

UFO lands in Chalklands

A LINTON couple were left in disbelief as their home CCTV system captured a brightly lit object falling from the night sky. Alice Carder and her partner happened to be watching live as a bright object streaked across the video screen. After a recent spate of thefts in Chalklands, the couple had switched on the live feed of their doorbell mounted camera when they heard a car pull up outside late at night. What happened next would astound them. Alice said "We both gasped, and I was initially scared as my first thought was that it was an aircraft falling from the sky." But, after hearing no noise, the couple thought that it must have been a shooting star instead. It was only after reviewing the footage that they realised the object had actually landed nearby. "We had heard about the meteor that landed in a driveway up north back in March, but never anything around here," Alice said, "We didn't think that the recording had saved, but luckily it had, and so we were able to show friends and family."

The Linton News contacted Jim Rowe of the UK Fireball Alliance, a group who monitors meteorite activity. "From the



The object was perfectly captured by the couple's security camera

looks of the footage it could well have been a meteor" Jim said, although he cautioned that fireworks can sometimes be to blame. Asked whether there would be any trace left of the object, Jim thought that it would be unlikely, saying that "total disintegration" was the most common result. Undeterred, the couple went out the next morning to look for traces, but found nothing. "I uploaded the video to

Facebook and had a few people contact me to say they had also seen and heard strange events at night in recent months," Alice said. We urge Lintonians to keep their eyes on the sky, who knows what will be visiting us next.

Linton News Team
Photo: Alice Carder



The News in Pictures: Artwork on the telephone box by Market Lane. The village has been awash with creativity during the Pandemic.

Local elections to go ahead in May

The following elections are coming up on 6th May 2021: Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Mayoral Elections and Cambridgeshire County Council Elections.

The Linton ward polling station will be, as usual, in the Village Hall. If residents wish to have a postal or proxy vote, they can apply for one by getting an application form from the SCDC website, or by calling 03450455214. Full information will also be provided when polling cards are sent out.

The deadline to apply to vote by post or amend an existing postal vote is 5pm, 11 working days before polling day. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm, five working days before polling day. In special circumstances an emergency proxy can be applied for after the deadline for appointing normal proxy has closed. The provision for emergency proxies has now also been extended to include those who are having to isolate due to COVID-19, and those displaying COVID-19 symptoms on polling day.

Fran Armes

18,000 vaccines and counting

BY mid March, Granta Medical Practices had vaccinated over 18,000 patients. All patients in cohorts 1 to 4 should have been contacted and vaccinated by us. If you haven't, or if you have previously declined the vaccine but have now changed your mind, please call us on 0300 234 5555 (option 2) and you will be prioritised for our next clinic. If you know of anyone that falls into one of these cohorts but has not yet been vaccinated please let us know as soon as possible.

We are currently vaccinating patients in cohorts 5 and 6. Some of you may receive a letter inviting you to a vaccination centre, and others may receive a text or telephone call inviting you to an appointment at Granta Sawston.

NHS England are starting to contact patients that fall into cohort 7 (over 60 years old) and cohort 8 (over 55 years old). You will receive a letter direct from NHS England giving you further instructions about how to book your vaccination. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone that, if you have booked a vaccine appointment but are not going to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your vaccine to someone else.

We appreciate that everyone wants to know when their appointment will be, and we are working as fast as possible to get through our patient lists. Contacting us before being invited however, will not make this process move any faster. Please bear with us as our team continues to work incredibly hard to deliver the vaccine into our community. Please re-



Sawston Medical Centre has been key to Granta's vaccine programme

member – you will NEVER be asked for payment for the COVID-19 vaccination. Any text message, letter or telephone call requesting your bank details and/or payment should be ignored. Please pass this message on to anyone who may be more susceptible to this type of scam. Information about the virus and the vaccine changes rapidly. To keep completely up to date with the latest guidance please go to the Government website www.gov.uk

and the NHS UK website www.nhs.uk. If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer, and you do, please help them access the latest information. As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly

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St Mary's to open for Easter services

After three months of not holding services in the church building, we are happy to announce that we shall be doing so again on Easter Day (4th April) at 8 am and 10 am, and at 10 am in Bartlow. As I write, we have not fully decided whether we shall continue with regular services in church in the following weeks, but it is very likely that we will do so. We have also not decided whether we will need to ask people to pre-book for Easter worship, as we did at Christmas.

If we do decide to do this, we shall make sure there are notices around the village making this clear, as well as on our website, so keep your eyes peeled for this information. (Pre-booking would help us know how we can most effectively arrange the seating in church according to the 'bubbles' who would be attending, whilst maintaining social distancing.) We really want to support people's desire to worship at Easter, the most important festival of the Christian year, and to offer Holy Communion to those who can come.

For those who would not feel safe or able to join us physically there will be a Zoom service for people of all ages, celebrating the great joy of Jesus' resurrection in ways we hope will engage everyone. Details of this will be on the St Mary's website too, along with invitations to join us for services in Holy Week as we follow Christ's path to the cross.

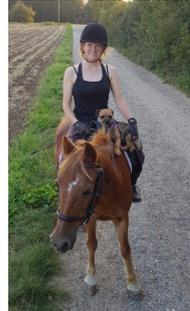
Maggie Guite, Rector of St Mary's
(rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

Meet: Cheryl Keen

THERE are many talented young people in Linton, and one of them is Cheryl Keen. Cheryl has lived in Linton for over 20 years. As a child she always loved animals and once a little older she was very interested in science and all things medical. So, it was only natural that she would go to vet school at Liverpool University. Training as a vet is a very long process, but during this time Cheryl was able to obtain placements locally, often in Newmarket, and she also spent time in Helsinki at a vet hospital there. After finally qualifying in 2019 she started working at Vets4Pets in Haverhill, a convenient situation



Cheryl on a training course with her dog Gizmo, Linton. The surgery who sometimes plays the role of practice patient



Cheryl and Gizmo aboard Holly

for a commute from Linton. The surgery is a busy one, dealing with dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters and whatever else comes through the door. The hours are long and often come with a lot of weekend work. Cheryl enjoys the practical side of routine surgery and gets satisfaction from working right through a case. Despite her busy schedule, Cheryl still finds time for riding her pony and walking her border terrier Gizmo. She loves running and cycling and has taken part in several half marathons and three triathlons, coming second in a recent Haverhill competition. She also plays the guitar, which she taught herself while studying at Liverpool, and paints and draws too! She has done some travelling around Europe but her ambition is to travel around the world doing locum work in different countries. A very busy young Linton lady making the very most of life.

