interest of £10,100 was approved, according to the priorities stipulated in the Trust Deed, to the following applicants: £5,000 to the Beacon Youth Trust towards the salary and on-costs of a Youth Worker; £1,600 to St Mary's Church for new appliances for the pavilion kitchen and £300 for display screens in the children's area; £500 to Linton Infant School PTFA to support Healthy Living Week; £500 to Linton Infant School to support cookery lessons for families; £800 to Linton Children's Book Festival towards author visits to local schools; £600 to 1st Linton Rainbows towards increased running costs and £800 to Linton Village Cricket Club towards the purchase of a boundary rope and trolley.

An invitation to apply for 2023 grants will be issued in the November edition of the Linton News.



The Beacon Youth Trust received £5000 towards the essential services it provides for young people in Linton

Gillian Powell, Chair of Trustees, 893664

# Firefighters urgently needed

Linton Fire Station has launched an appeal for new on-call firefighters to join the brigade, saying they are sometimes struggling to be able to help respond to emergencies. With only seven on-call firefighters currently registered, they are occasionally unable to crew the engine when it is most needed, meaning appliances must be dispatched from other stations.

On-call firefighters come from all walks of life and possess a wide range of skills and abilities. An annual wage is paid to reflect the amount of time you can commit to being available. To apply you must be over 18 and possess a good level of physical fitness, you must also live within five minutes of the station. In Cambridgeshire, on-call firefighters make up more than half of the total workforce, and are a vital part of keeping the local community safe. When it comes to fire, every second counts, and the ability to get a local crew on the scene quickly can save lives. To find out more please visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/careers/on-call-firefighter](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/careers/on-call-firefighter) or go along to Linton Fire station on Wednesday evenings to speak to the crew directly.



Linton's Fire engine 'Vulcan'



On-call crews account for more than half of all firefighters in Cambridgeshire

Linton News Team

Photos: Linton Community Fire Station

# Quilt while you're ahead



The quilt project team

LINTON Community Quilt Project is an initiative newly funded by the Parish Council, involving anyone who is interested in crafting and being creative. Groups and individuals living or based in Linton will be invited to create a piece of artwork, embroidery, quilting or Patchwork, to celebrate an aspect of life in Linton, its long heritage or an iconic place in the village. All of the submitted pieces will be joined together to make a quilt to be hung in appropriate public places in the village. The completion of the quilt will coincide with the Linton in Bloom festival in spring 2024. A group of volunteers will run workshops and provide tuition and support to individuals and groups wishing to take part. All materials for the project will be provided free of charge. We will invite schools, places of worship and clubs, including youth uniformed organisations. The knit and natter group, gardening and photography clubs (to name just a few of the activities that take place in Linton) will also be invited to contribute. All are welcome to join. Work from individuals and groups will be incorporated into the finished quilt which will become a snapshot of our fabulous community.

This initiative is an extension of the Crafty Café which meets once a month, usually in Chalklands, to create and craft together. Again, all are welcome.

Contact Carol on 07721 761 550 or email [lintoncommunityquilt@gmail.com](mailto:lintoncommunityquilt@gmail.com) for more information and details of how to be part of this legacy project.

Carol Balfe

# Sawston gets ready to run

GET ready for a big family event, as Sawston Fun Run is back on Sunday 7th May. Last year's run attracted over 1,100 entrants, and we were able to donate £14,250 to local charities and organisations. Enter online via the website: [www.sawstonfunrun.org](http://www.sawstonfunrun.org)

Unless you have been living under a rock for 37 years, or have recently moved to Sawston from the other side of the ocean - you would have heard of Sawston's Annual Flagship Event - The Sawston Fun Run! Since 1986 the Sawston Fun Run has donated over £515,000 to local charities organisations and schools, including Magpas, Cambridge Childrens Hospice, Macmillan Nurses, Cancer Care and Support Trusts and Addenbrookes Hospital to name a few.

This year our two major charities will be Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Cambridge Cancer Help Centre. In addition to this we will also be supporting various smaller charities, and again be handing out dictionaries for life to students at our local Primary Schools. Save the date - Sunday 7th May 2023 at Sawston Village College! Car parking will be from 8:45 - 9:45am, and our fancy dress competition will start at 9:50am. Make sure you're here by 10am as the roads into Sawston will close. The race will start at 10:30am!

A choice of 2 Routes to suit the entire family. The competitive course for adults and secondary school pupils is the traditional long route of 7.4Km (4.6 miles). The short route of 3.8Km (2.4 miles) is the competitive route for younger children. Anyone however, whether they are parents, fancy dress entrants, or walkers, can enter for the short route.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three home in each category. Medals and certificates will be given to all participants at the finishing point. So what are you waiting for? Enter online via the website: [www.sawstonfunrun.org](http://www.sawstonfunrun.org). Closing date Sunday 7th May 10am. Entry fees will be £14 for adults and £6 for children in School Years 1 to 11. Our major sponsors this year are - Boswells, the local family bakery and Mica Hardware, Sawston. This event is being promoted by Star Radio. Our kind sponsors include Adams Harrison, Gibbs Denley, The Hill Group, Open House Estate and Letting Agents, Morgan Sindall, Red Graphic and Sawston

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Fancy Dress is highly encouraged

## Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I would like to give a big cheer to all three of our village pubs, who have weathered the storm of the pandemic and continue to fight on.

I think it would be fair to say that in years past, the Waggon and Horses has had something of a reputation, but the new owners have turned it into an inviting and enjoyable place that seems to be going from strength to strength. The Crown have had to close their kitchen on Mondays due to staff shortages but continue to produce delightful food six nights a week. The Dog and Duck are completely closed Mondays and Tuesdays, but the energy they put into the rest of the week is unfaltering, and their Saturday morning breakfast is to die for. We are incredibly lucky to have three vibrant public houses on our High Street, and I urge my fellow Lintonians to get out there and support them as much as possible.

