

Dead rabbit mystery leads to warning from expert

A LARGE number of dead rabbits found on footpaths around Linton has led to bewilderment from locals. Questions arose when walkers left messages on a community Facebook page, asking if anyone else had noticed the unusually high number of deceased animals.

Within hours more people began to respond, corroborating the sightings and asking questions of their own.



Ten rabbits were found in close proximity
Photo: David Donnan

As others gave their accounts, a strange theme began to emerge: The rabbits were all found in the middle of footpaths, with no sign of visible injury or illness. David Donnan, who was one of the first to report sightings, said:

"It was mid-afternoon and a lady came to our door and

asked if we had lost a pet rabbit, she told us she had seen a very tame one on the bridge by the Churchyard". After a picture was posted to Facebook it was agreed that the rabbit was in fact wild. David continued: "That evening we walked across the field to the Wyld Sky Brewery and saw what appeared to be the same rabbit. It was dead in the middle of the footpath." The next day things got stranger. "We took the dog out for a walk across to Pocket Park and on the way we saw five more rabbit corpses, all in the middle of the footpath and again, all uninjured." David noted the locations of the bodies and marked them on a map. A few days later and three more animals turned up in identical circumstances. When he found a large warren nearby, David speculated that they may all have come from the same colony. The Linton News contacted Richard Saunders, chief veterinary adviser to the Rabbit Welfare Association and Fund. "I am most suspicious of an infectious disease, and I think a new strain of Rabbit Viral Haemorrhagic Disease (RVHD) is likely" said Richard.

Unlike myxomatosis, rabbits infected with RVHD can die very quickly from internal bleeding, often without time

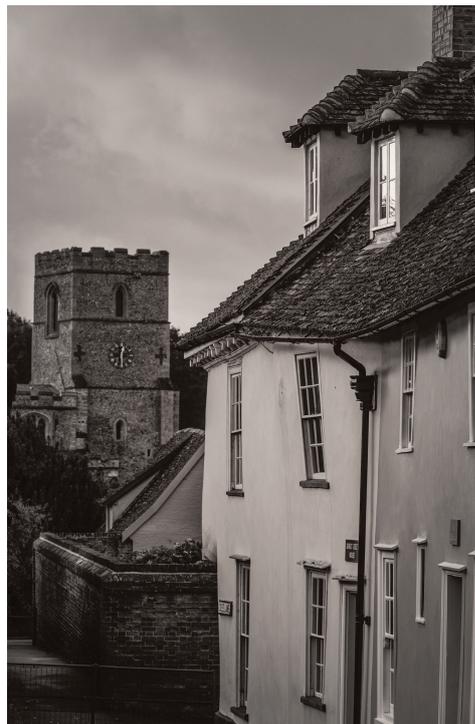
to seek shelter which may explain their being found out in the open. A new strain of the virus, RVHD2, was first detected in the UK in 2013, and is becoming widespread in wild rabbit populations.



Richard Saunders with a patient

Richard also had a stark warning about domestic rabbits, saying the virus could easily be spread to unvaccinated animals on the clothes and shoes of their owners. He said it was "vital that owners keep up with vaccinations", explaining that inoculations for rabbits do not last more than twelve months, unlike some vaccine components in dogs and cats. Anybody wishing to find out more should contact their vet, or visit the Rabbit Welfare Association's website.

Jack Glossop



Coles Lane will see increased traffic

Photo: Tony Smith

Back Road closure a necessary evil

THE decision by Cambridge Water and South Cambs District Council to replace a large water main on Back Road has been met with understandable concern by Linton residents and businesses. The planned works will mean a total closure of the road between the junctions of The Woodlands and Coles Lane for a period of nine weeks, putting extra pressure on an already congested High Street. Due to begin on Monday 5th October, the project is expected to last until December 13th and access will be available only to Back Road residents and the emergency services. The Linton News spoke to both Cambridge Water and subcontractors On-site, who said that it would be "impossible" to keep the road open due to the large excavations that would be taking place. Recent emergency closures of Back Road have been caused by aging infrastructure that has reached the end of its working life. A new Polyurethane pipe material will be installed that has a life expectancy of one hundred years. In last month's Linton News, the Parish Council called for "understanding" over traffic issues on the High Street, following a wave of complaints from residents and businesses over inconsiderate parking. Current Covid-19 guidelines have forced several businesses to use their car parks as trading spaces.