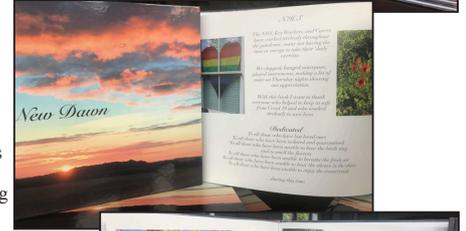
Sarah Hurcum

A New Dawn...

.... THE name of a book created by long time Linton resident Sue Varian, a collection of photographs of local vistas, flora and fauna. Sue took the photos on her many walks during 2020 in the midst of lockdown and its aftermath, all the time thinking how fortunate she was to be able to enjoy the countryside while so many, especially the elderly, were unable to go out. In October via crowdfunding, she managed to fund the publishing of 500 books of which 250 are being gifted to care homes and hospices in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

Clare Balding says in her Foreword 'By any standards it's been a tough year..... this beautiful collection of photographs reminds us that.... the world keeps turning, the flowers keep blooming ... Sue Varian has captured the essence of the changing seasons reminding us that this too will pass. We will grow again in the spring ...'

The remaining 250 copies can be ordered at £15+pp from Sue's website: www.photoartdesign.co.uk or email to Sue Varian: sue.photoartdesign@gmail.com for more details. Proceeds will go to support NHS Charities at Addenbrookes and The West Suffolk hospitals and Newmarket Day Centre One of these books would make a lovely Easter gift and help to support our local charities.



Linton News Team

Delux Radio jazzes it up with our own Robin Phillips

LINTON Jazz singer and pianist Robin Phillips has joined Delux Radio to present its first weekly jazz show. The Jazz Show with Robin Phillips will air on Friday evenings, from 8 to 10pm. As the performance arts are shaken by the global pandemic, many artists have had to diversify and find other avenues to share their creativity. One of these, for musicians, is to take their genre to radio or online platforms.

It's on the airwaves that Phillips will share his extensive knowledge and passion for jazz. He's set to include sections such as 'my vinyl collection', giving an in-depth view into an album from his own jazz record collection. Other topics will include 'jazz on film' and 'books about jazz'. The highlight of each episode will be Phillips' interviews with fellow jazz musicians from across the globe, starting with Harry Connick Jr's long-term trumpet player, Leroy Jones from New Orleans.

These interviews will delve into the life and career of his co-host, as well as offering interesting and exciting music, helping listeners discover something new and broaden their music horizons. "I'm planning on keeping people in touch with the classic jazz they already know and love, but also sharing my own discoveries in the genre from across the years. Hopefully I'll be opening a few doors to new music and artists," says Phillips.

Yule Edwards

Health Sense, a personal story

My journey really started once I had given birth to my twins at age 29. After the birth, I felt like I couldn't eat anything without a reaction. I had constant heartburn, constipation, acne, a massive lack of energy, asthma and eczema. Doctors were unable to help, and when the twins had similar symptoms, I decided I had to take matters into my own hands. After following elimination diets for years, I felt I had found all our trigger foods, but I still felt unwell. I then discovered bioenergetics resonance testing and was surprised how accurate it was. Not only did it confirm all the foods I had known were problematic, it also highlighted others, and I knew I could rely on this method in a fraction of the time conventional testing took.

I felt sure others were suffering like me, so I decided to invest in the training and the equipment, and after helping people for nearly three years, I am opening Health Sense, my own clinic in Linton. We test up to 180 substances including foods, additives, preservatives and environmental substances. We also offer a vitamin and mineral deficiency check along with further tests including lymphatic function, liver checks, gut health, endocrine system, pathogens and toxins, neurotransmitters and parasite markers, which give us broad insight into a whole range of health issues. We look forward to meeting the Linton community, and to helping you too.

Laura Mounteney
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World Book Day at the Chestnuts Playgroup

We have been busy this month as we welcomed back lots more of our families since the schools returned, as well as some new families starting with the playgroup. It has been wonderful to see everyone. We recently had a week of celebrating 'World Book Day' in order to give all children the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character whilst at playgroup, and to take part in the activities that were arranged around stories. The children even had the chance to plant their own beans as part of the *Jack and the Beanstalk* activity.

The Committee has also been busy this month arranging our Easter fundraising items. Please take a look at our Facebook page for more details about these and all our other fundraising.

The Chestnuts Team

Easter visitor expected at Co-op

ON Saturday 3rd April the staff will be dressing up and we have a special guest in the CO-OP. We can't say too much but he has requested that we have plenty of carrots in store. He will be giving out chocolates and raising money for our Mind charity. We're told he will be there for most of the day but come early to avoid disappointment!

Christine Webster

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Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I originally submitted this via paper letter back in January. However, as it appears not to have been passed on to you, here goes. When the Pandemic arrived on UK shores it was thought unlikely that there could be a Poppy collection in 2020. As I have had the honour of arranging the collections in the past, I approached the Linton Co-op store. They allowed me to place a small table with collection cans and poppies inside the store for 3 days. The generous residents of Linton did not disappoint, as I knew they wouldn't, and during this short period a total of £936.24 was donated to the appeal. I would like to say a big thank you to all who donated and to the staff of the Co-op for making this possible.

Laurence Kidman

We're aware that some paper letters haven't got through to us in the past few months. As Mr Kidman had to wait so long for this letter to be printed, and because we like round numbers, the Linton News has topped up his collection to £1000

Editor

April Garden Club diary

THE Gardening Club plans to resume its monthly meetings in September. Based on the Covid restrictions and unpredictable nature of the situation, we have decided not to hold our usual plant sale in May. We have also decided to cancel this year's Village Show and focus our efforts on bringing it back in 2022. There have been several times over the past year when we had hoped to restart the Club only to be thwarted by the virus. With the introduction of vaccines there is now real hope that the Club will be back to normal by the end of 2021.

When we started writing about our own gardening exploits last year to replace the Club's usual meeting reports, we never imagined that we would still be in lockdown now. During the past twelve months, gardening has been invaluable to many people's physical and mental health. We have received many comments about how much it has helped through these difficult times and it has been good to see people smiling as they stop and look at the plants in our front garden. The life-cycle of the garden is continuing as usual and we have been busy preparing the soil for planting, sorting the greenhouses, cleaning plant pots and tools, sowing seeds, mending the shed roof, tidying up flower beds and patio pots and enjoying being out in the fresh air. Stay safe everybody and enjoy your gardens.