Using your local pubs isn't just fun, it's directly improving the economy and value of our village; pubs buy local ingredients and employ local people.

I must also give a mention to Wyldesky brewery, who's tap room is a hidden gem on the grip industrial estate, and who bring city centre night life to the countryside Thursday to Saturday.

Do yourself a favour, gather some friends together this week and visit them all in a night. They all offer great non-alcoholic drinks so nobody need be excluded!

Steve Fordham  
Back Road

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### May bin collection dates

Black bins: Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Blue bins: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Green bins: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

## Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

For entries, email: [diary.linton.news@gmail.com](mailto:diary.linton.news@gmail.com)

### MAY

Mon 1	Early Spring Bank Holiday	
Tues 2	Duplo time 10.30 - 11.30am	Linton Library
Tue 2	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Linton Library
Tue 2	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 5	Read a Little Aloud, 11.15 - 12.15pm	Linton Library
Sat 6	Coronation Day	
Sun 7	Sawston Fun Run, from 9.50am	Sawston Village College
Sun 7	Big Lunch, after 10.30am service	Linton Free Church
Sun 7	L.G.F.C Fun Day/Charity Football match, from 11.00am	Recreation Ground
Sun 7	Anglo-Ukrainian Garden Storytime, 2 - 4pm	Linton House, 64 High St.
Mon 8	Coronation Bank Holiday	
Tue 9	Story, Rhyme and Duplo time, 10.30 - 11.30am	Linton Library
Tue 9	Linton Camsight VIPs, 2pm	Chalkland Community Centre
Tue 9	Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 13	Gardening Club Coffee Morning, 10 - 12pm	3 Mill Lane
Sat 13	Linton Childrens Book Festival	Linton Village College
Sun 14	Linton Childrens Book Festival	Linton Village College
Tue 16	Duplo time 10.30 - 11.30am	Linton Library
Tue 16	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Linton Library
Tue 16	Linton and District Historical Society, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Thu 18	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 19	Daylight Readers Book Club 10.30am/2pm	Linton Library
Sat 20	Linton Churches Together Coffee Morning, 10 - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 23	Story, rhyme and Duplo time, 10.30 - 11.30am	Linton Library
Sat 27	Crafty Cafe, 2 - 3.30pm	Chalkland Community Centre
Sat 27	Exhibition of Draft Neighbourhood Plan	Village Hall
Sun 28	Exhibition of Draft Neighbourhood Plan	Village Hall
Mon 29	Spring Bank Holiday	
Tues 30	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Linton Library
JUNE		
Tue 6	Story, Rhyme and Duplo time, 10.30 - 11.30am	Linton Library
Tue 6	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall

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### May.....

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Live Entertainment - To Memphis & Back	8pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo - Kings Coronation Edition	3pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Live Entertainment - Sam Herbert	4pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz	7:30pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Karaoke	8pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Jennifer Em	8pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Kyle & Myke	4pm

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## The Heights at Anglian Learning Music Day



### Attentive children learning about and enjoying

ALL children from Years 3 and 4 across all our Trust Primary Schools attended an Anglian Learning Music Day at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the joy of music across our schools.

Due to the variety of performances such as jazz and samba, the event broadens the cultural horizons of our learners.

All nine school choirs joined together to become one "mass" choir and sang *Be the Change* by Emily Burden, who had granted her full permission to use her song. This wonderful event celebrates the creativity and musical talents of our children. All the children rose to the occasion and had a very enjoyable and memorable time.

A special thanks to Emma Mason and all the music leads across our schools for the organising the event and for the many hours practising the music and songs with the children.

Also, our appreciation goes to the secondary colleagues and students from Bottisham Village College for their support on the day. Eva and Josh from Class 4 of Linton Heights give their thoughts on the day. "Yesterday, Y3 and Y4 had a wonderful Music Day at West Road Concert Halls. We worked with eight other Trust Primary Schools to immerse pupils in a day of singing, listening and performing. Thank you so much to the adults who supported us in what was both an amazing but also busy day. Here are some thoughts from our children - we really enjoyed being in the hall with everyone. Being able to listen and watch the samba performance was my favourite part. It was exciting being part of the world of music".

James Puxley

## Lent Lunches help the homeless

DESPITE the challenging financial times that we are all living through, the Lent Lunches have again managed to provide an opportunity for the meeting up of old and new friends.

The six hosts generously provided a delicious homemade soup, bread, cheese and coffee with friends assisting, allowing participants to enjoy not only the food and company but also a two-and-a-half-hour warm hub.

Ninety-two meals were served and a final sum of £793.65 was donated. With the addition of Gift Aid, we expect the total raised to be around £990 to assist the CCHP in their work.

Our chosen charity this year is the CCHP -CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT - which provides practical support for homeless people and those sleeping rough.

Volunteers provide MEALS at Cross Ways, a 24/7 winter accommodation provision

Funding EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION for those with nowhere else to turn.

Funding PASTORAL CARE.

This charity works closely with other agencies and charities within Cambridge, allowing each organization to ensure the best and maximum use of money donated.

A big thank you to all who worked hard to ensure the success of our Lent Lunches this year.