Jack Glossop

Fireworks cancelled but big bang still promised

AS I'm sure you are aware, we would normally be in the thick of organizing the fireworks event this year. Sadly, with the impact of coronavirus we will not be hosting the event, as we do not feel it would be responsible or permissible. At the time of writing I am listening to the news about more restrictions being imposed. We hope to be back for 2021 with a bigger and better display and renewed vigour.

We appreciate how important these funds are to Linton's schools so we would like to ask if we could all join forces to raise some money this year? We have set up a Virgin Giving page for donations of anything from £1, and we have also written to the local businesses to see if they would like to join forces and

help out. Schools are very welcome to share this page with their parent communities. Ideas we have come up with so far would be a Linton Guy competition where people and groups put guys in their gardens to be judged, and we ask businesses to have a fireworks product that they are willing to donate a small percentage of to the display. We appreciate that you are all very stretched at the moment and hope that you, your families and friends are safe and well. If you would be happy to be involved or have any ideas please do not hesitate to contact us on info@lintonfireworks.co.uk

Natalie Morris
Linton Fireworks
Committee

Flu vaccinations for every 'at risk' patient

If you are an "at risk" patient, please make sure you have booked your flu vaccination. If our clinics are full at the time of you ringing, we will place you on a waiting list and you will be contacted as soon a clinic becomes available. Please be assured that all "at risk" patients will receive a flu vaccination. Have you heard about Granta Pharmacy's new free medicines delivery service? Even if you are not a Granta patient, you can still take advantage of this new free service which is available to anyone living in and around Sawston, Shelford, Linton, Barley and Royston. For further information and to sign up for free delivery, call us on 277530 or email us on capccg.grantadisensing@nhs.net Please note that if you are ordering a repeat prescription please order 7 to 10 days before you are due to run out. If you have any comments please do not hesitate to write to me at Granta Sawston or send me an email sandra.east@nhs.net

Sandra East, Granta
Communications

The news in pictures

Left:
Dominic Taylor of Clive Dodson Thatchers unloads material onto a rooftop on Green Lane. Three adjoining cottages were rethatched at the same time.

Photo: Linton News Team

Camera person needed

AS very limited numbers will be permitted this year at the cemetery on November 8th, I would be pleased to hear of anyone with the necessary equipment to record a good quality video of the remembrance ceremony which could be posted on the Parish Council, Church and Community Facebook pages.

Maggie Guite
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A complicated family story

LURKING somewhere in Mill Lane, tucked away in a barn, there is – in the words of the new editor – a Contraption! A machine like no other. If you were told it had its origins in the cuckoo clock you would still be guessing. If you saw a photograph you would be none the wiser. It's an organ, but a highly unusual one, probably unique.

Life in the Black Forest of Germany in the mid nineteenth century was very rural, but farmers tended to come in from the winter cold and turned their hands to making gadgets, like cuckoo clocks, and they became more and more ingenious. England at the same time was the heart of the Industrial Revolution and Manchester became the richest place on earth. This was also a time of great musical activity, composers and orchestras were busy, but you still couldn't listen to music every day in the way you could buy and enjoy a picture. So a local industry in the Black Forest developed ever more complex automated instruments, and one enterprising family set up shop in London's New Oxford Street to sell these. They later progressed to gramophones, radios and amplifiers and continued trading until the 1980s. But in 1862, barrel organs were the thing, and in 1905 it was vacuum technology and electric motors. And that is what lurks in Mill Lane – an organ which plays 25 pieces of Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, and Wagner, some of them quite lengthy, originally from pinned barrels but later from cassettes of tough manila paper punched with holes. It was the Hi-tech and Hi-Fi of its day. A bewildering array of tiny lead tubes and vacuum bellows, the smallest made from Zephyr, the skin of unborn piglets, a three stage mechanism to convert the patterns