Jim and Helen, Linton Garden Club,

2523 Linton Air Cadets

WITH the government indicating what will hopefully be the final roadmap out of lockdown, we are able to prepare for our return to face-to-face activities. Over a year since we were last able to parade, new uniform kitting is high on the agenda. A comprehensive summer programme of activities has been put together for our return, including radio training, fieldcraft, navigation, coding, first aid and sports. We will soon have the plan for the return of all our favourite activities; flying, gliding and shooting too. We also look forward to welcoming new members to the Squadron, both cadets and staff.

For staff, there are many ways to volunteer your time at 2523 Linton Squadron, and not all of them involve uniform. We simply ask that you are a minimum of 20 years old. You can get involved in all the RAF Air Cadets has to offer and it is a very rewarding way to volunteer. You may want to just dip in and out to share your life experiences on occasion, or be a more involved member of the team. For cadets, if you or someone you know is a minimum age of 12 and in year 8 please visit www.2523linton.co.uk and get in touch to join. We have many fantastic opportunities available to you. We look forward to hosting an open evening where new staff and cadets can see all that we have to offer in person.

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Girlguiding: Linton district

THIS month, we are celebrating the achievements of our girls and leaders that have happened in the Linton district. During the past year from January 2020 to December 2020, our district has earned well over 1,000 badges. Quite an attainment considering we are not allowed to meet face to face. This covers every age and section from Rainbows 5-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-14 and Rangers 14-18. We have also had one of our Rangers, Morgan, gain her Commonwealth Award. Our County Commissioner, Claire, presented it to her at one of her virtual meetings. We have had one Brownie, Ella, from Horseheath Brownies gain her Brownie Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement that can be gained in each section. Megan who is one of our Guide leaders has been presented with her Leadership Qualification. All this has been achieved whilst we are not able to meet in person. If you are interested to find out more about us or would like to join us as a girl or help one of our units, look up www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/ If you are over 18 and would like to join an adult only group, have you ever thought of joining the Trefoil Guild? There is one in Linton and they are having all sorts of fantastic fun, (currently virtually.) look them up at www.cambseastguides.org.uk/about-us/trefoil-guild. Whatever you would like to do, whatever age you are and however much time you have to spare, there is something for you. You can get involved and never have to leave the house if you wish, even once face to face meeting is returns.

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Black bins: Tuesday 13th & Monday 26th April
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Manners please dearest

DAVID Allen, our speaker, gave a tongue-in-cheek look at the extraordinary world of Victorian etiquette, the rigid rules which bound society together. He asked us to imagine ourselves in corset and crinoline which were sometimes 6 feet in diameter. Eminent Harley Street physicians advised corsets were vital to support the internal organs. Waists would be reduced by 1 inch per month until the desired target of 15 inches was achieved. David took us through how to sit in a crinoline (knees and ankles together, back straight, hands clasped in your lap), the art of deportment (he had us walking with a book on our heads) and courtseying. When preparing for courtship, attention should be paid to your skin. Worryingly, arsenic was considered essential for a healthy skin. A lady should cultivate essential skills such as dancing and small talk – never anything serious such as religion or politics. It was important to find the right husband – when she married, a lady's rights were handed over to her husband. Divorcing could only be by Act of Parliament – only 322 divorces in one particular year. At a ball, a lady had to be introduced formally, a gentleman could only kiss her hand or maybe her cheek. Before proposing, a gentleman would present a lady with a flower. David showed us how to use a fan to flirt e.g. tapping the right cheek means 'yes', closed fan means 'do you love me?' and fan over the ear means 'go away'. After a lady had accepted a suitor she could visit his home only after leaving a calling card. The visit must be no more than 10 minutes. If found suitable the lady should be invited to a dinner party. Gentlemen would remain standing until the ladies are seated. Married couples were never seated together. There would be a bewildering array of cutlery to negotiate and a typical banquet would consist of ten courses. Ladies should remember their corsets and only nibble at each course. She must stop eating when her hosts do so. Members enjoyed a fun filled evening and must be relieved that all that is now history. On April 6th our speaker will be Geoff Lambert on 'My *Canal Mania*'. Ladies, we always welcome new members. Join our Zoom talks for a taster. Watch out for our poster on the parish notice boards for the contact number.

Sally Proberts

BARTLOW 3 counties CHARITY WALK

We would like to send a message to all our supporters. The organisers of the Bartlow walk have been anxiously watching the Covid news over the last few weeks, hoping that we would be able to hold the event this year. Sadly we have decided to postpone the 17th Bartlow walk until May 1 2022 the usual Bank Holiday weekend. We considered delaying the decision for a few weeks longer but felt that it would be unfair on our organisers, sponsors and walkers. There is still so much uncertainty about Covid, and everyone's safety has to be our primary concern. It is a great shame not to be able to raise money for our local good causes for a second year, so we will have to redouble our efforts in 2022. We will be fundraising for Bartlow Church Restoration, Granta Charitable Trust (for Linton Health Centre), and Addenbrooke's Cancer Appeal. We do hope you can join us on Sunday May 1 2022 Thank you for your support in the past

Duncan Ogilvy (walk Organiser)

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Granta happy to be back

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back into school. They have all settled extremely well and the building is once again buzzing with the sound of their laughter and chatter. We continue to be amazed at their resilience to change and wanted to share with you some of the comments they have made on their return:

Georgia- "I'm glad to be able to be at school and not just at home". John- "I've missed my friends and it's good to see them and I want to get back to my learning." Joshua- "I'm happy to be back at school to have some peace and quiet!" Omar- "I've missed my friends, I've missed school and working." Katy- "I missed cooking at school." Hussain - "I am very happy to be back at school and see my friends". James - "I was excited to come back to school on Monday, I really missed my friends during lockdown." Harvey - "It's great to come back to school to see my best friend" Oliver - "I was happy to come back to school



Above and left: pupils enjoying their return

and do my maths. Nina - "Coming back to school, double thumbs up!" Thank you to our parents for the great feedback we received on our Home Learning provision. As some of our students are still shielding, we will continue to offer this to them until they can return. We are ever hopeful that we will be welcoming back all students after the Easter break.