Celia Fisher

Lent Lunches Organizer for St Mary's Church

# The Hundred Parishes Society

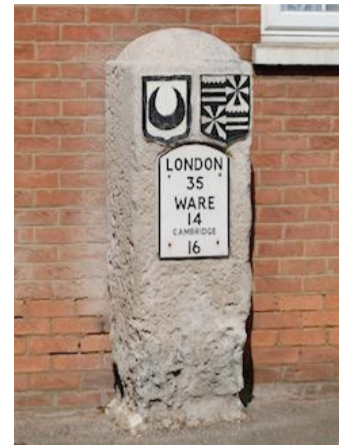
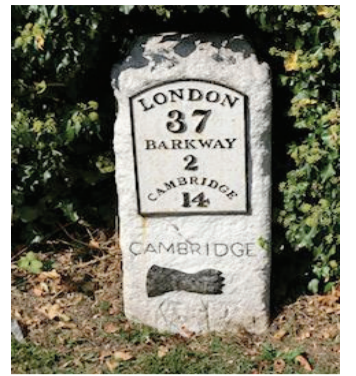
MILESTONES have been part of our heritage for centuries. They were an important element of the Roman road network, positioned to indicate the distance travelled or to be travelled. In 1767, milestones were made compulsory on all turnpikes, the toll roads managed by turnpike trusts, although many local milestones were in place before then. There are around 40 surviving milestones within The Hundred Parishes, mostly along three highways that run between London and Cambridge. These highways are now called B1383 (formerly A11), B1368 and A10. The milestones are marked on Ordnance Survey maps as "MS".

One of the earliest and most visible milestones can be seen in Barkway, a historic coaching village. It was installed in 1728, one of the 16 milestones funded at the time by a trust established in 1586 by a former master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Additional milestones were added by the Wadesmill Turnpike Trust in 1742, some along the old Roman Road, Ermine Street, now A10, and others along the alternative route, now mostly called B1368. Over time, the inscriptions became weather-worn and many stones were upgraded in 1894 by the addition of a cast iron plate.

Most milestones in Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire are listed but only one in Essex is included on the National Heritage List - the large three sided iron milepost in the centre of Stansted Mountfitchet on the B1383. This is probably the newest in the Hundred Parishes, having been installed in the early 1900s. The earlier milestones along the old A11 would have been installed by the Hockerill Turnpike Trust which was responsible from 1744 to 1870 for 28 miles of highway between Harlow and Stump Cross.

Some of the information for this article came from The Milestone Society, established in 2001. Their website is <https://www.milestonesociety.co.uk/>

Ken McDonald  
Secretary



Milestones at Birchanger, Barley, Stansted and Barkway

## Linton Camsight VIPs

WE were delighted to welcome Mr Nick Siragher to our April meeting, who gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the East Anglia Air Ambulance. With large photos of helicopters and crews, he gave lots of information on how the service started, the medical equipment carried to treat patients at the scene, the numbers of people they help and a wide variety of cases to which they are called. A pilot's helmet was passed around as an example of the vital equipment needed to stay in contact with the service and to find a suitable place to land as close as possible to where the patient is.



Nick shows members a pilot's helmet

This all emphasised the vital work carried out by the teams whose yellow helicopters we often see on their way to Papworth, Addenbrookes or hospitals in London, journeys which would take much longer by road, increasing patient risk.

Nick reminded us that as a charity the service, with enormously high costs each time a helicopter is called out, runs purely on donations and bequests. It was a very enjoyable and informative visit and Nick will be returning to demonstrate resuscitation techniques, including using a defibrillator.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Chalklands Community Centre.

If you or anyone you know would like further information please contact us at the Cambridge Office on 01223 420033 or on the number below.

Jean Mannion  
893595

## Spring Concert

Musical Director: John Clenaghan

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EXCITEMENT is building for the 8<sup>th</sup> Linton Children's Book Festival, taking place 13-14 May at Linton Village College. This year's theme is Adventure Starts Now!

If you have children aged 3-12, hurry to [www.lintonbookfest.org](http://www.lintonbookfest.org) and book FREE tickets for the fun-packed weekend of activities.

Want to learn to draw a dragon, brush up your spy skills, release your inner poet or write a ghostly drama? We've got just the workshop for you! Not to mention inspiring presentations from top names in children's writing and illustration, including Andy Stanton, Isabel Thomas, Lisa Thompson, James Mayhew and many more. There will also be varied drop-in activities, a Harts festival bookshop, plus refreshments. Come along and make a day of it!

Ahead of the big Bookfest weekend, we dare you to go on a lion hunt around the village – can you find Brian the Bookfest Lion hiding in shop windows?

We are also holding garden story-times, in particular "Together in Stories". Don't miss this special Anglo-Ukrainian event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2-4pm in the garden of Linton House, 64 High Street.

All are welcome to enjoy Ukrainian and English stories, mosaic-making, Ukrainian snacks, and music from the bandura, the national instrument of Ukraine. Details of all our events are on the Linton Bookfest website.

Linton Children's Book Festival is free but donations are gratefully received. We would like to thank this year's major funders: Arts Council England, Linton Parish Council, SPT Labtech, The Leys Community Fund and The Anderson Trust.



Author and illustrator James Mayhew enjoying a moment with a young fan

### Linton and District Historical Society

THE March meeting was entitled 'JFK Medical Betrayal - Where the Evidence Lies.' We welcomed Russell Kent, who gave us a most interesting insight into the events that followed the assassination of John F Kennedy on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963. Using film footage, photographs and documents relating to the hours and days following this tragic event it left many questions unanswered, which remain to the present day. Everyone was fascinated by his depth of knowledge and this naturally led onto some interesting discussion and theories.

Please join us for our final meeting for this season on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 when Mike Wade will talk on *the history of a Town Crier*. Meeting starts at 7.30pm Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane. All welcome.

For further details telephone 893915 or 678835, or email [ldhscams@gmail.com](mailto:ldhscams@gmail.com)

### Girlguiding Linton District to join Big Help Out

NOW is the time in our district for having camps, holidays and overnights. The Jarman Centre are having their ever popular family day on the 4<sup>th</sup> May with a coronation theme. Then it is the coronation of our king. We are also doing the Big Help Out in May. I hope you enjoyed Linton Guides' jumble sale on the 29<sup>th</sup> April and found lots of goodies.

We are extremely proud that our Cambs East county commissioner has just become Anglia region's deputy commissioner. Our newly appointed chief guide was also Anglia region's chief commissioner. How amazing to be able to grow from being a Rainbow or Brownie to volunteering as our chief guide, showcasing everything we do around the world as well as in the UK.

