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Linton slowly opens up

Pubs in the car park

ALL of the pubs in our delivery area have made a massive effort to re-open safely. It may look and feel different, with spaced-out undressed tables, phone orders and marquees for protection from our summer weather and even artificial grass, all of which give a new meaning to al fresco dining.

However, the buzz and exemplary customer service remain, and we must all try our utmost to support the venue of our choice, but please do check opening hours before venturing out.

The Crown outdoors



The Crown Inn has a new *Back to Basics* menu running alongside the *Keep Calm and Carry on Eating* takeaway service lunchtimes and evenings with outdoor and indoor service.

The Dog and Duck outdoors

The Dog and Duck has eating and drinking in an outdoor marquee, riverside garden and beach huts alongside the Shed Shop remaining open.



The Waggon and Horses outdoor area



The Waggon and Horses new garden and marquee can now accommodate up to 100 people with regular live entertainment.

Photos supplied
by the pubs

The Three Hills awning



The Three Hills at Bartlow offers al fresco dining Fridays to Sunday under their massive awning and in August will participate in the *Dine in to Help Out* scheme every Wednesday 12–2pm and 6–9pm.

The Pantry and Bar in the Garden at Hildersham



Al fresco dining with outdoor bar and seating for up to 50 Thursday – Saturday alongside their Pantry Farmshop open Mondays to Sunday (not Tuesday).

Other businesses / organisations

Our other businesses relaxing the rules include shops, such as Tournants, see page four and You Beauty and Lizzies which, as from 1st August, can now offer a full range of treatments.

Already open since last month are the hairdressers. The editor's hairdresser was somewhat shocked by her attempts at cutting her own fringe.

By the time you read this Linton Fitness will have reopened on 25th July contact info@linton.fitness for details.

Also Linton Community Sports Centre reopened on Tuesday 28th July after modifications to make it COVID-19 safe. For an initial period all activities must be pre-booked on a pay as you go basis – booking details are available on the Sports Centre website: <https://lintonsc.schoolhire.co.uk/> or you can ring 890248.

The library is set to open on 4th August, see this page, and the Churches are open already, see page three.

The Village Hall has been open for some time for the Farmers' market but the trustees are currently undertaking a risk assessment for holding more events.

The schools have closed until September.

So gradually we attain a new normal but it is not over, from now on we must go around like bandits with masks on when we enter shops and still keep social distance and wash our hands.

Our thanks to all

It is time to say well done to our Granta Medical team, our community help team, our deliverers, our pubs and shops that have gone out of their way to keep us supplied with food (and drink), our Churches, our Parish Council and District and County councillors who have been a big support to businesses and other organisations showing them where they can get help and our schools for changing how they work so quickly.

We must also be glad that Lintonians have been so helpful to each other, responding to requests for help of all kinds. Let's make sure we keep up the support for our friends, neighbours and especially the local businesses while we get back to the free movement and socializing we knew before we ever heard of COVID-19. It may take a long time.

Linton News Team

Linton Community Help team – quieter but still here

SINCE our last update the Team has continued to support approximately 15 local families and residents with shopping, food support, errands, meal delivery, social contact and accessing other services. We have sent out information updates to our client list and volunteers on the latest guidance and help available.

We have also transferred funds to help the Infant schools' milk and fruit provision in summer term and holiday food parcels.

We are delighted that most of our previous clients have returned to their former independence or support networks. We were set up as an emergency response team due to COVID-19 and the lockdown, so it is good news that for many the help is no longer needed.

We are working on how we can support the village, if there is a need and gap or if we have a local lockdown, using local volunteers to respond. We know most can't give the time they did, but many volunteers have offered to stay on our contact list and we have completed a mapping process. This will help us to allocate requests to nearby volunteers where possible who may continue to support on a neighbourly basis if appropriate.

You or your family may suffer job or income loss due to the economic impact of COVID-19. Please do remember we are here to help with signposting and food support where needed, but we may also be able to help in other ways too so we hope people will contact us - your enquiry is confidential.

Last but by no means least, we hope to continue the community spirit by building connections between the younger and older generation who sadly have often had an enforced separation. I am hoping to work with some local children and older folks over the summer, sharing stories and letters about childhood and school. If you are an older person or a family who would like to share a story or write a letter please do contact me (before the 9th August if possible) on lintoncommunityhelpteam@mail.com

Yannick

Exciting announcement vacancy filled

LAST month we appealed for someone to come forward to take over the helm as our editor Fran Armes is retiring.

We are delighted to say we have been successful in filling this important position.

All will be revealed next month.

Linton News team

GRANTA Medical Practices

Coronavirus update

WE continue to work hard to keep our patients as safe as possible, along with our staff and the community, by managing the majority of medical care remotely. This way of working has proved very successful and is reflected in the very low number of Covid-related illnesses recorded in our area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel unwell – we are here to help. You can contact us by telephone on 0300 234 5555, or via our non-urgent email address, capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net. These services are available 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

When emailing please remember to include your full name and date of birth. Access to any Granta site continues to be by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment and only when the clinician feels that it is essential to see you in person. You will be asked to wear, and will be provided with, a mask when entering any of our buildings.

We are currently planning our 2020 flu clinics. In the face of coronavirus it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination if you are eligible.

Having your flu jab done at your GP surgery is quick and convenient – you will be given a time slot so you can arrange your day, and your medical records are available to the nurses / doctors which means no form filling for you. We will publicise the flu clinic dates as soon as they have been confirmed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sandra East, Granta Communications
sandra.east@nhs.net

Linton Library news

LINTON Library plans to reopen to the public on 4th August, but like so much else these days our service will look different. All changes are with the safety of customers and staff in mind, so thank you for your understanding.

Our new hours will be Tuesday 10am – 2pm and Thursday 2 – 6pm. For the time being customers will not be able to browse bookshelves. Instead we are offering a *Select & Collect* service: library staff will put together a selection of books for you to collect based on your reading interests and local stock availability. Fill in our online form https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect or call customer services on 0345 045 5225 to tell us what sort of books you'd like. We'll contact you when your books are ready.

You will also be able to reserve specific titles from our system as before. Note that returned and handled books will be quarantined for 72 hours, so reservations may take longer to arrive.

Library loans made before lockdown have been automatically extended to 30th September. Reservation and overdue charges are suspended until 31st August.

Library computer use is by reservation only – please call 0345 045 5225 or book online.

With regret, we cannot accept book donations at the moment.

When visiting Linton Library be aware that the building is currently also used by the midwife service. Please take particular care to observe social distancing in the shared entranceway.

For more details about Cambridgeshire Libraries' revised services visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries or call 0345 045 5225. We can't wait to welcome you back.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Revised library at home

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service. This service is open to Cambridgeshire residents who fit a set criteria: -

The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks and who is housebound, shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service you can contact us:

By email – volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

By phone – 07442 022 926 or 07342 700308

A member of Library@Home team will respond to the referral

Magda Kowalska-Cheffey

Kate retires

FOR more than 20 years Kate France organised the paper rounds for the Linton News. She says, "It was one of the best jobs on the paper. Both Vernon Boyd, who also had a hand in the distribution, and I were pleased to have the chance to get to know the volunteer deliverers who covered the roads in Linton, Bartlow, Hildersham and Hadstock. We found them all both cheerful and helpful – a pleasure to work with."