Ruchi Datta
Headteacher



Returning to the Heights

ALL pupils have finally returned to school and what a relief! No more fighting over the laptop, no more stressing out because the WiFi lags and no more sitting at the same desk for hours on end. We can now communicate and be with our friends in the flesh. Unfortunately, lockdown has taken its toll on us, our physical activity has deteriorated and our brains haven't been truly challenged. Despite all this, lockdown has brought out the best in some, producing true works of art and beautiful pieces of writing, which have made a really eye-catching display in each classroom.

It feels so good to be back in the classroom again, hearing laughter, discussing ideas and working collaboratively. Not having to mute and unmute is truly a breath of fresh air! Being able to see other people's faces and just physically being near another person is a little strange but definitely better than being trapped in a square on each other's screen. It has been helpful doing more relaxed work than usual this week, and it has been excellent to catch up with friends.

Reflections on lockdown
by Mia Arana Tagle
Y6

Linton Heights Junior School have pupil places available for September 2021. For further enquiries please contact 01223 892210 or email office@lintonheightsjunior.org

Anderson Trust 2021 grant allocations

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 virtually on March 1st, £8910 interest, received from investments, was approved, according to the priorities stipulated in the Trust Deed, for distribution to the following applicants: £5000 to the Beacon Youth Trust towards the salary and on-costs of a Youth Worker; £1010 to St Mary's Church towards the purchase of resources for children and families work and a refurbished laptop; £1000 to Linton Infant School PTA for the upgrade of IT resources; £800 to Granta School towards sensory equipment for the swimming pool; £600 to Linton Book Festival towards the purchase of books for the Linton schools and £500 to Linton Village Cricket Club towards the purchase of a batting cage. A grant to Linton Infant School for £800 towards the development of a wildlife area was also awarded by a private donation, made through the Anderson Trust.

An invitation to apply for 2022 grants will be issued in the November edition of the Linton News.

Gillian Powell, Chair of Trustees, 893664

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'Make Lunch' deliver boxes of hope

YOU may remember hearing about Make Lunch last autumn. The plan is to offer a fun club for families including activities, games, crafts and a hot, healthy meal, during the school holidays. A lot of work has been done to get ready to open but government guidelines have prevented us from launching the Make Lunch club yet. The resourceful team have instead delivered Boxes of Hope during the school holidays, containing ingredients to cook a main meal plus breakfast and tea, and fresh fruit and veg. We also sent household items like hand wash liquid and facemasks, and creative ideas and materials in a goody bag.

Make Lunch is a partnership between St Mary's Parish Church and TLG, a national charity who help churches support the vulnerable in their communities. This is a project for the whole community and we really need your support. If you could offer to be on the team, or support us financially, please contact me on cafim@stmaryslinton.org.uk. Visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Make-Lunch-Linton-173285380996504 where you will find updates.

Sarah Thorne
Children and Families Minister, St Mary's Church



'Boxes of hope' goody bags ready to be delivered to families in Linton

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



Discovering the Great Fen

ONE of the things on offer to budding naturalists during lockdown has been the Wildlife Trust evening zoom/webinar sessions. I attended one called The Great Fen, provided by Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust, and found it extremely interesting. I have been to the Great Fen a few times, and resolve to go more often in the future. It is a huge area, and quite an alien landscape for us South Cambs residents. There are just miles and miles of flat and wild fen, interspersed with farmland and some woodland. It makes Wicken Fen seem small in comparison. So what is it?

The Great Fen is a 50 to 100 year project to transform the landscape of the fens between the mainline railway east of Peterborough and Huntingdon, including what was Whittlesea Mere, once the largest lake in lowland England. In the past the wild fens stretched for hundreds of miles across Eastern England, but starting in the 17th century the land was drained to create peat rich farmland, and 99% of the wild fen disappeared.

The only remaining fragments were Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen, and these two areas were too small and isolated to continue to support the special fenland wildlife that had survived.

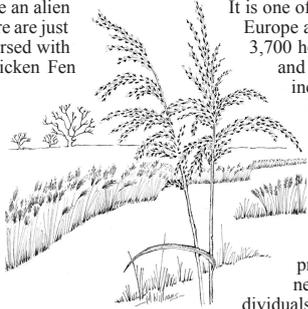
Secondly and more recently the drainage and farming practices have contributed to a rapid peat decline, leading to unsustainable farming and therefore a risk to local livelihoods. Peat loss is of course bad for the environment as it causes carbon dioxide to be released into the atmosphere. Something had to happen.

The Great Fen vision is to create a new wetland landscape around and between Holme and Woodwalton. As a result of many organisations working together, huge fundraising efforts and help from the Lottery, the project now owns 55% of the area, and restored areas are providing a haven for wetland wildlife.

It is one of the largest restoration projects of its kind in Europe and the plan is to create a living landscape of 3,700 hectares, around 14 square miles, for wildlife and for recreation, education and business. It will incorporate areas where winter flood waters can be stored, and will help prevent further loss of carbon dioxide as the peat will be protected.

It will support a variety of specialised fen wildlife, and link local communities with a network of paths, cycleways and bridle paths. Through education and outreach programmes to children and interested groups, the project hopes to celebrate and preserve fen heritage. It is an ambitious project needing long term thinking and determined individuals working with many different organisations. One of its aims is to gain UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Status, using science and technology to assist with developing a sustainable future for its soil, water and people.

It is very easy to sit back in a slough of despond about the environment. But here, nearly on our doorstep, is a truly great inspiration to all of us. There is an App called The Great Fen, which tells you all about the project, has maps and field guides, and photos and descriptions of the many species now found there. Roll on spring and freedom to get back out there.



Linton Army Cadet leader Steve Rudderham moves on to a new challenge

STAFF Sergeant Instructor Steve Rudderham likes a challenge. After serving nine years as an army medic, including a tour in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, he joined Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force as an instructor. The Army Cadet Force offers fun and exciting military style training to young people aged 12-18, and Steve's experience and abilities resulted in him quickly becoming a Detachment Commander, first of Longstanton and then of Linton in 2018. His predecessor, Captain John Kell, had established the detachment the year before (at Linton Heights Junior School) and made great progress, including obtaining important funds from the local council. However, they had only six cadets and urgently needed more recruits.

couraging new cadets to join, and within a year, Linton Detachment had 36 members. He has led by example, established a well organised training structure, kept parents informed of their children's progress and helped to generate an extremely positive and motivational environment which his cadets have loved. Steve and his cadets have engaged with the local community, including taking a leading role in Remembrance Sunday events and collecting for The Poppy Appeal. After three years, Steve is looking for a new challenge and is moving on to Newmarket Detachment, where he hopes to repeat his success. He will be greatly missed by Linton colleagues and cadets alike.