As well as all this you may have noticed that the Trefoil symbol has just changed, as we begin the biggest rebranding in 113 years. We also have 5 new adventure badges for our girls: snow, water, sport, height and land.

Girlguiding also asks girls, parents and volunteers if they would like to take part in things like focus groups and surveys to ensure Guiding stays current and adds to the challenge, fun and friendship we have. Guiding aims to give every girl a voice. Take a look at our website [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) to find out more. Or better still, come and see what we do. Linton District has something for everyone of every age very near you.

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@lintondistrict  
Louisa

### An opportunity to support Christian Aid

LINTON Churches Together has been supporting Christian Aid in the village for decades. This year is no exception and your chance to take part will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and noon at St Mary's, Linton. As last year, we are holding a coffee morning with various stalls and a raffle.

The focus this year is on the people of Malawi who are suffering the effects of global warming and, as a consequence, with high inflation and the effects of Hurricane Freddy. For more information visit: [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week). Please consider supporting us on the day and for further information please contact me on [justpam1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:justpam1@hotmail.co.uk).

Pam Richardson



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GEORGIE Goddard, assisted by her friend Marlon, gave her first presentation about her equine assisted learning therapy centre run from her parents' farm in Little Walden. Georgie grew up around horses, worked at riding schools and livery stables, gained her British Horse Society Stage 1 and 2 qualifications, got a degree in Criminology and Sociology, volunteered with the YMCA assisting homeless and at-risk youths, worked at a rescue horses sanctuary and volunteered as a groom at Audley End.

After volunteering with Equine Assisted Learning, she started her own centre in 2022. She works with mainly school-age children (7 - 14) with autism, mental health issues or learning disabilities, referred by the council. Each child is given 10 hours to see if it's going to work – afterwards they will figure out what sort of thing they are going to like. The sessions can include feeding chickens and egg collection, dog walks, nature watching, poo picking, horse care, cooking, trips out, craftwork, DIY projects, computer or written learning. The outcome could be a return to full time

education – some have gone on to college.

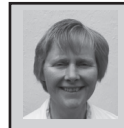
Georgie works by the principle of the 3 R's (Repeat, Report, Reflect) and active listening. She ensures the welfare of the animals (if a horse doesn't want to be caught in the field, she doesn't work with that horse). Case studies include a 14 year old with social anxiety and autism who is now back in school after one day a week at the centre. Another achieved British Horse Society level 1 and 2 qualifications after having got no GCSE's.

Georgie showed us photos of her two horses and two ponies. Her two spaniels, which she had brought with her, were made a great fuss of by our members.

The speaker at our next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May will be John Short from the Arthur Rank Hospice. Meeting in the Village Hall, Coles Lane at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome and can be assured of a convivial evening. If you want to get to know people, why not give us a try? You can come as a visitor for a small charge as a taster. Keep an eye on the parish notice boards for details of our next speaker.

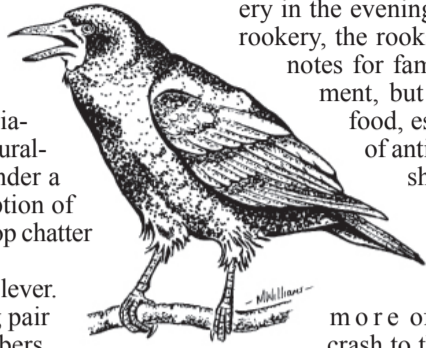
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**COUNTRY MATTERS**  
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams



# The delightful hooligans of the bird world

IN CASE you thought every bird species was under threat, rooks are clearly bucking the trend. You only have to stand at the Dog and Duck, look up into the magnificent plane tree, and listen between March and May and you will be met with a rasping, leathery, parched, raucous, strangled, brawling, plaintive, discordant, and incomprehensible cacophony. Not exactly the sweet sounding dawn chorus, and no wonder the collective noun is called a Parliament of Rooks. I'm not as dedicated as the naturalist Roger Deakin, who camped overnight under a rookery and came up with the above description of the racket. However at around 10pm the treetop chatter quiets down, and peace reigns.



Rooks are highly sociable, crows are solitary. A useful way to remember the difference is the well known saying "A rook on its own is a crow". Rooks flock and feed and roost with jackdaws, foraging in fields all day and returning to the rookery in the evening. When Mr Deakin was lying underneath the rookery, the rooks were clearly communicating. Private muted notes for family only around the nest, squeaking contentment, but louder exchanges concerning availability of food, establishing the status of individuals, censuring of anti-social behaviour and advertising clear ownership of nests. Rooks rebuild their nests on top of last year's nests, and young rooks try to nest in their parents' rookery. They use pliable twigs interwoven against storms, sometimes stealing twigs from one another, causing even more of a racket. Occasionally a top heavy nest will crash to the ground, and you can see they're lined with hair, wool, leaves, grass and even clay. Young rooks mew for food with their tails fanned, and then practise flying and doing breathtaking dives in strong winds.

Rooks are just astonishingly adaptive and clever. They can live for 20 years and form lifelong pair bonds. They seek safety and success in numbers, building their nests close to roads and villages where food is more plentiful. They eat absolutely anything and everything. They are a lot bigger than jackdaws which have grey heads and unlike crows, have grey bills and baggy trouser feathers around their legs.

The Latin name for a rook is *Corvus Frugilegus*, and they are far more widespread than the very slightly larger carrion

In folklore, being large and black, rooks have often been associated with trickery and bad omens, but when you see them strutting, bowing and cawing as they court, it's hard to keep a straight face.

## Marsh Mail: skiing, dance & a literary festival

AT the end of the spring term a large company of students performed in our annual dance show. This year's theme was songs from the movies. The audience was treated to a great variety of star performances with film scores from James Bond, Top Gun, Mamma Mia and a number of other iconic musical numbers.