Kate moved to the village more than 40 years ago and in 1988, a year after the paper began, was delivering the News in Horseheath Road. She tells me that she was asked because Horseheath Road is very spread out and at that time she rode a bike. Until recently she was often to be seen pedalling her way around the village.

Kate also introduced the *Too good for jumble* column after a lady who was moving wanted to dispose of three bicycles. They sold in less than a week and the column has been popular ever since. Unfortunately, Kate is giving up the distribution and, sadly, unless someone comes forward to do the *Too good for jumble* column, that will leave the paper along with Kate. (Please contact the editor if you could take this task on)

Not only has Kate volunteered for the News but she has also helped to run the guide groups in the village, again for many years.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Linton News team



Creative Arts Week at the Heights

WITHOUT all of our 243 pupils being at school due to lockdown, teachers at Linton Heights could have been forgiven for postponing our creative arts week, but no! This year we felt it was even more important to allow the children, both at school and at home, to have the opportunity to explore their creativity in response to these turbulent and worrying times.

We decided that our theme would be: *This is me!*

Our fabulous teachers created lots of online arts activities that could be completed both at home and in school. During the week, some of the activities included creating portraits with collage; a whole school Big Sing Zoom lesson- this included pupils at home, singing as a whole school community again and the children also enjoyed creating a room using perspective.



What picture does this remind you of?
Photo supplied by the school

Our Year 6 children were inspired by *The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse* (Charlie Mackesy) – Miss Campbell taught pupils how to use homemade paints and brushes using turmeric, mud and sticks. Pupils used these materials to paint in the style of Mackesy and went on to write their own inspirational thoughts.

Finally, Mrs Komodromos set the school and teachers a challenge to recreate famous works of art or scenes from popular children's films. It has been hilarious to see everyone's attempts (See photo of Mrs Webb and Mr Puxley on the right. Can you guess the famous picture)?

All in all, a wonderful time has been had over the week. It has been a fabulous way to end our year – together we learn, together we thrive.
Mrs Komodromos



Linton Infants

WE'D like to break from tradition and hijack Kelly's regular column to pay tribute to her and the whole team at the school for their amazing dedication, creativity and sheer positivity during these extraordinary and very uncertain times. Their work in teaching – and caring for – the children both in and out of school has been outstanding in so many ways, and a significant part of that work has gone unseen. It has been a real team effort both within the school and across the wider local community and, as a governing body, we would also like to also place on record our thanks to individuals and organisations who have supported the school through their time and resource. In no particular order these include:

Prestige Sports, Saffron Insurance, C Green Electrical Contractors (all of whom donated snack boxes), The Dog and Duck (for supplies of fruit, milk, sanitizer and more) and the Linton Community Fund (for donations of food and provision of additional support for the summer school meal vouchers scheme).

We apologise if any organisation has been omitted from this list (it's not intentional) but thank you to one and all.

On behalf of the School Governors
Linton CE Infant School

Be water aware

WHILE the sun is shining, it might be tempting to cool down with a dip in local rivers, canals, quarries or lakes. But think twice before you do. There can be hidden dangers beneath the surface that can have deadly consequences.

Every year firefighters are called to incidents where people, both adults and children, get into difficulty when taking a dip in open water.

The water may look calm on the surface but there may still be strong undercurrents, especially near locks, that could pull even the strongest swimmer under. There can also be rubbish, like shopping trolleys and rubble hidden beneath the murky water that you could become trapped in. There is often broken glass on the river bed and cuts from this can sometimes lead to deadly infections.

The water may feel relatively warm on the surface, but just a few inches below can be icy cold, even on hot days. This can cause panic and *cold water shock*, meaning the water can be so cold it takes your breath away and makes swimming extremely difficult.

If you find yourself in cold water do not panic, float on your back. If you float on your back and don't struggle, your clothes will have some air in them that will help you float more easily. After 60 to 90 seconds the cold water shock will pass and you will be able to breath normally again so that you can swim to safety.

We are urging people to be aware of these dangers when around open water and for parents to have this conversation with their children.

If you see someone in trouble in water:

- Do not hesitate – call 999 immediately with clear details of your location. Request fire service if inland.
- Try to reach out to them with a stick or belt, keeping low so you do not get pulled into the water yourself.
- Send someone to the nearest road to flag down the emergency services when they arrive and direct them to the incident.
- Find the nearest life ring and throw it to the person. If a life ring is not available, throw in anything that could help them float.
- If someone goes under the water, mark on the water's edge the place they were last seen with something like a piece of clothing.
- Download the free *what3words* app and become familiar with it so that emergency services can help pin point your location in hard to find areas.

Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service
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Granta School

AS we move through the summer holidays, we have been reflecting on what has been a very challenging few months. Although pre-planned school trips and other extra-curricular activities had to be cancelled or re-scheduled, students were certainly kept busy.

Our teachers provided lessons at school for our key worker children; in addition, those unable to attend were able to access home learning activities via our website. Thank you again to all our parents/carers for their continued support during this pandemic. We hope you are all having a well-earned rest.

Looking to the start of the new school year and following government guidelines, we are looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils, old and new, to Granta School. We have been planning class lists and activities whilst ensuring we follow government guidelines to protect the safety and wellbeing of all staff and children on site. Although things may seem a little different to start with, measures have been put in place to ensure all our students have a smooth transition back into school.

We are also looking forward to officially welcoming Ruchi Datta as the new Head Teacher of Granta School. Ruchi comes to us with a wealth of experience and visions of how we can develop our school further, sharing her experiences and knowledge with us to continue to make Granta a great place to be.

Dates for the diary: Autumn term commences Monday 7th September 2020.

Emma Jennings, Communication Officer



Chestnut Playgroup

I CAN'T quite believe that it has come to this time of year where we are having to say goodbye to our preschool children. Usually we would be getting our graduation hats and gowns ready for our big end of year party but unfortunately this has had to be put on hold this year. We have celebrated in other ways by virtually having a party from playgroup and at home.

We would like to say a huge well done to all our families for the amazing efforts through-out this year whether it be being on our committee, home educating and being a massive support to our playgroup. You all deserve a medal. The children have been amazingly resilient taking everything in their stride.

We are so proud of our whole team at Chestnut Playgroup. We would like to wish our pre-schoolers all the best for their futures at their new schools. We will miss you all. Have a wonderful break.

Charlene Hayes and all at Chestnut Playgroup.



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Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

AS the academic year came to a close, we were all filled with mixed feelings. Excitement for the pre-school children to move on to their next adventure but also sadness as we have not been able to say a proper goodbye. We were unable to re-open like many other settings due to circumstances beyond our control but are looking forward to re-opening our doors in September to families old and new.

We are busy planning safe learning experiences for our children to enjoy in the new normal for when they return with lots of exciting opportunities to await them in our newly renovated garden space.

Outdoor learning has always been a high priority but even more so now. We are looking forward to sowing plants and vegetables, developing our water wall and mud kitchen area using the input and ideas from the children.