Douglas Stuart

Steve wasted no time in en-

Creative thinking and positive action – here we come!

APRIL sees hope and new beginnings, not only thanks to spring and the roll-out of the vaccination programme, but the roll-out of our Creative Communities – Linton 360° project. Activity sheets and resource lists and packs are going out to participants of all ages across the village. Thanks to our volunteers who delivered fliers to every household, we had a great response. People are really welcoming the idea of learning and sharing creative ideas and skills and making new connections. We asked people about their interests and these ranged from macramé to Astrophotography! Popular areas are drawing, painting and needle work in all its forms; but we are looking for people willing to support learners with woodwork, upcycling and perhaps outdoor art too. As a community team made up of the sum of our parts, we will focus on what is achievable and appealing to most, but we are keen to challenge the skilled and explore the new, so please get in touch if you can help.

Contact us via email if possible, with the words Linton 360 in the title. lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com or 01223 901123

Whilst our focus may be on the future to help us move forward positively, we still aim to support wellbeing, and appreciate the impact of the past year on all. For those who are just about managing financially – please email us, funds are still available. For those coping with grief – please take a look at the www.goodgrief.org website and for emotional or mental wellbeing support: www.cpslmind.org.uk/goodlife/

Yannick @ LCHT

POT POURRI 190

Weight of the Cells?

It is often the case that one comes across numerical values in printed matter that makes one think.

It is well known in the medical profession that the cancer cells named HeLa have benefited mankind to a phenomenal extent. These cells were taken from a young woman who died of cancer, one Henrietta Lacks. These cells seem not to die - hence they can replicate (seemingly) forever without dying.

The thing that struck me was that a leading biochemist and surgeon estimated that if all the HeLa cells since 1951 were weighed, it would come to 50,000,000 tonnes! on the assumption that cells had kept doubling in number 50 times, eg. 2x2x2x2... fifty times).

What was the weight of the cells at the start before the doubling had occurred 50 times? (Use metric not imperial measurements).

Pot Pourri 189 - Nine digits in 3x3 Square

There are 4 sets that allow the 3x3 numbers 1 - 9 to meet the square result.

The church that disappeared: a mystery solved

ACCORDING to Wikipedia, 'A Protestant chapel was built in Little Abington towards the end of the 19th century. It closed in late 2019 and the land has now been sold. Demolition of the chapel has been confirmed'. Well, this is certainly news to us, the owners and refurbishers of the chapel in 2021! Certainly the URC chapel closed on 15th September 2019. However, the land was not sold and no demolition did or will take place. In reality, after its closure the church was put up for sale in 2020 and on 6th March 2020 was bought by the Orthodox Church in the East of England. This is the local part of the Russian Orthodox Church in Western Europe. With churches in Felixstowe, Colchester, Norwich, Kings Lynn and Peterborough, it was high time to buy a church for Orthodox living on the Essex/Suffolk/Cambridgeshire borders. At long last the church will be opening in April. Now called St Edmund's church, the first Orthodox service here will be a service of thanksgiving and blessing. This will take place



St. Edmund

at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 14th April 2021. Why on a week-day evening? Simply because this will be the 100th anniversary to the day since the first service here on Thursday 14th April 1921.

The church, a former wooden military building from the First World War, has been completely refurbished. All are welcome: New Orthodox Church at 14 High Street, Little Abington.

Rev Andrew Phillips

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District and County Councillors' Report – February 2021

A1307 Update

THE process of upgrading the road continues. The next physical upgrade will be the installation of average speed cameras between the Suffolk border and Linton: this will take place in April. There has also been progress on the much-needed pedestrian crossing at Hildersham. A revised design seems to have support from the local landowner so, all being good, this will be implemented in this phase.

The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring, they are public so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones.

Budgets

Both the County and District councils have now agreed their budgets for this municipal year, which include council tax levels. The County Council have agreed a 3.99% rise which equates to £3.38 per month on band D properties. The District Council have agreed a £5 per year rise.

Social Workers

The County Council has launched a campaign to recruit more social workers in 2021. If you know anybody that might be interested in this rewarding work, you can get more information here – www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/jobs-and-careers/we-love-social-workers

Horseheath Road, Linton

The new development at the edge of Linton on Horseheath Road has been served a 'stop' notice. This is due to drainage work being carried out without the District council having agreed to the detail of it. This means no work can occur on the site until this is agreed.

Councillors John and Henry Batchelor

Camsight VIPs - Visually Impaired People

The Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with low vision or blindness

EARLY in March we were contacted by our new Regional Outreach Officer, Alex Innes. Being sight-impaired himself, he knows only too well the difficulties and feelings of isolation of people with sight impairment, especially during lockdowns. He wanted to suggest ways, in addition to our regular ring-around telephone calls, of keeping our members in contact not just with our volunteers, but with each other. He set up what proved to be a very enjoyable group telephone chat with six people on the line, which could in future include up to ten at once. We hope to repeat this each month and to include all members who wish to take part. We also look forward, weather permitting, to meeting outdoors as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Camsight now has its first mobile unit, to provide support and equipment in Cambridgeshire. The unit will work with their four outreach workers who have each been allocated an area. Hopefully this will provide much easier access for members, and for anyone with sight impairment who could benefit from our services - membership of Camsight is not a requirement. If you or anyone you know would like further information, please contact us on the main Camsight number 01223 420033, or on the number below. Meanwhile we wish you a very Happy Easter and look forward to hopefully meeting again in the summer.

Jean Mannion
893595

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submission of details required by condition 11 (Surface water drainage) of outline planning permission S/2553/16/OL Open for comment icon

Land Off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire

Ref. No: S/2553/16/CONDO | Validated: Fri 05 Mar 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

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18-20 River Cottage Horn Lane Linton CB21 4HT

Ref. No: 21/0297/TTCA | Validated: Fri 12 Mar 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Ongoing/ controversial planning applications:

20/01369/HFUL

24 Mill Lane Linton CB21 4JY

Single storey Extension

After multiple objections from Linton residents and the Parish Council, and refusal by SCDC, permission was granted on appeal to the Secretary of State. Closed for comments icon.

Inspectorate Ref: APP/W0530/D/21/3267975

The Marsh Mail

While much of school life tends to be typified by fairly rigid structures, the last few months have exemplified just how adaptable the school community has been.