The Organ with its music laid out on shelves



The "contraption" inside its cabinet

of punched paper into virtuoso performances. I came across this Contraption as a teenager in 1963, packed into a Nissen Hut for safekeeping during the war and then forgotten. I spent my holidays puzzling it out and piecing it together. It finally worked, after a fashion anyway. But what do teenagers then do? They fledge and fly. Some arrangement was made for the "White Elephant" and it disappeared from my life for almost 50 years. It languished in various local

museums and collections, not working until suddenly someone announced that they could not keep it unless they owned it, and that message somehow got back to me. By then I had semi-retired and we had a barn which is clean and dry. My brother, an organ builder, wisely would not get involved, but young Joe in the firm was a glutton for complexity and has fully restored the instrument and delivered it to Linton just before lockdown. Technically

it's an Orchestrion, but my great-grandfather called it the Flute Organ, with its 150 wooden flutes. A rarity indeed. And one more happy coincidence: it attracted much interest in the workshop from the great-grandson of the man who built it. So a little ceremony was arranged for the two great-grandsons – one descended from the cuckoo clocks of the Black Forest and the other from the cotton mills of Manchester.

Henry Bennett
Article & photos

The Clapper Stile is back

THE Clapper Stile, between the Recreation Ground and Little Linton, is a Grade II listed monument, a feature of the village and part of our village sign. There are only around five of these in existence, so it is our duty to retain it. The Clapper is formed from three wooden beams

pivoted on a central post, weighted at one end. These return to a closed position after they have been held down at the un-weighted end for someone to pass through. The original was installed around 200 years ago, then fell into disrepair and was donated to Saffron Walden

Museum. A replacement was installed in Dec 2001 – but laminated beams were used, not solid Oak. The base rotted, it toppled over and is now decorating Cllr Potter's garden. Because of the significance and rarity of the Clapper Stile, our repair – perhaps more accurately, our rebuild – needed to be carried out by a highly-skilled woodworker. We found this in Dan Harmer, a local carpenter/joiner, who has expertly recreated the original in seasoned solid Oak, using traditional construction methods. This version looks splendid and should last as long as the original. Dan was ably assisted by Tom Burdett, an engineer who was in charge of the ground works.



The fence, bench and stile today

Both Dan and Tom are multiskilled, and we needed their expertise on this complex job. Installation was on a bitter February day, feeling colder on the draughty, exposed bank, and not without problems. When digging the post holes Tom discovered a void where soil had been washed away, probably caused by poor drainage in the area. The culvert under the stile was blocked, too. So, the Clapper Stile is now in a slightly

different, safer position. The fencing around the stile will be replaced, and the path and drainage upgraded. Now that Ian Blackman has removed the brambles and scrub, trees planted by Susan Anderson and me can be properly appreciated, and may flank a bench or seat to complete the restoration of the area. As ever, the project has taken some time. I first applied for money from the precept around three years ago. The specification had to be written, tenders submitted, decisions made. Finally, the skills of Dan and Tom brought it to completion – good work!

Enid Bald
Article & Photos

The stile in years gone by



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OUR THANKS

The family of the late Richard Nash wish to thank all neighbours and friends for their thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Woodroffe at Granta Linton Health Centre for her support during Richard's illness, also to the Reverend Lesley Gore and H J Paintin Funeral Directors for their professionalism, support and kindness.
Pat, Joanne and Alastair

Linton Gardening Club diary

THE club had hoped to resume its meetings in October but after taking the current coronavirus situation and changing government restrictions into account, the committee has sadly decided to cancel the October, November and December meetings. If the situation improves we hope to restart the meetings in the New Year.