If you are interested in a place at our setting for September, please email:

office@lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk and we will send an information pack out to you.

We would like to thank all of our families for their support and also happy safe Summer to everyone in our community and beyond.

LGPG Team

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The Postman's Tale

Dear Editor,
Our local postman, whose deliveries have doubled and trebled during the crisis, said people have become noticeably less polite as Lockdown continues. To reduce daily deliveries, it has been agreed that junk mail should be delivered along with standard mail, the remaining junk mail to be delivered soon afterwards on a quieter day.

An elderly householder, who never has any personal post, strongly remonstrated with the postman about not receiving his regular post.
Kate France, 891602

Editor's note: So the things to consider from this are that we should all be kinder to our postmen as they are working so hard in this pandemic and we should be aware that we need to help alleviate loneliness in others.

Gardening Club diary



AT the time of writing, Coronavirus restrictions are beginning to lift and we are hopeful that we may be able to resume our Garden Club meetings in the autumn. With this in mind we have been putting together the speaker programme for our 2020 – 2021 season. Planned talks include *Ornamental Grasses, Low-Maintenance Gardens, Bulbs for Every Season, Climate Change and Associated Plantings and Growing for Cut Flowers*. More information on the resumption of meetings will be included in future issues of the Linton News and posters around the village.

Like many other people, we are still keeping busy gardening. The recent rain and cooler weather have been particularly welcome in our vegetable plot. Courgettes, early potatoes and autumn planted onions have been harvested and enjoyed. We still have leeks, French beans and outdoor tomatoes to look forward to, along with peas and brassicas.

Our flower borders and containers are now filling out with cosmos, coleus, rudbeckia and marigolds grown from seed. Their flowers and those of the pelargoniums, fuchsias and dahlias planted in the late spring are now adding welcome splashes of colour to the garden.

Keep safe and well. Enjoy your gardens.
Jim and Helen, Linton Garden Club
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk



Hilda Moxon



Hilda with her card from the Queen

Photo by Roger Lapwood

HILDA MOXON, who celebrated her centenary on 9th July, says during Lockdown she really missed meeting people at the monthly coffee mornings at the Chapel (the United Reformed Church) and the regular ACE (Activities and care for the elderly) meetings in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

Born Hilda Braybrooke in The Dolphin, the pub at 2 Bartlow Road, Hilda has lived in several different Linton houses

including 3 Bartlow Road and the Clock House at the opposite end of the High Street. She is now happily back at The Dolphin site.

Hilda started her education at the village school in Church Lane, leaving school when she was 14, to travel by train each day from Linton to work at Saffron Walden Laundry, followed by an evening's work of pulling pints in The Dolphin. Hilda was sorry when the station and railway was closed as she recalls happy Sunday train trips in the summer from Linton to Clacton.

Hilda met Norman Moxon who was in the Yorkshire regiment stationed at Bartlow. They were married on September 1942 and went to live in Barnsley, Yorkshire where they stayed for about four years before returning to Linton, where Norman eventually became well known as the village plumber.

As the men were at work on the actual birthday, Hilda's daughter Susan Swan arranged a fun girlie family lunch before the big barbecue on the Saturday, with the extended family. Hilda has three grand-children and four great grand-children, who all live in Linton, apart from one who lives at Cardinals Green.

Kate France
Emson's Close, 891602

News from St Mary's

WE have had lots of changes in the last few weeks. First we were allowed to open our building to individuals to come in and pray. At St Mary's we embraced this opportunity but with care, knowing how important the church is to people as a place to come for reflection and to light candles. Our welcome includes Church Stewards, opening the church for set hours each day, ready to lend a listening ear if wanted, and seeing that everything is sanitised and safe.

Currently the church is open most days from 9-11am and 2-4pm, and opening at weekends from 10am-12noon on Saturdays and 2pm-4pm on Sundays.

Later came permission to hold church services again, with various precautions. How happy people have been to come back to church, even though it looks different and not so many can come at one time. On 5th July we held a service just at 8am; on 12th July we added an outdoor service at 10am, where sunshine, birds and butterflies added to our happiness in being together, even as we remembered in prayer all for whom the pandemic has caused loss, anxiety and depression.

From 19th July we are back inside the church for services at 8am and 10am. As we are following the one metre + guidance, we ask people to wear face coverings at services but our eyes will still smile and our welcome will still be warm. Do come and join us.
Maggie Guite (Rector)
rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk

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LINTON DIARY

Farmers' Market

Saturday 1st August from 9am to 12noon in the Village Hall, with strict Social Distancing and only food stalls.

Bin collection dates

Linton refuse collection: Mondays 3rd and 17th August
Linton blue bin collections: Mondays 10th and 24th August
Linton green bin collections: Mondays 10th and 24th August (only one per month guaranteed)

Household Recycling Centres

THE County Council reopened the centres on 11th May for essential visits only. All visits must be pre-booked.

An essential visit is where waste / recycling could not be stored on your property without causing a risk of injury, health or harm to members of your household or harm to public health and amenity.

There will be other restrictions in place.

Full details here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/re-opening-of-household-recycling-centres

Audley End Miniature Railway

THE railway reopened on 9th July after we had spent the whole of lockdown preparing for that. We are using a chemical which grabs onto items for 30 days, and kills germs on contact and will be respraying this bi-weekly. We have also increased our cleaning regime and have a special on-site clean team.

We have created a new fun timetable for families to follow to help manage social distancing, and the site will be opening at one third capacity as well. Families will enjoy an enchanting train ride through estate woodland, a magical wander through the fairy and elf walk and see the homes of the fairies who have been frozen by queen Titania so that the children can visit them. This then leads on to a spectacular interactive show where the children

will meet our beautiful unicorn and our new dragon who breathes smoke.

The fun does not stop there – visitors then get the chance to explore the brand-new adventure play equipment in the spacious picnic area. The play equipment has its own designated supervisor who will ensure that families adhere to social distancing and will be cleaning and wiping constantly. Our fairies and elves have been working very hard to make leaf-painted tree stubs to help the children socially distance.

After such a long stretch of lockdown, we want to bring outdoor, spacious magical fun back into the lives of our local families, in a safe and secure environment.

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JC Tournant & Sons will re-open on 3rd August following COVID-19 shielding restrictions. It's been a strange few months for us as we have served the people of Linton for more than 40 years and although André has still been helping customers with their computer issues during lockdown, Lorna, like many other people, was required to shield and has missed her friends popping in for a chat (and a battery or lightbulb!).

Our business has only survived because of the support we receive from the people in and around Linton and with your help we plan to continue for many more years.

Our good wishes to you all and we look forward to hearing all your news.

Please note: to keep you and ourselves safe we will request only one customer in the shop at a time, hand gel is available and please wear a face covering.

Many thanks.

André Tournant



Tournant's is now open
Picture supplied by André

Virtual Garden Show

AFTER the success of the Virtual Bake Off, we (the Events Committee at St Mary's Church, Linton) thought it would be lovely to see all the hard work people have been putting into their gardens during Lockdown and put together the photos in a Virtual Garden Show.