Students and staff have become accustomed to staggered timetables and a range of new routines to keep learning and stay as safe as possible in school. While the College remained closed to most students, teachers acclimatised to delivering all timetabled lessons online. Both they and their classes become proficient with using technology to ensure learning continuity. Issuing devices donated by families and Cambs Youth Panel, as well as those issued by the government has enabled our students to be equipped to access learning from home. Our live lesson attendance was more than 80%; the narrative of lockdown 'lost learning' certainly doesn't reflect the experience of LVC students.

Returning to school has enabled everyone to benefit from re-establishing face to face learning routines and reconnecting with each other. Hearing the school alive with the sound of students and staff again has been brilliant.

Adaptation has continued with students adjusting amazingly well to wearing face masks

in lessons and engaging responsibly with our rapid mass testing roll out. The transformation of our sports hall into an Asymptomatic Testing Centre, led very capably by our Sports Centre Manager, Sam Pollard, has been remarkable. As have the efforts of our team of testing volunteers from our staff and community volunteers. Over forty members of our parent body stepped forward to offer their support as testing assistants. The slick and welcoming operation has been a real triumph. Supporting the school's reopening, processing 2,572 Lateral Flow Tests have identified some positive Covid-19 cases that would have otherwise been undetected. Staff and students are now accustomed to testing themselves twice weekly at home.

I have been astonished and extremely proud of the resilience of our young people, by the support of their families and the commitment of LVC staff to make remote learning and school reopening a success. We look forward to the return of more customary routines as well as continuing to evolve practices that have proven to be really beneficial in these exceptional times.

Helena Marsh

Infant School springs back into action

I am writing this on 8th March 2021. The first day back at school for our children and I can't begin to tell you how delightful it is to hear the school alive again! Obviously, there is anxiety among children, parents and staff and I am sure this anxiety will continue but at the moment, we are all enjoying having our school community back together again.

The first three weeks before the Easter break focussed on working together, being part of a team, building relationships and having fun. This will mean we are able to hit the ground running when the children return after Easter, getting stuck into some exciting and engaging learning!

Usually at this time of year the governors spend the day in school, joining lessons, having lunch with us and looking at how the school is working towards the School

Development Plan. Obviously, this couldn't happen but instead the governors joined our zoom assembly, various zoom lessons, our whole school "PE with Dan," and Friday Church. Although unconventional, the governors were still able to get a flavour of how school is operating.

We have also tried to continue with our fundraising efforts, with the PTFA organising an Easter raffle and for Red Nose Day, a "Dress as a Superhero" day. Although we are now all far more aware that a Superhero doesn't always wear a cape.

On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. Here's hoping for more normality after the Easter break.

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Tree Works Rules, Regulations and Roots!

IN THE MARCH edition of the Linton News the Parish Council reported on the planting of some additional trees in the village. This leads us on to further information for residents on all aspects of tree care.

Many trees in our village are subject to a TPO, a Tree Preservation Order. These are issued by the local planning authority to protect a specific tree, groups of trees or woodlands that are of significance in the village. If a tree has a TPO, and for any tree in a Conservation Area, with or without a TPO, permission must be sought from SCDC Trees Team, before work is carried out. Tree works are applied for via the Planning Department at SCDC. Failure to do so can result in a fine of up to £20,000. It's always wise to check!

Trees that are outside your property boundary are typically the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, however, on some occasions they are the riparian duty of the homeowner. If you are unsure who is responsible for trees near your property please contact the Parish Council office for further advice.

If you have trees adjoining your property which need pruning, you are legally permitted to remove overhanging branches. However, we recommend that you inform the owner of the tree before doing so. The prunings should be offered back to the tree owner, however if they do not want them it becomes your responsibility to dispose of them and they should not just be "put back over the fence".

It is worth noting that branch removal can lead to tree failure, due to disease or an imbalance causing the tree to become unstable and therefore it is advisable to employ a competent tree surgeon to carry out and take on the liability for the work. We can give contact details for several Tree Surgeons, please contact the office.

Tree work should not be undertaken during the nesting season of birds, which means that between March and August tree and hedgerow extensive work should be avoided. You may have missed the opportunity this year, please put a note in your diary to address issues from September through to February, pruning of trees and hedgerows really is an Autumn/Winter job.

It all sounds very complicated, but it is very important to protect our trees. We need to plant more trees in our community. Do you have space for a tree in your garden? It is important to consider the overall size of a mature tree and the potential spread of its roots. If you would like advice on native species and suitable varieties, please get in touch with SCDC Trees Team, or the Village Tree Warden, Kate Kell, via the office.

Cllr Kate Kell & Cllr Enid Bald.

Dates for your Diary

THE ANNUAL Parish Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 8th April 2021. We hope you will be able to join us for this annual event, especially as last year's had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. It is unfortunate that this meeting will need to be held remotely, hopefully next year we will be back to normal. We will share the Meeting details on Facebook, the Parish Council website and via the office, please get in touch.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th April 2021. If you would like to raise any points with the Parish Council, please contact the office by Tuesday 6th April 2021. Meetings are currently being held via remote links on Zoom. An invitation link is posted on Facebook along with all the details of the meeting, it can also be requested via email from the office.

Clerk.

Which Council? A guide to responsibility.

NOTICE BOARDS in the village have received a much-needed update in March and now have current information about the Parish Council, including Meeting dates for 2021. Agendas and Minutes are available from the office. There is new information regarding Covid-19 and Reducing Food waste.

We have also added a new poster titled "Which Council?" This gives an overview of the Parish, District and County Council areas of responsibility. We hope that this will give you better understanding of each Council's duties and help guide you to the correct place when you need assistance. You are welcome to contact the Parish Council office on 01223 891001 and we will advise you if you are unsure who to speak with. We are always happy to report issues on your behalf and will often encourage you to also do so yourself, by proving a link to the relevant department. We do this because sometimes, several reports on an issue will result in a faster response.

After recent attention on Social Media for Parish Councils we have reviewed our own procedures regarding the use of Zoom. All Parish Council meetings are recorded and the recording, whilst only used for administration purposes by the office, will be kept until the Minutes of the meetings are approved. The recording is available on request to any member of the public whilst it is held by the office.

It is worth being aware that a remote meeting can be recorded by anyone, however we do not want this to reduce participation. If you do not wish to be viewed in a meeting you are welcome to turn your camera off, or if you are uncomfortable with technology we are happy to read a statement on your behalf in the public participation section of the meeting. Please contact the office for further advice.