Ninety-nine students in Years 8-10 were accompanied by twelve members of staff on a week-long skiing trip to Salzburg, Austria at the start of the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, channel crossing queues and other unforeseen delays shortened their time on the slopes but everyone showed a great deal of positivity and resilience. They demonstrated Linton Learner values of care, responsibility and independence. Most were novice skiers and for many it was their first residential trip abroad.

Children's author Julian Sedgewick visited the College at the end of April to give a talk and deliver workshops to Year 7 and Year 6s from The Heights Junior School. Students have also been involved in a creative writing competition, writing their own villain origin story to be judged by Andy Stanton, author of the award-winning Mr Gum series. These opportunities were arranged by the Linton Book Festival. It's brilliant that children aged 0-12 get to benefit from such an amazing, free literary event. Many LVC students have fond memories of visiting the school as primary aged children to hear from visiting authors. We are looking forward to hosting the Linton Book Festival again on May 13-14. Helena Marsh



Sports awards at LVC



annual dance show



Austrian ski trip

## POT POURRI 215

### What is not right?

Can you understand what is meant by - I Kings 7:23, II Chronicles 4:2

### Pot Pourri 214 - The Power Problem

2 raised to x will be greater than x squared when x is greater than 4. If familiar with elementary calculus, a neat explanation ensues if expressed as an equation.

## Linton Gardening Club Diary

AT the April meeting of the Linton Gardening Club, Dr. Ian Bedford gave a practical and thought provoking talk on "Companion Planting for a Well-Balanced Garden". The idea that strongly scented and/or brightly coloured plants can deter pests on vegetables is used by many gardeners and in any case makes for an attractive way of gardening. A second mode of action is using companion plants as a sacrifice, luring the pests into attacking their less valued companions!

The next club meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday May 9 when John Hewson will talk on "Ideas for Labour-Saving Gardening".

On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to midday, the club is holding a fundraising coffee morning in the lovely garden of 3 Mill Lane. Entry is £4 to include tea and cake. Accompanied children under 16 are admitted free. There will be some plants and produce on sale. Donations of cakes, plants or produce are welcome.

In the garden, nip off the spent flower heads and, importantly, the seed capsules of daffodils so that all the plant's energy goes back into the bulb. The tulips are putting on a good show; bright reds, oranges and purples contrast well with equally bright under planted pansies. The white leucojums (snowflakes) are also doing well. After the hard frosts, some of our hardy fuchsias are now re-sprouting from the base.



White muscari

In the borders, flowering, variegated and coloured evergreen shrubs are at their best and have had frost damaged and reverting shoot tips pruned out. Most of the deciduous shrubs are coming into leaf, including an orange tinted Spiraea which seems to have thrived despite the frosts and rain.

Jim, Linton Garden Club, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, tel. 01223 893577



Tulips and pansies



Flowering evergreen in bud

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# District and County Councillors' report

## April 2023

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Ukrainian Guests

South Cambs has so far hosted more than 780 Ukrainian Guests, more than any other District in the country. This is a great achievement and says much about the generosity of those that have opened up their homes to people in need.

We still have new people arriving and others moving on for one reason or another. South Cambs is calling again for more hosts to come forward. If you have a spare room could you offer it to a Ukrainian family in need?

Hosts get a 'thank you' contribution of £500 per month to help with costs.

If you can help text ROOM to 8802 or visit the website at:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/sparerroom](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/sparerroom)

#### A1307 Works

The last element of the cycle path should be nearing completion and work on the roundabout at the Bartlow Crossing will start early May and go on for about 40 weeks.

For more up-to-date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website: [www.greatercambridge.org.uk](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk) and look for the Cambridge South-East project.

#### Coronation Celebrations

If you are planning something or thinking about it, you might like to take a look at 'The Big Lunch'.

There is lots of information and materials to help you on their website: [www.thebiglunch.com/](http://www.thebiglunch.com/)

Or for parish councils try [www.edenprojectcommunities.com/biglunch/councils](http://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/biglunch/councils)

There are also grants available from South Cambs District Council, just check out their website.

#### Renting Privately

If you are renting privately and having trouble getting your landlord to maintain the property to a decent standard the government has a special advice service to help. Contact: <https://check-how-to-get-repairs-done-in-your-rented-house.form.service.justice.gov.uk>

#### Combined Authority appoints new CEO

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has appointed Rob Bridge as the new permanent Chief Executive to take over from the interim CEO Gordon Mitchell, under whose leadership the Combined Authority has been under a very significant programme of change and transformation. The Authority has had a difficult birth but recent appointments have been of a high calibre and with help and guidance from Central Government, it appears to be making progress in terms of its

governance and clarity of purpose. This cannot be too soon! Rob Bridge has a solid background in local government, and we wish him well.

#### £2 Bus Fare Extended

The Government subsidy capping bus fares at £2 per journey, due to end this month, has been extended to the end of June.

#### Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The popular ZCC grant from South Cambs is open again for bids until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is a pot of £125,000 available for community groups and parish councils to bid for up to £15,000 for a project that will help with the reduction of carbon emissions in the district. Full details and an application form can be seen here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant>

#### Potholes

The issue of potholes is raised with us every winter, when the problem is exacerbated due to the colder weather. However, this year the issue seems to be a lot worse than it has in previous years. Potholes are appearing at a faster rate than previously and holes that have been filled are reopening at a larger size than before.

Cambridgeshire Highways, who have responsibility for maintaining public roads and footpaths, are attempting to address the problem as soon as they are able. However, they are up against the usual constraints – staff and money. Their contractor only has a set number of crews that they can deploy to fill them and the Highways dept. only has a limited budget for filling them. The County Council pumps more and more money into the Highways budget each year but it is never enough to do the job thoroughly.