Then we will ask you to vote for your favourite one in each class. There will be a popular vote winner in each class. We plan to invite a couple of knowledgeable gardeners to make their selection too. There will be a small prize for the entries with the most votes.

We ask for a minimum donation of £1.

You can enter as many classes as you wish:

1. Garden view
2. Hanging basket
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4. Flowering shrub/herbaceous plant/rose
5. Vegetable
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7. Houseplant/other

Please send your entries with your name and the class you are entering to: events@stmaryslinton.org.uk with your name. Please send your donation by bank transfer to St Marys Church Linton PCC, 90389277, 20-17-19 and let us know your reference: "garden" and your name. For other ways of donating, go to our donation page at www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/Groups/312938/How_to_Donate.aspx

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Closing date for entries: Sunday 16th August

Voting begins: Wednesday 19th August. Voting closes: Monday 31st August.



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Babies newly arrived



At three and a half weeks



At five and a half weeks

Pictures supplied by Shelley

Parrot babies

WORKING in a zoo brings the occasional dilemma of intervention but the hand rearing of any baby bird or animal should not be undertaken lightly. It can be a very rewarding but extremely time consuming and exhausting process. And a favourable outcome is not guaranteed.

Our two Yellow Shouldered Amazon Parrot (endangered species) chicks were only removed for hand rearing because their parents stopped feeding them at eight days old. At this stage their eyes have not opened, they have no feathers and weigh approximately 35 grams – less than the weight of a day-old hen chick.

The babies were placed in a brooder and kept at an initial temperature of 35°C. Over the following several weeks they progress from being naked, to having down, then pin feathers and ultimately fully feathered. During this time the brooder temperature is gradually reduced as the young ones

feather up.

The babies are given a proprietary hand rearing diet fed to them by means of a teaspoon which has the edges bent in to form a sort of funnel shape. The initial two-hourly feeding (including through the night) is gradually reduced to three then to four-hourly until at seven to eight weeks old the last feed is at midnight and the first of the day at 6am.

At about two months old the chicks will slowly start to explore their surroundings. This is when a variety of foodstuffs eg sunflower seed and assorted fruit and vegetables are supplied for them to gradually explore for taste and texture on the way to being weaned from their baby food.

The regular hand feeding is gradually reduced. Between three and four months old they will be able to fly and be fully independent and they will return to the zoo.

John and Shelley Ray, 778482

For more information about the zoo and how you can help support it, go to lintonzoo.com

Linton swifts project needs your help

A PROJECT has been started with the aim of boosting the swift population in Linton and its environs. The swift is an endangered species in dramatic decline, in part due to the loss of nesting sites. It is possible for us in the village to do something about this.

These wonderful but little-understood summer visitors arrive in the UK from Africa in early May and will be gone again in August. In this short interval they thrill us with their aerobatics and 'screaming' calls – a true sight and sound of summer.

The common swift (*Apus apus*) is sooty-brown all over, (although it generally looks black in flight) and has neither the long tail of the swallow nor the obvious white patch of the house martin. It has scythe-like wings and from the moment of fledging spends almost its entire life on the wing – it can even mate and sleep in the air. It lands only to breed and rear its young, often squeezing itself into gaps between roof tiles or into other small holes in buildings. Swifts usually mate for life and, once established, are

very loyal to their nest sites and return year after year.

The project will encourage residents, businesses and organisations to put up nesting boxes or specially designed bricks, and possibly help with monitoring and surveying the swift population.

There are existing nesting sites and some residents have already put up boxes.

This year's Swift Awareness Week took place from 27th June until 5th July. For obvious reasons, no events were organised, but the period of nine days was used as an opportunity to raise awareness about swifts across the country. This was organised by The Swifts Local Network (SLN), which is an informal association of over 90 local groups over the UK, all dedicated to swift conservation.

If you have an interest in swifts, perhaps have a nest, would

be interested in putting up a nest box or getting involved in conserving the population of this bird in Linton, please be in touch via lintonswifts@gmail.com or ring 07849 229095).

Alan Sanders

Picture in the centre by Robert Wyatt others by Roger Willis

Editor's note: Last month we inadvertently published the wrong text for this article. Our apologies to Alan and our readers.

Green shoots for the scouts

FOLLOWING on from the government's lockdown and our immediate curtailment of the end of Spring Term's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, there are green shoots of recovery.

The committee will have met by the time this goes out, as we work on the pathway to get Linton children back into Scouting from the beginning of the autumn term in September (outdoors most likely). For parents wishing to restart their children, we shall be in touch (my email is below if you have any concerns), and for any wanting to join, your children will be most welcome but please bear with us.

The return will be based on national Scouting Association guidelines, and will be with the safety, as well as the physical and emotional wellbeing, of your children paramount in our thoughts.

We still have a need for more volunteers for all three age groups and really rely on this to ensure we can continue to run. As we ease Lockdown, many of us have already noticed the beneficial effects of returning to normal, not least from our children's perspective, so please email me if you are willing to give up an evening a week during term time.

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COUNTRY MATTERS

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Ash dieback

IT seems that Covid has not been the only thing coming here from Asia. Ash dieback, *Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus*, also known as Chalara, was first detected in the UK in 2006. There were terrifying predictions that 95% of our precious ashes, our third most common tree, would die. As of 2020, it is estimated that just over 50% of the UK has infected trees, with younger and coppiced trees being the most susceptible.

Ashes are one of our most useful and versatile native trees. They grow in such a variety of soils, and are used to make so many products, especially furniture, doors, mouldings, tools, bats and veneers.

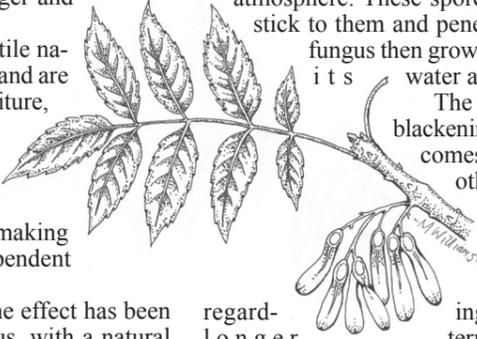
The airy foliage allows light to penetrate the woodland floor, encouraging ground plants and fauna. Many insects, invertebrates, lichen and moss live exclusively on ash trees making woodland and hedgerow ecosystems very dependent on the ash.

The fungus originated in China but there the effect has been minimal as trees have evolved with the fungus, with a natural defence mechanism. It has been in Europe for around 30 years and was thought to have been introduced to the UK by ash sapling imports. It is now believed to be windblown as well.

In 2012 all movement of ash was prohibited but this has now

been lifted. We are still at the relatively early stages of the epidemic and are in the process of tracking the subtle changes in its progress.

The fungus overwinters in leaf litter, especially on ash stalks. It produces small white fruiting bodies releasing spores into the atmosphere. These spores scatter for miles, land on leaves, stick to them and penetrate into the leaf and beyond. The fungus then grows inside the tree, eventually blocking its water and nutrient system.



The first symptoms of dieback are a blackening of the leaves and new shoots. Next comes dark diamond shaped lesions in the otherwise pale bark, usually spreading up or downwards. Last comes leaf loss, crown dieback and possible death.