We hope that in line with the lifting of restrictions that the Parish Council office will soon reopen to the public and that meetings will soon be held in person again; we are waiting for confirmation and will keep you informed of any changes as soon as we can. We cannot wait to get back to a level of normality!

Clerk.

Parish Progress

IN MARCH we saw progression of the Skate Park project and by the time you read this the Play Area upgrade should be almost complete. It has been a pleasure to work with Kompan, one of the leading suppliers and installers of play equipment in the UK.

On the slightly sensitive subject of dog waste, we are about to take delivery of an additional bin which will be installed near the BT Telephone exchange at the edge of th Rivey Path to the left hand side. Despite numerous appeals for all dog owners to act responsibly and clean up after their pets we are seeing an unwelcome increase in incidents reported throughout the village.

There have also been several reports of littering and areas requiring maintenance in the village this month. We would like to encourage all residents to Love Linton a little more. If you are out for a walk and spot an area which needs attention please report it direct to the Parish Council office. Some areas are not our responsibility and we will be able to help report them or advise the best course of action. If it is our responsibility, we will get priority work completed.

As for littering, why not join the many residents who willing litter pick and are proud to do so. We would like to say thank you to residents who have collected litter in the past and hope to organise a Linton Litter Pick soon. Watch this space for further details.

Clerk.

Planning & Meeting Updates February 2021 - March 2021

PLANNING Updates:

Horseheath Road S/4418/19/RM. S/3405/17/OL - Work has ceased temporarily on the site following a stop notice issued by SCDC, due to failure to comply with conditions. The recent TTRO over ran by several days and the developer will face fines. The Lead Local Flood Authority recommends refusal of the surface water drainage, as the varying heights of the area would lead to permanent flooding. Foul water is planned to go into the sewer on Lonsdale then Bartlow Road, already at capacity. **Bartlow Road S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM** - Foul Water Drainage Condition 11 - had been refused as connection was to the overloaded sewer on Bartlow Road, specifically against the requirements of Condition 11. The developer has gone to appeal on 5 Discharge of Condition applications based on non-determination; probably because amendments are continually being received. A TTRO has been applied for to put in the footpath, this includes a section S50 for the connection to the sewer. The LPC needs to be very vigilant on any TTRO for Bartlow Road. SCDC Planning have been informed.

Paynes Meadow Appeal APP/W0530/W/20/03255359 for planning application S/0670/19/OL. Cllrs. Bald, Kell and Mannassi represented LPC with consultant Corrie Newell. A site visit was due to take place on 1st March 2021 by the Inspectorate. We put up a strong case and await a decision!

LDP Call for Sites - The number of potential sites around Linton is very concerning, as it implies a desire for large scale development in an area with few resources. A mandate was given at Full Council that LPC should object to further development outside the village boundary. 13 specific objections were submitted in relation to individual sites. Local input on site suitability is required, with villages sharing their responses for a more unified approach.

Meeting updates:

Local Highways Improvement - Cllr Bald presented LPC submission for better signage, yellow lines to help solve parking issues, etc. This was supported by panel member Cllr Henry Batchelor. It is hoped that the Parish will be successful this time, as it has with many previous applications

Meeting of Haverhill Forum with James Palmer - Update on the innovative transport scheme for Cambridge, surrounding and feeder areas involving high-quality public transport - the Cambridge Metro (CAM). CAM and GCP appear in conflict. Issues with GCP raised, with walking, cycling and NMU not extending east, rat running, unhelpful schemes submitted (e.g. west bound bus lane) with good schemes making slow progress (signalised Hildersham crossing, Bartlow Road travel hub, etc) New towns and further development would supply the funding for the CAM scheme (one between Linton and Horseheath). Post-Covid, work and lifestyles are changing and community needs require more consideration.

Rivey Lane - Meeting with SCDC regarding the state of trees, poor fences, litter on Rivey Lane and Cemetery. The ditch was re-dug by LPC to prevent flooding in cemetery, but needs to be done again as it is being filled with branches and garden waste.

A1307 Villages Forum - Update on GCP/CSET (reported last month). The villages have seen very little benefit from the schemes but more rat running and traffic problems since the bus lanes went in. Safe active transport does not extend to Bartlow or Horseheath. LDP call for sites is a major concern, with Linton and Bartlow swamped and a new town just east. Lack of water and effect on valued landscape are major objections. First round of comments to be submitted and shared.

Save the Cam - another meeting on protecting rare chalk streams - see Cam Valley Forum website

God's Little Acre - range of ways to care for grave yards from manicured to wild flower havens.

Cllr Enid Bald.



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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 18th February 2021 Remote Meeting via video/ telephone conferencing.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Councillor Vacancies; There are now four vacancies for Co-opted **Chairman's Comment.** The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for taking the meeting last month and thanked the office for all their hard work. Cllr Merrie Mannassi explained that due to recent events at other Parish Council meetings and a parishioner's comments there has been a change in procedure of the retention of the recording of meetings and confirmed that all recordings will be kept until the minutes are signed off. A recording can be made by anyone, and the office copy will be made available if requested by a member of the public.

Open Forum for Public Participation;

The Chairman invited a member of the public to speak regarding the proposal of a Medieval Theatre Event to be held on the Recreation Ground in September 2021. It was discussed and due to potential clashes with sporting fixtures, it was suggested that Camping Close should be visited and considered as an alternative location.

Clerks Report. Clerk gave an update on the Rivey Bridlepath. Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) have agreed to pay for the ditch to be cleared and the trench to be improved. Cllr Enid Bald and the Clerk met Sean Gentle from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) to discuss the maintenance of the boundaries on properties belonging to SCDC and the rear fence and trees in the Cemetery for the necessary work to be carried out. The residents on Rivey Way are due to be contacted regarding their riparian responsibilities. Cllr Brian Cox requested that the Clerk contact the contractor to be made aware of the conduit and be careful, especially at the bottom of the ditch.

High Street Bench. Cllr Merrie Mannassi enquired if any new information had been received and was informed by the Clerk that a revised quote to install the bench on the left-hand side had been submitted by the contractor. There was not enough support from the Council to review the decision. The Chairman confirmed that the previous decision stands and that the bench would be installed to the left of the telephone box.

Planning.

Bartlow Road.

Cllr E Bald confirmed that the Foul Water Drainage Condition - S/1963/15/COND11 – had been refused as the sewer on Bartlow Road did not meet the requirements of Condition 11. The developer has gone to appeal on 5 Discharge of Condition applications based on non-determination. LPC will receive details in due course. The non-determination was felt to be because amendments are continually being received.