The Highways dept. are looking at improved technology to try to speed up and improve the quality of the process but this will be some years off implementation. The message from Highways is to keep reporting them via the website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults> - the more reports of certain holes the more the council sees the issue.

#### Food waste trial

For those that have voluntarily taken part in the food waste collection trial for the last 3 years, thank you. You will have seen that the trial concluded at the end of March with 3 years of data under its belt. The reason for the trial is that the government will be insisting that food waste is collected separately by the end of 2027 and the District Council (who collect our rubbish) wanted to see if people would take to using a separate food caddy correctly. The good news is that over 90% of participants in the trial did, so this will be the likely new method of food collection in the future.

#### Contact Details

District Council – John Batchelor – [johndbatchelor23@gmail.com](mailto:johndbatchelor23@gmail.com)

District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – [henrybatchelor89@gmail.com](mailto:henrybatchelor89@gmail.com)

T1 - Yew tree - 1m reduction on the sides and a 2m reduction in height to growth points.

97 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT

Ref. No: 23/0403/TTCA | Validated: Thu 20 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of a detached dwelling with a new vehicular access (Re-submission of 22/03439/FUL)

Land Adjacent To 37 Bartlow Road Linton Cambridgeshire

Ref. No: 23/01423/FUL | Validated: Fri 14 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a Loft conversion with rear facing roof dormer and front facing rooflight windows

32 Lonsdale Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LT

Ref. No: 23/01427/CL2PD | Validated: Fri 14 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, rebuilding of utility room, re-roof original bungalow and installation of rooflights.

31 Back Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LG

Ref. No: 23/01394/HFUL | Validated: Thu 13 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 - Mature Lime re-pollard to previous points (2m) to reduce public liability risk and improve light (this tree has not been managed in 7 years).

89 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT

Ref. No: 23/0370/TTCA | Validated: Wed 12 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of 3bed dwelling - approved 11th March 2022 ref: 21/03100/FUL - showing revised southern boundary.

25 Rivey Way Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LH

Ref. No: 23/01186/FUL | Validated: Wed 12 Apr 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

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Linton Speedwatch - Monthly Summary

Date	Time	Location	Traffic Direction	Speed Limit	Traffic Volume	Vehicles Speeding	Speeding %	Avg. Excess Speed
2nd March	9:00am	Babham Road	outgoing	30mph	53	3	5.66%	36.33mph
4th March	10:30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	153	7	4.58%	26.00mph
11th March	10:30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	195	16	8.21%	26.90mph
18th March	10:30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	123	10	8.13%	25.30mph
23rd March	08:00am	Horseshoe Road	incoming	30mph	245	5	2.04%	37.60mph
25th March	10:30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	134	6	4.48%	25.50mph
2nd March	08:00am	Hadstock Road	outgoing	30mph	128	12	9.38%	38.33mph

Source: Linton Speedwatch Team  
Grantchester Hotels supports Linton Speedwatch

## Thank you to the Volunteers 2023

AN EXTRACT from the Chairman's Report at the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Monday 24th April 2023, the full report can be found on the Parish Council website.

"We recognise that other people and groups support the Village and make it a proper vibrant community. Everyone who is to receive support in the form of a Parish Council grant, reflects this most important spirit.

Particularly I would like to mention the Friends of the River Granta. Chalk streams are quite rare and the FROGS are really making a difference. This would not have got off the ground without the infectious enthusiasm of Helen Brookes and the Parish Council are very happy to support her and her wonderful team. This in turn has led to Village wide Litter Picks and we have to thank Liz Bates this year for a lot of the organisation and getting all sorts of people out on a damp Sunday morning to find the stuff that others are too lazy or ignorant to dispose of in an appropriate manner.

The other group that deserves a mention is Speedwatch. Ian Williams and the team are out in all sorts of weather in police approved locations to assist with making the Village Roads safer. The information gathered from this supports the Parish Council when we put forward requests for funding to reduce limits in speeding hot-spots or have road markings, such as lines at junctions re-newed or double-yellow lines extended – not that we are always successful, but we live in hope.

There are the Trustees of the Village Hall and The Cathodeon Centre, Tots-in-Tow, The Choir at St. Mary's, Linton Jazz raising money for charity, the Football and Cricket Clubs and many many more – all run by un-selfish people who give of their time and enthusiasm and who pass on their skills and knowledge. We wouldn't be the village we are without you. Well done and thank you.

On behalf of the village, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors especially the Chairman of Planning Kate Kell, of Finance Chris Hine and of Personnel John Bald. I would like to extend my admiration of the long serving members Brian Cox, Paul Poulter and Simon Hill and my gratitude for newer Councillors who have thrown themselves into the thick of it Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Guy Ennew, Carl Cieluch and Karen Sanderson."

Together we all make a difference.  
Merrie Mannassi - Chairman - LPC

## Dates for your Diary

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th May 2023. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with the Linton Parish Council please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

The Picnic in the Park, our free to attend annual event, will take place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 10th June 2023, everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there. For further information please call the office.

Litter Pick dates for the remainder of 2023 include Saturday 15th July and Sunday 8th October. The meeting point will be the Village Hall in Coles Lane and we would like to thank the Village Hall Trustee Committee for their support. Please also keep an eye on the village Facebook pages for any additional litter pick dates run by the Friends of the River Granta (FROGS) Clerk

## Planning Committee Report 2023

ANOTHER year in planning has come to an end, and it has been an eventful one – it's safe to say that planning in Linton is never boring!

We have held 19 Committee meetings, reviewed and commented on 109 planning applications and a further 24 applications for works on trees. These have been for a full range of development with the potential to change the appearance of our village, its listed buildings or the conservation area and/or affect the facilities we enjoy.