However there is some optimism regarding how to deal with the problem in the long term. Various organisations such as The Woodland Trust and Kew Gardens are working on which are the most tolerant ash types, what best to do with infected trees and how to sequence the genes with the most resistance to die back. We're listening to the science, the UK is fighting back.

Bike rides around Linton, Ashdon and the Camps

I'M not an avid cyclist. I don't have a state-of-the-art bike – just an old Raleigh Pioneer hybrid which I like and which is perfect for on and off-road cycling. But I do like getting out on my bike.

The countryside around Linton is not awfully exciting: let's face it, this is not the Lake District or the Yorkshire Dales. But with its huge skies, fields and copses, churches and ancient chalkways, it has a charm of its own. And it's great for cycling – undulating enough to give you some decent exercise but not so demanding as to leave you completely exhausted at the end of a ride.

In my previous article I suggested some routes around the Roman Road. This time we're going to explore the roads and tracks on the other side of the A1307.

Route 1: Hadstock – Little Walden – Ashdon

Ride up the High Street to the A1307. Use the pedestrian crossing. Down the hill and then turn right towards Hadstock. This is a busy section of the road, so I always use the new foot/cycle path past Linton Zoo. When that ends, turn onto the bridleway to Great Chesterford and follow Len's Path to the outskirts of Hadstock.

Go through the village and up the long steep hill to the old airfield, then down to Mitchells Farm, just before Little Walden. Turn left and follow the bridleway to Butlers Farm. This track is heavily rutted in places so be careful here.

At Butlers Farm you can follow Butlers Lane to the Ashdon Road. Better, if conditions allow, turn left and follow a beautiful old chalkway down to the marvellously-named Puddle Wharf (given as Puddlewart on the fingerpost).

Turn right when you hit the tarmac road and follow that up to the Ashdon Road. Turn left, then cycle past the church and down the hill and through Ashdon. Either continue along the tarmac road to Bartlow and home, or turn left at the sewage farm just outside the village and follow a good track that takes you up and over the old railway line to the Bartlow-Hadstock road. (Ignore the current ROAD CLOSED AHEAD signs: there are no obstacles to cyclists or walkers.) Turn left here, and then turn right onto the bridleway (Chalky Lane) that leads to Maltings Cottages and Long Lane.

Like all the routes described here, this can be done in the reverse direction.

Route 2: Bartlow – the Camps and around

This is a great area for cycling, mostly on tarmac, with lots

of possibilities for variation and discovery. Start from Bartlow. The basic route would be to follow the road past the church and straight up to Castle Camps but this is a long and tedious climb and there are more interesting alternatives, viz:

a) Turn left up to Shudy Camps and follow the road through the village to a T-junction. You can turn left here and cycle through Mill Green and Cardinals Green and across the A1307 to Horseheath, whence follow one of the routes back to Linton as described in my July article. But that makes for quite a long ride.

b) Alternatively, turn left at the T-junction and continue through Mill Green to Cardinal's Green. When the road forks, turn left and take the bridleway (signposted Bartlow 2) back down to the Bartlow-Camps road. This track is a delight and gives great views of fields and woods.

c) For a shorter ride, turn right at the T-junction. Just before the church turn left for Nosterfield End then turn right at the T-junction and right again at the hamlet and take the road to Castle Camps.

d) Going back to the Bartlow-Castle Camps road, continue past the Shudy Camps junction for about a kilometre then turn right up a steep hill towards Steventon End. (This hamlet can also be reached from Ashdon by a considerably less steep road). At the top of the hill turn left down a good track to Camps Hall. Turn right, then after less than a kilometre turn left up to Castle Camps. (It's worth making a short detour to have a look at what's left of the castle, once the grand home of Aubrey de Vere, Earl of Oxford, and All Saints' church. Sic transit gloria mundi.)

e) Follow the previous route to Steventon End and Camps Hall. Turn right as before but then take the steep hill up to Camps End. When the tarmac road ends at Charlwood Farm turn left onto a good bridleway which leads to the prominent radio mast. Turn left here and head down the road for another kilometre, then turn right and follow the road up to Castle Camps as before. Or, if short of time, continue all the way down to the Bartlow-Castle Camps road and home.

These are just some of the possibilities for exploring our local countryside. Get out your maps (OS Explorer 209 and 210 (annoyingly, we're on the edges of both), and discover your own routes. Happy cycling.

Alan McLean

Editor's note: You can obtain customised maps from the Ordnance Survey centred on a location of your choice.

POT POURRI 182

Pot Pourri 182 – The Time Angle

THE time (analogue clock) was quarter to nine. What is the angle between the hour and minute hand?

Hint: Do not think there isn't any.

Pot Pourri 181 – The digit Total.

The digit sum came to 901. (Not 5050)

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham news

Hildersham Jam Stall

THIS year's summer donation to EACH* is £431, which is over £100 more than the sum raised this time last year. Sales have increased in recent weeks and it's been so good to hear how much customers have enjoyed visiting, and buying from, the stall.

We have great supporters who buy, donate jars and fabric and make jar covers. Thank you.

*East Anglia's Children's Hospices

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They are digging again in Linton

ARCHAEOLOGISTS recently commenced an eight-week excavation at the Croudace Homes site off Horseheath Road in Linton.

Oxford Archaeology (OA) is one of the UK's foremost archaeological contractors. They carry out excavations in advance of development. The staff working here are from the OA East office in Bar Hill which specialises in archaeological work across Eastern England. OA East carried out an evaluation of the archaeological potential of the site in 2016 and a report on those findings can be accessed on the OA digital library: <https://library.oxfordarchaeology.com/3136/>

OA found an area of Neolithic (c.4000-2500BC) and Bronze Age (c.2500-800BC) activity and hope to learn more over the coming weeks about the people who first farmed this area about six thousand years ago, by studying the clues that they left behind such as flint tools, pottery and animal bone. The first step of this process is to uncover the area to be investigated, by moving the topsoil using machines to expose the archaeology which will be dug using hand tools.

OA is a registered charity with a heritage and education focus, helping people to discover and enjoy their heritage. OA East also carried out the archaeological excavation on Bartlow Road in 2018-19, hosting an open day attended by over 300 local residents and a talk at Linton Village Hall about the initial analysis.

OA will share an update about their discoveries at Horseheath Road with Linton News in due course. In the meantime, residents are reminded not to approach the excavation area and the archaeological team on site, for their own safety, and to direct any questions to the Parish Council who are in contact with OA East.

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The Marsh mail



IT has been an exceptional period of time for all of us. The College community has responded brilliantly to the challenges of remote learning and reinventing schooling overnight. It was great to have around 200 of our students on site for our various provision in the summer term including critical worker childcare, supervised study, Year 10 face to face subject seminars and mentoring/counselling sessions.

Later this month we are planning to welcome back our Year 11 students to collect their GCSE results. This year has proved particularly challenging for this cohort as their examinations and leavers' celebrations were cancelled.