Things may not have gone as planned this year but life in the garden has continued as usual. The shortening day length is now acting as a signal for many plants to start getting ready for winter. The autumn hues of red, orange, yellow and brown are now appearing as the leaves change and flowers such as dahlias, fuchsias and rudbeckias are giving a final



Photos
Above : Rudbeckia
Left : Marigold

Photos supplied by
Jim and Helen

burst of colour. Winter may be just around the corner but a gardener's work is never done, as now is the time of year to start planting spring bulbs. We will soon be making a trip to the garden centre where we will be like two kids in a sweet shop as we pick and mix daffodil, crocus, tulip, snowdrop, anemone and hyacinth bulbs to plant. It is also the time of year when we think about changes we would like to make to our garden.

In the absence of the talks, we are getting ideas and tips from other sources such as our gardening magazines and the *Beechgrove Garden TV* programme.

Keep safe and well. Enjoy your garden.

Jim and Helen, 893577
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Linton Garden Club,

Linton's human journey

AN archaeological unit based at Bar Hill has come to the end of a nine-week excavation at the Croudace Homes site off Horseheath Road today (4th September).

Initial exploratory work by Oxford Archeology East in 2016 suggested the presence of a Neolithic cursus (a type of ceremonial earthwork consisting of parallel banks) and a Bronze Age burial mound on the site. It now appears that there is not a cursus but a potential later trackway. However, the circular ditch of the early Bronze Age burial mound or *barrow* has clearly shown up on the ground as brown against the white chalk geology. It measured about 31m in diameter, with the ditch itself being about 2.5m wide.

The ditch appears to have gradually filled up with sediment before a large quantity of Late Bronze Age struck flint was dumped into it, which is very intriguing. There also appears to be evidence for later activity associated with the barrow, dating from the Anglo-Saxon period, some 1,500 years ago. This links the site with the Anglo-Saxon cemetery which is believed to have been located around 100m to the south, in the area of Kenwood Gardens.

The builders arrived on site two weeks ago. OA East will now be washing and cataloguing the finds from the site, and also creating a *virtual tour* in the coming weeks which will highlight what was found on the site. Details of how to access this will be shared shortly. A full report will be available via OA's online library in due course at <https://library.thehumanjourney.net/> Clem Cooper



A knapped flint found at the site
Photo supplied by Oxford Archeology East

News from St Mary's

MAYBE, we once thought, 'It will all be over by the autumn'; but of course, Covid restrictions are still with us. In Church we are beginning to make plans for the special occasions of Autumn and Winter.

In early November, we normally hold our *Remembering* service around All Souls' Day (November 2nd). We can't do that this year - there isn't enough space in St Mary's to invite everyone safely to a single service for candle-lighting, reflection and prayer. But we know that the pain of loss is no less this year - perhaps even more severe, since so many people experienced funerals with restricted numbers.

We should like to offer simple services of remembering for up to 30 people at a time in church over the autumn. We might have to ask families to share services according to numbers - but each family will have a table with a picture of their own loved-one and a candle to light. We would like to offer this to anyone who is mourning someone lost recently - not just those who had St Mary's clergy involved in the funeral. Please contact me or our administrator if you would find this helpful, with an idea of the numbers involved.

Meanwhile, we are planning and consulting about Remembrance Sunday: please look for details in next month's Linton News. And we are also beginning to plan how we can help you celebrate Christmas. Watch this space.

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LINTON DIARY

We are trying to restart the diary - ZOOM meetings and all. So please help by contacting the editor if you have a meeting or event you would like advertising in the Linton News. Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

WEEKLY

Linton Air Cadets, Mondays, 7.30pm virtual parade evenings. Anyone interested in joining the Air Cadets should contact Bradley Wright, Acting Pilot Officer RAFAC, 2523 (Linton) Squadron Training Officer on training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk or ring 07943873272

LALA Tuesdays, 10-11.45am, term-time from 6th Oct. ZOOM. Contact Sue Mudge on 892737