We've reviewed all manner of applications from garden offices and sensitive extensions, to outline plans for a new commercial development on Station Road, and most recently the controversial outline application that many residents will have noticed – for a property and associated garage and gardens on the amenity land on Dolphin Close. On this note, the Parish Council would like to thank the residents of Dolphin Close who worked with us to raise awareness of the application and everyone who took the time to comment. Sixty-six individuals sent in comments about the proposed plans, all requesting the refusal of the application. Reading the report from the planning officer, these comments carried huge weight in the decision-making process with the result being that SCDC refused the application at the end of March. The decision notice states that the development was unacceptable in principle as it would significantly harm the character of the area and detract from the quality of the landscaping and public space in the site.

So, the amenity land will remain as amenity land for now – and, we hope, in the long term; but as the new owner spent £43,000 for the land, plus all the fees (possibly in the region of £60,000 in total), we hope that everyone who sent comments will be just as willing to make future representations if another application comes back. Unfortunately, the comments sent in already would not be carried forward to a new application, so please keep an eye on our agendas and other communications ... just in case.

The Croudace development on Horseheath Road is now almost complete. I use the word "almost" because the road levels at the entrance to Michaelotts and the surface water scheme still don't look to match the approved plans. The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) are investigating the discrepancies, and we hope that the flood protection plans will be fully implemented soon to prevent homes both on the site and on neighbouring roads from suffering the distress and upheaval of flooding.

The Abbey development on Bartlow Road is now well underway. The loss of the hedges at the front of the site has been reported to enforcement, but we are yet to receive a response. The Ecology team at SCDC decided that they were not prepared to fight for the mature Horse Chestnut trees by Fincham's Close, so they should eventually be replaced by some young trees between the houses and the river. We are still waiting for our village signs to be put back where they belong. None of the authorities involved have ever admitted to allowing Abbey to move them! By the time you read this, the appeal for the foul water connection will have been heard. We would like to thank residents for coming to support us in trying to limit the negative effects of the development on our sewage system.

The "White Van Centre" or 20 Cambridge Road will now be developed as 14 affordable one- and two-bedroom apartments. The developer still needs to discharge most of the conditions, but hopefully the final build will address some of the need for this type of smaller housing in the village.

In addition to working with residents or commenting on the larger or more controversial developments, over the last year

## Neighbourhood Plan Report 2023

WE ARE planning an exhibition of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in the Linton Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

It is important that we receive as much input and feedback from residents as possible as the plan will influence future decision-making when considering all planning applications. Please take this opportunity to shape and enhance your local area, ensuring we haven't forgotten or overlooked something that is important to you under the following headings:

- Location and Housing
- Character and Heritage
- Environment, Biodiversity and Local Agriculture, and Flood Protection
- Public Spaces, Allotments, Footpaths and Recreation Grounds
- Road Safety and Pedestrians

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan is under review following feedback from the first call for sites. There is no current intention for re-consultation on the overall strategy until the draft plan has been drawn up. Given the amount of additional development (both commercial and residential) that has had to be included, it is not yet clear whether their original strategy to ensure that no further large-scale developments take place in the South Cambridgeshire Villages will remain in the longer term.

We therefore aim to submit our Plan for examination as soon as possible, acknowledging that it is likely we will have to start work on the next version once the new Local Plan is adopted.  
LPC Planning Committee

we have:

- Been consulted on the second group of sites in and around Linton put forward for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan.
- Worked with the Senior Conservation officer in the appraisal of our Conservation Area. We were pleased to succeed in adding Little Linton and the land that separates Linton from Little Linton in our Conservation Area
- Produced over 500 pages of evidence for the Foul Water Appeal on Bartlow Road.
- Presented the case for the village at SCDC Planning Committee meetings and,
- Made site visits to a number of homes in the village to discuss their development plans. These site visits are invaluable, and we still encourage anyone considering development in the village to come and talk to us to help us understand the works proposed and for us to discuss things we know will be looked at by the planning officers.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Committee: Merrie Mannassi, Helen Lawrence-Foulds and Guy Ennew and our substitutes: Karen Sanderson, Caitlin Seaward, and John Bald. Thank you for your time, knowledge and skills in reviewing the applications and for changing personal plans and being available for meetings at short notice when these have been critical for making decisions in a timely manner.

As always, your experience of our village helps ensure that our comments reflect the local knowledge and perspective that would otherwise be unknown to planners responsible for making the decisions.

Many thanks also to all our office staff, and, when it comes to planning, particularly to Maria who stays on top of everything planning related. Finally thanks also to our planning consultant, Corrie Newell, for her invaluable support again this year. Thank you!

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Extra Ordinary Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

#### Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.

Apologies in advance received from Cllr Carl Cieluch and Cllr Guy Ennew. Apologies received from Cllr Paul Poulter & Cllr Karen Sanderson.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed to accept the apologies. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

#### Councillors' Declarations of Interest Existence & Nature regarding items on the agenda.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi: Agenda items 298/22/23 (b)(i), 298/22/23(b)(ii) and 299/22/23(b)(i)

Cllr Kate Kell: Agenda item 299/22/23(a)(i)

#### Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked the office team for persevering through having all contracted covid recently and also thanked those affected by recent bereavements for continuing with their duties. The Chairman re-iterated that the meeting being held was a standard meeting, held every month, not a meeting being called for any specific circumstance.

Cllr John Bald thanked the office, particularly the Clerk for her determined progression of the play area projects and the RFO for her work on the presentation for the recent National Play Awards. He was pleased to advise that Linton Parish Council had won the RoSPA Play Area Award.

#### Open Forum for Public Participation.

A participant presented a petition to the Chairman containing 70 signatures in support of retaining the goal post on Paynes Meadow. They also spoke about the importance of a play area in this location as young children may not wish to walk to the Recreation Ground. The Chairman explained four options regarding the goalpost to the parishioners present to allow for consideration and reiterated that the Parish Council did not want to stop children playing but has to protect the wider public and ensure that equipment is safe to use and that the relevant insurances are in place.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed to purchase two vandal proof goalposts that can be approved by the insurance company on behalf of the Parish Council to a maximum budget of £3,000.00. The positioning of the goalposts to be delegated to councillors following a site visit. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

#### Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

##### Highway maintenance issues.

The Clerk advised that Highways had been contacted again for an update and expressed frustration that the work was still outstanding.