The Centre Assessment Grades that will be awarded to our Year 11s on 20th August have been generated through teachers submitting a rank order of predicted grades, based on their best professional judgements. These grades have then been subjected to centralised exam board moderation, involving benchmarking against historical performance of LVC students in different subjects. It is a very uncertain time for our young people as they await the outcomes of this process and the impact that this may have on their next steps. We wish them all the best and commend them on their maturity at this time.

Meanwhile, the College's staff is busy preparing to fully reopen the school in September, to all students. The adjustments to school routines and practices will be significant, in order to accommodate government guidance and ensure everyone's health and safety. It will be great to have all of our students benefiting from being back in school. We are implementing year group zoning and staggered break and lunchtime, amongst many other measures, to achieve a safe learning environment.

Re-opening the Community Sports Centre has also required lots of modifications to provide our customers with safe access to the fitness suite and other facilities. The Sports Centre team is delighted to welcome members of the community back. Thanks to all of you that support the College through membership and use of this Village College community resource. Further details about current arrangements and booking details are available on the Sports Centre website: <https://lintonvc.schoolhire.co.uk/>.

Helena Marsh

2523 Linton Air Cadets

LINTON Squadron has had many successes during lockdown-starting with both Cadet Corporal Tysoe and Cadet Webb completing their Master classification awards, gaining themselves a BTEC Level 2 in Aviation Studies.

We've had a vast array of guest speakers joining us on our virtual parade evenings conducted over *Teams* video. We have had talks from fast jet pilots, the red arrow display teams and even space engineers!

We have been conducting all sorts of training over *Teams* in preparation of our return to face to face activities. For example, we have completed leadership and weapons theory, meaning that we can complete practical aspects and assessments when we return, so we can continue with all the activities we love straight away.

Our civilian welfare committee has had several meetings and has approved the purchase of new first aid and sports equipment. A new resuscitation manikin and choke simulation vest will be on squadron ready for our return, helping us to improve and deliver St John's Youth First Aid awards more effectively. The sports kit will help CI Cubitt run an extensive and varied programme moving forwards.

There has been a lot of progress in delivering the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, with cadets making the most of the fantastic weather to complete their sports and skills section of the award. As soon as we return face to face we plan on delivering both practise and assessed exhibitions and complete both bronze and silver awards for many cadets at Linton.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

THE Society's website has been expanded to include a new series of interesting walking routes. The website already has 20 walks that start and finish at railway stations but their attraction has been severely reduced by the advice to avoid public transport during the coronavirus pandemic. Now the walks area of the website has two sections: Station Walks and Other Walks.



Looking back from Hadstock towards Linton see walk 109 below

Picture supplied by Ken McDonald

The new walks are all circular, starting and finishing at a location where there is normally space to park. The routes have been chosen for their attractiveness and level of interest, something which is not too difficult within the Hundred Parishes. The number of Other Walks is increasing all the time; in due course we hope that each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk.

All walk descriptions can be downloaded and printed. Each includes clear instructions to help you find the way and there is also an outline map of the route. Within the description there is a short introduction to some of the places you will pass. The new walks range in distance from one mile to 10 miles.

We hope you will be able to try them out and we would be pleased to receive any feedback.. Please bear in mind that the usual pubs and tea rooms may not yet be open or may offer only a limited service. Walking boots or stout shoes are generally encouraged, although during dry periods they may not be needed.

Now that most of us can get out, please take the opportunity to explore new parts of our attractive countryside, villages and small towns.

Ken McDonald, Secretary
www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The COVID-19 Symptom study

USING your smartphone, you can be part of a large group of volunteers reporting each day on whether you think you are healthy or may have COVID symptoms. Researchers from King's College London and health science company ZOE collate the data and report back to their stakeholders and to app users. The app is the largest community monitoring of COVID in the world. There are now more than four million users reporting through the app.

A recent update on the research highlighted that a skin rash could be an important symptom of COVID as a result of analysing the data gathered through the phone app.

Your daily logging and ongoing support of the COVID Symptom Study will help us all learn more about COVID-19, including some of the stranger symptoms that aren't well understood. There are a lot of different COVID phone apps, so visit this website <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> to find out more about this specific symptom study. Even if you are completely well, this is important information to capture too. So, it is not just for people who think they might have or have had the virus.

Periodically the app might ask additional questions, as the parameters of the study sometimes change. Reporting only takes moments and is very simple.

Anne and I have been reporting every day for the last three months. I can report for Anne as she doesn't have a smartphone.
David Parry-Smith, 894715

Councillors' July Report

A1307 update

WORK due to start in July will include a new crossing and upgrade of the roundabout at Babraham as well as alteration to the exit from Babraham High Street onto the A1307. This will include the closing of the right turn facility. This is a big job and is likely to continue through to the autumn. Also, starting work this month will be alterations to the dual carriageway in preparation for installing average speed cameras and improvements to the Dean Road crossing.

There will be a workshop on 21st July to discuss the outstanding work on the Wandlebury to Addenbrooke's section. There is a review ongoing looking at new options for the Hildersham crossing. The original proposal was for a three-way traffic lights system but modelling is showing that traffic flows would be badly affected at busy times; this, coupled with difficulties over land acquisition, has led to a rethink. We should be consulted on the new proposals in the next few weeks but no date yet.

For more up-to-date detail go to Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) website – www.greatercambridge.org.uk/

Consultation is also continuing on the access to the city from the East: not directly affecting us on the A1307 but some of our constituents do access Cambridge from this direction, so do engage with the consultation – consultcamb.org.uk/engagementthq.com/cambridge-eastern-access.

Foster carers

The County Council has launched a campaign to try to find more foster carers. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit, please do refer them to the County Council – www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption.

Shielded people

From Monday 6th July the government has changed the rules around people who are on the shielded list. They will now be able to meet in groups of up to six. The County Council is still managing people on the shielded list; if you think there is someone who needs additional support, do let Henry know.

Library services

The library service, run by the County Council, is set to restart as of Monday 6th July. The major libraries in Cambridge, Bar Hill, Cambourne, Ely, Huntingdon, March, St Ives and Wisbech will reopen then.

Smaller libraries, such as the one in Linton, will reopen on 3rd August.

Wedding ceremonies

The County Council's marriage registration service has started up again as of 4th July. They will be prioritising those couples who have had their weddings postponed due to Covid-19.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings, tree planting and other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 - £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1st July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30th September.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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20/02554/HFUL, Mr & Mrs Sanders 2 Keene Fields, Single storey rear extension.

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Reports Round-Up June-July 2020

GREEN WAYS .v. bus lanes

Meetings continue online, but with the easing of restrictions, some were real (but distant); it felt strange! Here are the meetings, mainly involving traffic and transport.

Greenways Meeting 19th June -

Present: Oli Daffam of Mott MacDonald, Cllrs Kell, Cox, Enid Bald.

The walking/cycling route from Cambridge to Linton, now reaches LVC. After consulting cycling groups, walkers, and residents (including Hildersham) the preferred extension route is down Stanton's Lane turning right, across the Rec, to Meadow Lane.

We discussed practical aspects of widening Stanton's Lane, improving and marking the path across the Rec for shared use, moving barriers and redesigning the gate. One gatepost has historic value, but changing the spiked gate is long overdue.

