
Linton Parish Council Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

**FINAL AGREED Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25^h April 2016
at 7.30 pm in Linton Village Hall**

Present:

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Jean Foley - Chairman of the Parish Council, as required by Law.

14 people attended

Taking minutes was Rosie Clark (Clerk to Linton Parish Council)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Downham, Cllr Clark, Cllrs Max & Jackie Gough, Public Paths Officer – Richard Baker, West Mercia Police, Gorsley & District Preservation Group, Linton WI, Gorsley WI, Gorsley Baptist Church.

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on April 20th 2015

Read out by the Chairman, these were agreed to be a proper record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Parish Council Report for the year 2015/16

The Chairman read this out and a full copy is attached to these minutes.

4. To receive a statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 2015/16 and observations on the finances for the current year.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

5. To receive a report from Ward Councillor Harry Bramer

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. In addition Cllr Bramer answered questions on the sale of smallholdings, the difficulty of obtaining Broadband in some areas of the county, the Rural Areas Development Plan and development in parishes without a Neighbourhood Plan and the planned reduction in grant funding for the Lengthsman Scheme from 2017/18.

6. To receive the accounts of the Parochial Charity

The accounts are attached. Roger Barnes reported that at the end of the previous year the Trustees had relinquished their duties and he and Sue Golding were asked to become Trustees. He also gave some background on the history of the charity.

7. To receive a report from the Parish Footpaths Officer

The report is attached – thanks were given to those people in the parish who looked after the footpaths and the Chairman also recorded thanks to Richard for all his hard work.

8. To receive a report from the local Police

Not in attendance

9. To receive reports from Parish Organisations & Community Representatives

Reports were presented from the following and where available copies are attached to the hard copy of these minutes:

Linton and District History Society

Linton Village Hall

Linton Brownies

Gorsley & District Preservation Group

Linton & Bromsash Gardening Group

Linton WI

Gorsley WI

Shaaron Arrowsmith, on behalf of the Village of Linton Trust (VoLT), spoke about the litter picks that had taken place in and around the village and other events that had been organised by VoLT.

Jan Falkiner spoke about the petitions that had been raised against library closures in Ross & Leominster. Ross had 7,500 signatures & Leominster 3,500 signatures, both of which demonstrated that Herefordshire people were saying very strongly they wanted to keep the library network and social network it created, open. Cllr Bramer confirmed that within his portfolio he also had libraries and cultural services. He recognised the importance of them as a social network and said that no libraries would close in the county, but that did not mean that they could continue to run as they were, within the available budget. Ross, Leominster and other libraries were looking for Partners to assist with funding – such as Department of Work & Pensions in Ross, where the costs of the building fell to them. He confirmed that the Broad Street library in Hereford had closed because of finding asbestos and funding was available to make it usable and fit for purpose.

The Chairman thanked those who had provided reports and updates.

10. Submissions, Questions and Proposals from Parishioners

There were no questions or comments, parishioners thanked the parish council for their work and the support they provided and Cllr Bramer proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed By The Chairman