##### Tree works at St. Mary's churchyard.

The Clerk advised that permission had been granted for the tree works at St. Mary's churchyard and this had been completed on Monday 20th March 2023.

##### Rivey Bridlepath.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that works would continue on the Rivey Path, including flailing, laying of plainings and drainage works to be completed by the end of March 2023. The Clerk was asked to request that the area be tidied of excess debris.

**Linton Litter Pick** - Saturday 28th January 2023 and notification of the Litter Pick being held on Sunday 26th March 2023.

The Clerk gave an update on the Linton Litter Pick held on Saturday 28th January, attendance was strong and approximately ten bags of refuse were collected. The Clerk advised that the next Litter Pick would take place on Sunday 26th March 2023, and reiterated that all Councillors are welcome to attend.

##### External Meetings

Update from the "Coffee with a Cop" meeting at the Cathodeon Centre on Wednesday 8th March 2023.

Cllr John Bald updated the council that the meeting was successful and attendance was good. Representatives from Linton Village College and LPC were present with two Police Constable Special Officers (PCSO's). Important issues were raised including parking and antisocial behaviour. It was suggested that members of the public copy in the Parish Council when reporting issues

in the village, so that these could be collated and sent to the Cambridgeshire Police. This information would be shared in the Linton News.

#### Planning

##### Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council and advised the photos of the flooding on 10th March 2023 to be sent to the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for their records.

##### Horseheath Road.

Update on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that the LLFA had advised that a topographical survey would be taking place in early April followed by an internal examination of the surface water system due to concerns that this had been installed as per the original plans and not amended following the revisions to the final approved system.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the recommendation from the Planning Committee to request an update from Stephen Kelly regarding the surface water flooding on 10th March 2023. Cllr Helen Lawrence Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

##### Planning Applications.

Update from the Planning Committee on the application for outline planning permission for one residential dwelling on land recently sold at auction in Dolphin Close (23/00351/OUT).

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that there is no S52 agreement, signed and in place which would stipulate that the area remain as amenity land in perpetuity. However, it was noted that it is on the land charge documents and on individual deeds. Noted.

##### Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Notice of the rent increase of 10% for the Parish Council Offices from Linton Village Hall to £8,453.50. Correspondence item 88 refers. For Information. Noted.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi advised the Full Council that increased energy costs at the Village Hall had resulted in increased hire charges for user groups along with increased rent to the Parish Council and that this was only implemented to cover the additional costs. Noted.

#### Finance

##### Quotes

Consideration for the quote received to remove the ivy from the western wall of Coles Lane Car Park.

Cllr John Bald proposed the quote from Local Handyman Services be accepted. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

##### Grant Requests

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC in relation to requests received for Public Arts Grant requests.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the following Public Arts Grants be awarded:

Crafty Café – Village Quilt – Project 2 @ £2,500.00

Arts & Minds – Community Mapping Project @ £2,258.00

Jim Anderson – Community Mosaics Infants @ £1,000.00,

Heights @ £1,000.00 and providing permission and viability is confirmed with the Village Hall Trustee Committee, Village Hall @ £1,800.00 and if not to propose the Pavilion building as an alternative location.

Linton Bookfest – Event @ £1500.00

The total grant to be awarded £10,058.00, topping up the budget from S137 grant code.

Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC regarding the grant application from Linton Library for the Summer Reading challenge 2023. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the recommendation from the FRCC to award the grant to Linton Library for the Summer Reading Challenge 2023. Cllr Helen Lawrence Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

#### Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 27.02.2023-10.02.2023. and 10.02.2023-24.02.2023. Written reports available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in February 2023. Written report available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Consideration of the quote received for the Privately Funded Highways Improvement (PFHI) via Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) for Speedwatch signage at the village entrances at a cost of £1424.12.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the quote from CCC for Speedwatch signage at the village entrances be accepted. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

#### Recreation Ground

Joiners Road entrance to the Recreation Ground and consideration for the suggestion to add vehicle restriction signage to all entrances.

Cllr John Bald proposed a budget of £500.00 for the Clerk to consult with the PCSO's and install appropriate signage restricting vehicular access on the Foot/Cycle Path. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Consideration for the request from Victor Harris to book the Recreation Ground on 18th-21st May 2023 for the annual fair and retain the cost of hire at £150.00. Correspondence item 18 refers. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed that permission be granted at the cost of £150.00. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the request from LGFC (Linton Granta Football Club) to book the Recreation Ground on 7th May 2023 for a charity football match and fun day and confirmation of any charges which may be applicable.

Cllr John Bald proposed that permission be granted to LGFC, free of charge due to the charitable nature of the event. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the offer from Linton Aztecs Junior Football club to donate the two practice football goalposts, currently situated on the Recreation Ground, to the Parish to eliminate concerns regarding the liability implications to the club.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the practice goalpost be removed and disposed of by the Linton Aztecs Football Club. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of costs involved in replacing two goalposts on the Recreation Ground if the decision is made to decline the donation from the Linton Aztecs Junior Football Club. Supporting documents available in councillor packs. Cllr Helen Lawrence Foulds proposed that two replacement football posts be purchased and installed by the Linton Parish Council up to a budget of £3,000.00. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

**Trees, Environment & Biodiversity**  
Consideration for parishioner's concerns regarding the planting of trees and installation of a bench on Parsonage Way green.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that decisions had been made with due consideration and that all anti-social behaviour incidents should be reported to the Cambridgeshire Police and copied into the Parish Council office.

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

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