We suggested also improving the path across the Rec to Symond's Lane to help access to/from Back Road, and a cycle-only contra-flow on Back Road (Cole's Lane to Balsham Road). If you have ideas for cycle routes, including to the proposed Transport Hub at Bartlow Road, let LPC know.

GCP Executive Board Meeting - 25th June.

Available online, with Linton discussed after 2hrs 40

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKHCWb28xU>

LPC supported double yellow lines at the A1307/High Street junction on safety grounds. We strongly opposed the west-bound bus lane from near Bartlow Road to The Grip. Both were approved.

At the meeting the benefits of the bus lane were exaggerated, with a very truncated description of LPC objections. Our latest detailed objections were omitted; these included the damage to our valued landscape, safety issues, how few buses might use the lane (now only three each weekday) and how little time saved (two minutes).

Linton will lose stands of mature trees and hedges, with their environmental, screening and health benefits (full objections are on LPC website). This would only benefit a very few in Haverhill.

There was no mention of other objectors, yet we know other PCs and residents had objected. Is this a good way to spend £1.3 million? At 3hrs 36, Chairman Hickford's opinion is that there is enough mitigation - really? Note his further comments on the A1307. LPC will submit complaints and fight this decision.

SCDC/Parish Council Liaison meeting - 1st July -

Present: Enid Bald for LPC.

There were updates on hot-food schemes, re-opening playgrounds, business support groups, etc. There are "Zero Carbon" grants available for schemes connected to cycling, trees and community halls, what can we apply for? I have thoughts, but send Ideas, please!

The changes in planning delegation were presented, which many feel to be a reduction in local and democratic input.

Temporary changes to hours for construction are proposed to make up for time lost during the pandemic. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis, which is a relief as one Linton site proposes 30mins after dawn to 30mins before sunset...
Enid Bald

Market Square Parking Restrictions

AS YOU may have noticed, Linton Parish Council have recently erected a sign on Market Square in preparation for the implementation of the new parking restrictions for Market Square.

LPC hopes that by introducing a two-hour short-stay parking restriction throughout certain periods, it will allow more of a rotation of cars and more readily available short stay parking.

The new restrictions will be short stay parking only for a period of two hours at a time with no return within two hours. This is applicable between 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

The only vehicles exempt from the parking restrictions will be permit holders.

Permit holders will be given a permit to display clearly in the window of their vehicle at all times when parked.

LPC also requests that when residents do park on the Market Square, they try to be as considerate as possible with their parking.

The new restrictions will come into force on **Friday 7th August 2020** so please be aware of this change.

Hopefully the new restrictions will ensure there are short-term parking spaces more readily available for parishioners.

Clerk

Rats at Horn Lane Bridge

THERE have been several reports of an increase in sightings of rats down at Horn Lane Bridge, where the ducks are often found.

Unfortunately, anywhere with a water source, food source and viable habitat will ultimately, always attract rats, however it does appear to be becoming an increasing problem.

Apparently, due to the long late harvest last year, there has been a large spike in the rat population nationwide, and Linton is no exception.

Linton Parish Council has been battling the issue of rats, particularly at this location, for many years. However, this year we seem to be losing the fight.

As a result, we have brought in a pest control company to assist in reducing the numbers, specifically, around this location. The company will be laying discreet, safe trap boxes around the area of the Glebe Land and around the river.

Whilst these traps are perfectly safe, please be aware that if you spot any, this is why they are appearing.

Hopefully, we will be able to reduce the numbers of the population around this area and this spot can return to being a lovely spot to visit the ducks in our beautiful village.

Clerk

Linton Village Hall; emerging from lockdown

AS LOCKDOWN across the nation begins to ease, Linton Village Hall is very pleased to be starting to prepare to reopen its doors to regular user groups and public hire in September.

Please be aware that if you attend a regular group or club which holds an event or session at the Village Hall then you will need to check with the organisers as to when they are resuming classes or sessions.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of the kitchen is off limits until further notice. However, it is great to be able to start beginning to return to normal and offering the services of the hall out to the village.

Cllr Lee Gardner on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Linton Parish Council Planning Updates - June 2020

DEVELOPMENT continues, despite Covid 19, here are updates on the larger sites.

Horseheath Road, Reserved Matters -

This was heard at the June 25th SCDC meeting and approved, as expected.

This application had been lost at appeal, LPC having to defend the case without the support of SCDC.

We knew then that there would be development, but reduced to no more than 42 dwellings.

Following meetings with the developer (who also engaged with neighbours, schools and other groups), several changes were made to plans, designs, materials and layout.

The ransom strip at the western edge (which SCDC denied owning...) is now not part of the development.

The concerns regarding legality of the decision, archaeology, drainage, sewage pumps, etc, were raised in my presentation.

We now have more conditions and protections. We expect high-quality housing, and yes, we will have allotments!

Currently an 8-week archaeological dig is in progress. Working with this developer has been a positive experience. Now to find a good name for the housing...

Bartlow Road -

In contrast, a new range of submissions (20+) have been received from this developer to discharge conditions that are mainly linked to an outline approval that is now well out of date and never included access.

Many are re-submissions which we have previously found to be flawed yet these problems have not been addressed.

LPC have also strongly objected to a traffic works application to enable a link to the sewer on Bartlow Road, contrary to a specific planning condition.

The plans also show the sewer pipe going uphill to the inadequate Victorian sewer, not to the better link specified.

The attempts to circumventing planning procedures are not appreciated... Other conditions also remain unresolved; until they are, work cannot progress.

Other consultees have also objected to the plans of this developer, so we are not alone.

1, Horseheath Road -

further Discharge of Conditions applications, but no new data. LPC raised concerns on drainage, infiltration and porosity testing, contaminated land and tree planting.

I did attend the whole SCDC planning meeting, which included the Huawei site at Sawston. Apparently security is not a material planning objection.

This site will bring their staff from Ipswich, so no new jobs, just an added pressure on housing and infrastructure.

Only LPC sent in objections as we have concerns about the availability of water and the effect on roads especially the A1307. LPC ahead of the game again?

Cllr Enid Bald

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held on the 18th June 2020 via remote video conference.

Apologies for Absence None

Councillors' Declarations of Interest None

Councillor Vacancies: There are currently five vacancies available for co-option.

Chairman's Comment Thanks to the Friends of the River Granta (FROGS), Cllr Simon Hill and Cllr Enid Bald for cleaning all the rubbish and assisting with seeding at the Meadow Recreation Ground around the Clapper Stile and the ditch.

The Chairman provided an update on The Linton Community Help Team (LCHT), following a recent zoom meeting, which was set up by Linton residents to offer support to the village throughout the pandemic.

The usage of the food bank is now tailing off so this has been moved to Reach in Haverhill, however, they still have a presence and are still contactable for residents.

Cllr John Bald has contacted The Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) and they are going to notify how much they are under spending throughout the pandemic. This will be brought back to Council to review as a reduction from future payments.

Open Forum for Public Participation Jenny was in attendance and spoke regarding the Linton Directory, which is now online and ready to launch. All businesses have now been contacted and details checked. There are also links back to individual websites which is great during the pandemic.