Horseheath Road.

Cllr Enid Bald informed the Council that work has continued despite conditions being refused, including surface water. It was expected that a stop notice was to be put on the site, but this had not happened yet. There have also been issues regarding the ransom strip, owned by SCDC. LPC had agreed that they had no issues with the easement over this land at the time it was agreed, however they did not agree the link to the drainage at this location. An adjacent resident has expressed serious concerns regarding this easement, and this is considered by the LPC to be a legal matter between the parishioner and the developer. The width of the ransom strip was also discussed as it was felt that maintenance allowance was insufficient. Cllr John Batchelor confirmed he is aware of the issues and that these are being addressed by SCDC. Cllr Enid Bald also stated that LPC had objected to the Planting scheme due to non-native species being proposed.

1 Horseheath Road.

Cllr Enid Bald stated that surface water issues had been reported to SCDC but there were no further comments at this time.

Paynes Meadow.

Cllr Enid Bald confirmed that the planning application was going to appeal on 25th February and that three representatives from LPC would be present with CN Historic. Issues with effects on Landscape, Connectivity, Parking and more, these comments have been submitted and will be considered by the Inspectorate.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi requested support from District Councillor John Batchelor who advised that LPC should make it clear that they object to the extensive proposal of local development. Consideration for a resolution of the Parish Council position on local development to be submitted to GCLP. Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the LPC object to development of the proposed sites. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. 9 in favour, 2 Abstention. Agreed. Cllr John Bald proposed that the additional reasons of not meeting the needs of the local community and that specific objections be raised in relation to each individual site. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan.

District Councillor John Batchelor advised the Council that the Neighbourhood Plan is still underway and that SCDC have been advising LPC. It was noted that there is a grant available of up to £10,000 which LPC should apply for and that there is also free support for a Neighbourhood Design Guide which is not currently in the Neighbourhood plan but well worth considering. It is expected to take up to six months for the Neighbourhood Plan to reach approval referendum.

District and County Councillors Report for February 2021.

County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor added that vaccinations are available for those 70 years and older who are encouraged to book their appointment. Local Elections are going ahead in May. There are three, the County Council, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and the Local Police Commissioner. Average speed cameras will be installed at the start of April 2021 on the A1307, between Horseheath and Haverhill. The tax increase from Cambridgeshire County Council will be set at 3.99%. District Council budget meetings are scheduled and the % increase will be communicated to the LPC in due course. LPC were advised to have their Local Emergency Plan in place due to concerns regarding high water levels. Clerk.

District Councillor John Batchelor advised that the Call for Sites will be short listed later this year and at that stage it would be important to raise objections. The new Local Plan will not be in place for up to two years. Covid-19 cases have been dropping and the area has seen a significant improvement, however hospitals are still considered to be under strain in the region.

Finance.

Quotations, Membership renewals and Donation requests:

Cam Valley Annual Membership renewal at £10.00. Cllr Enid Bald proposed, Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed. Cambridgeshire ACRE Annual Membership renewal at £57.00. Cllr Chris Hine proposed, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. All Agreed. LCHT request for administrative assistance and release of S106 funding for community project. The S106 funding has been agreed and could be released, further decision was not required. The administration support was discussed, and it was suggested that LCHT approach the local printers to save time and costs. Cathodeon Centre boiler.

Cllr Chris Hine explained that the boiler had broken and to be repaired would cost in the region of £1,000.00, as the building is owned by the LPC and the boiler is part of the fixtures and fittings. Cllr Merrie Mannassi confirmed that the decision was retrospective due to the urgency of the work. Cllr Merrie Mannassi concurred that the LPC agree with the decision to replace the boiler in line with the request from the Cathodeon Centre Trustees. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. 10 in favour with 1 abstention. Agreed.

The Meadow Recreation Ground.

Skate Park.

Cllr John Bald updated the Council and discussed the survey results, thanking the Assistant Clerk for her speed in producing a detailed report. A member of the public was invited to join the discussion and, having been involved in many Skate Park projects, offered help with the project from a user-based perspective. Cllr Chris Hine advised the Council that the supplier had requested design workshops and he requested the Topographical Reports for the area be sent to those involved.

Under 8's and over 8's play area.

A pre-start meeting was arranged for 23.02.2021 for project management. Cllr John Bald and Cllr Lee Gardner to attend.

Bowling Green and Pavilion.

Following the meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2021. Cllr John Bald gave an update on the future use of the Bowling Green, stating that this was a large scale, expensive project which would need to be considered after the Skate Park had been completed. Cllr Paul Poulter asked that the Council engage with the Linton Granta Football Club (LGFC) and come to a constructive solution regarding the future use of the Pavilion. Cllr Merrie Mannassi requested that the Clerk contact the LGFC secretary to arrange a remote meeting to discuss the future use of the Pavilion and the accommodation of the cadets as there were concerns raised from LGFC about the sharing of the facility with other clubs and groups.

Market Square.

Review of the documents received from Holmes & Hill for the registration of the Market Square with Land Registry. For Information. Noted.

Nomination of a Councillor to complete the documentation.

Cllr John Bald proposed that as Chairman of the Council, Cllr Merrie Mannassi sign the documents. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. 9 in favour, 1 abstention. Agreed.

River Granta & Wildlife at Horn Lane Bridge.

The Chairman invited a member of the public to address the Council regarding this item on the agenda. The participant described an incident where a vehicle drove through the ford at speed and asked about protection for the wildlife and the River Granta. Cllr Brian Cox confirmed that the listed ford is an emergency access for the Church if Church Lane is blocked and it must be kept open. Cllr Enid Bald stated that the ford is a public highway, and it must not be blocked. Cllr Merrie Mannassi suggested a sign requesting awareness of the wildlife would be appropriate. Cllr John Bald requested that a sign be installed as it was felt that it would have some effect.

Linton News.

Cllr Enid Bald - Planning Updates and Meeting Reports. Skate Park Feedback thanks to participants - Cllr Merrie Mannassi Clerk - Which Council? Including new procedures regarding recordings etc.

Clerk on behalf of the Tree Team - Tree Rules and Regulations **Annual Meeting of the Parish** on Thursday 8th April 2021.

The date was accepted by the Full Council and the scheduled Personnel Meeting would be moved to a different date.

Date of the next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th March 2021.

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

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