The Co-Op offers a Community funding scheme, to which LPC could apply for in support of any community-based project. It would be great to get Linton and other surrounding villages to apply for this. The Schools, Brownies, Cubs etc have been contacted and recommended to apply.

The Chairman asked permission of Council to move Item 52/20/21 up on the agenda - **Correspondence item 90, Linton Village Cricket Club re a request for permission to resume social distanced cricket practice on the Meadow Recreation Ground.** This was agreed.

This was discussed and Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that LPC provide permission for the club to resume social distance practices. This was seconded by Cllr Enid Bald. **Agreed.** Cllr Amy Smith left the meeting on this item.

Consideration of the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st May 2020 and the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on the 4th June 2020.

The minutes of the meeting of the 21st May 2020 were proposed by Cllr Lee Gardner and seconded by Cllr John Bald. **Agreed.**

The minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting of the 4th June 2020 were proposed by Cllr Lee Gardner, seconded by Cllr John Bald. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report;

The commencement date for the repairs to the playgroup equipment at the Meadow Recreation Ground by Kompan Ltd shall be the 17th July 2020. **Noted.**

Planning Matters; Consideration of the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on the 21st May 2020 and the Extra-Ordinary Planning Committee meeting held on the 4th June 2020. **Noted.**

Horseheath Road; Update on the Planning application for Horseheath Road, application reference S/4418/19/RM, for the erection of 42 dwellings including the provisions of 0.45ha for allotments on the land south of Wheatshaf Barn, Horseheath Road, following the Planning Committee meeting of Linton Parish Council. This planning application is going to the Planning Committee meeting at SCDC on the 25th June 2020 and Cllr Enid Bald is presenting on behalf of LPC.

Bartlow Road Planning Applications; Update on the Bartlow Road development site. The developers are still trying to circumvent the planning process, there has been no further update

or progress on this.

Correspondence item 63. SCDC re Licensing application for Street Trading consent for Lol's Pizza.

Cllr Enid Bald proposed LPC support this and request they minimise litter the best they can. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **Agreed.**

SCDC Planning Conditions and Consultation

Correspondence item 84. GCSP letter from Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development at SCDC re Planning Conditions on construction hours. **Noted.**

Correspondence item 88. GCSP request for LPC delegated provision for consultation on construction working hours.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the Planning Committee vote via email and this be included in the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee, Cllr John Bald seconded. Put to a vote with none against, two abstentions. **Agreed.** One member of the public left the meeting on this item.

Public Consultation on Integrated Water Management Study discussion. Comments from Cam Valley Forum to be considered. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that she draft a letter pertaining to this. Cllr Kate Kell seconded this. **Agreed.**

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for June 2020; All park and ride sites around city have now reopened, with the exception of Milton as this is still being used as a COVID-19 test site.

The household recycling centres are now reopened to trade waste as well as household.

The Central Police Station in Cambridge will be moving at some point- it is proposed at this point to be somewhere north of the city.

The District and County councillor left the meeting on this item. **Finance; Consideration of the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Finance Committee meeting held on the 11th June 2020. **Noted.****

Consideration of Funding requests;

Correspondence item 16. Marie Curie re request for financial contribution. Cllr John Bald proposed that LPC do not offer funding to this cause, this was seconded by Cllr Lee Gardner and put to a vote. **Agreed.**

Correspondence item 72. Linton Girlguiding letter re request for donation due to effects of COVID-19. Cllr John Bald proposed LPC support Linton Girlguiding by offering an amount of £750.00 as a grant, Cllr Brian Cox seconded. Put to a vote with none against but one abstention. **Agreed.**

Consideration of Quotations received; Correspondence item 62. Recycled furniture quotation for picnic bench with 2 wheelchair access. Cllr John Bald proposed that LPC should go with the original bench which clearly accommodates a wheelchair as there was concern that the leg posts would restrict access on the latter. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Correspondence item 77. Tom Mytton-Mills of Withersfield Farms re quotation for the fencing near the clapper stile.

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed the cost of the additional fence panels, Cllr Kate Kell seconded. **Agreed.**

There was also an issue that a small bridge is required to pass over to channel the water. This could be made via sleepers. Cllr John Bald proposed £300.00 for the Clerk to action in line with the specification from Cllr Enid Bald without bringing back to Council, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. All for with one abstention. **Agreed.**

Trees, Biodiversity, River Care and Wildlife

Correspondence item 78. Colin Flint Ltd re enquiry into if LPC have land for Oak saplings and donation. Cllr John Bald proposed that Linton Parish Council do not support, fund or progress, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Traffic; Consideration of the report from the virtual meeting of the GCP A1307 CSET Phase 1 Liaison Group held on the 1st June 2020. **Noted.**

Consideration of the report from the virtual Greenways meet-

ing held on the 8th June 2020 with GCP. Cllr Enid Bald advised that GCP had wanted to extend the cycle path from Hildersham through Linton. The Parish Councillors who attended the meeting preferred the route from Stantons Lane down to the Meadow Recreation Ground.

This would widen and resurface the paths and improve the fate which is a benefit for Linton. The next meeting with GCP is on the 19th June 2020, where LPC will suggest a contraflow system to enable people to leave the village at all exits.

Consideration of the report from Cllr Enid Bald pertaining to the GCP Executive Board meeting.

The Yellow lines from the A1307 junction to the Crown Inn were discussed. LPC supported this with yellow lines on the other side as well. The lines are proposed to be extended down past the clock house.

When talking about the Westbound Bus Lane it was said it would be 34 minutes. However, in the executive report it says two mins. Cllr Enid Bald sent through a draft of a letter with objections to this. letter be circulated with tracked changes.

Correspondence item 67. Parishioner email re High Street Parking. The Council requested that this be passed to the Traffic Working Group to review and put together a response.

Correspondence items 92 and 96. Parishioners emails re Objection to CSET 14 A1307 Westbound Bus Lane. For information. **Noted.**

Correspondence item 94. Parishioner email re S106 monies and Transport Interchange. The Council requested that this be passed to the Traffic Working Group to review and put together a response.

The Meadow Recreation Ground;

Correspondence item 15. Parishioner email re a request for information pertaining to permit fees for a bootcamp to be held on the Meadow Recreation Ground.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that there be no charge, however a copy of their public liability insurance be requested. Going forward a policy to be put in place regarding user groups and the recreation ground and a Schedule of contact information to be kept for communication. Cllr John Bald seconded. **Agreed.**

Correspondence item 90. Linton Village Cricket Club re a request for permission to resume social distancing cricket practice on the Meadow Recreation Ground. This item was dealt with under public participation.

The Bowls Green. Rates were not being paid when this was run by the Bowls Club as they only had one facility and as an organisation they were exempt. It would be worthwhile passing this onto one of the clubs for storage.

Cllr John Bald proposed a Short-term lease with a two months' notice period, for a price of £1 rent rolling six month. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. **Agreed.**

Correspondence items not pertaining to an agenda item. None Matters for Future Consideration; Projects for co-op funding. Grass cutting and Cricket Club material. The remaining resident left the meeting on this item.

The meeting was closed at 9:26pm

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