OCTOBER 2020

3	Flu Clinic, Drive-in	Duxford
3	Farmers' Market, 9am to 12 noon	VH
6	Women's Institute, time TBC	ZOOM
6	LALA course, 10-12am.	ZOOM
15	Parish Council Planning meeting, 6.30pm	ZOOM
15	Parish Council full meeting, 7.30pm	ZOOM
17	Flu Clinic, Drive-in,	Duxford

Bin collection dates

Linton refuse collection: Mondays 12th and 26th October
Linton blue bin collections: Mondays 5th and 19th October
Linton green bin collections: Mondays 5th and 19th October (only one per month guaranteed)

Household Recycling Centres

All visits to the centres must be pre-booked and only essential visits are allowed. 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.

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PLEASE check that the items you would like to be collected are acceptable to us. If you are unsure call one of our advisors on 03450 450063 and ask if it is acceptable and if so can you book a bulky collection. There is a fee for bulky item collection. Full details are at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/bins/bulky-item-collection-service/>

Cambridgeshire Hear for You community Facebook group

EVERYONE with hearing loss, living with or supporting someone with hearing loss in Cambridgeshire, is invited to join this new Facebook group. It is a new way to keep in touch and to exchange views and ideas.

It will be a closed group, meaning other members will be likely to share in your interests and for the extra safety and security, only other members will be able to see your comments. It is also completely free.

To join, go to the Cambridgeshire Hearing Help page on Facebook, click on *Groups* then on *join*. If you have any difficulty, go to www.facebook.com/groups/cambridgeshirehearforyoucommunity/

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Co-op Community Fund delivers the goodies

THE teachers at Linton Infant School have spent the first couple of weeks easing the transition and ensuring everyone feels safe and secure. On 17th September the team at the Linton Co-op, Local Member Pioneer Jenny Seaward and Emma Hicks, Linton Infants, arranged a goody bag for the children joining Reception Classes. The goody bags included stickers, pencils, practice sheets and a few sweeties, a small celebration for completing the first few days. The Co-op also kindly donated books for the school library. The small contributions we make to others make a big difference in our community, and everyone can help! The Co-op has a Local Community Fund set up to help local causes and organisations. If you have a Co-op Membership Card, each time you shop we add to that fund. One percent of your qualifying purchase goes directly to the fund and five percent



Helpers get their hands dirty in the playground

goes to you, the customer. To give you an idea how valuable this scheme is, the Linton Infant School will receive over £1000 this year. These funds will be used to help create and improve outside play areas for every child at the school to enjoy. The three new causes are about to be nominated for 2020/21. You can choose which local cause benefits from your one percent and watch the funds grow. If you aren't already a member, pop into the Linton Co-op and ask about signing up.

Jenny Seaward
Co-op Local Member
Pioneer
(article & photo)

Songs through the ages for the WI

OUR speaker, Quintus Benziger, joined us online on zoom to take us through a medley of songs from four centuries of music. He is a music teacher in schools, choirmaster, musical examiner, organist and accompanist, a musician for 40 years. Members sang along from an online song sheet accompanied by Quintus on piano, starting with the WI anthem Jerusalem. Recent songs included *Memories* by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Then came music hall songs such as *Don't Dilly Dally* (which we had to sing in a cockney accent). We listened to songs from the baroque period, such as *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* and then from the sixteenth century sang *Greensleeves* accompanied by Quintus on the recorder. Lastly, Quintus picked up an accordion and took us through folk songs which have passed down the generations, so their dates are not known. *The Ash Grove* from Wales, *Cockles and Mussels* from Ireland, *Strawberry Fair* from England and *Skye Boat Song* from Scotland. Because these folk songs are no longer being sung in schools, children no longer know them, but Quintus makes sure the children he teaches sing them. We finished with a song Quintus had composed called *Jam and Jerusalem* ending with the National Anthem. Our next speaker, Jenny Gibbs, talking about Turkey, will be on the 6th of October and will again be on zoom. We have no plans to hold meetings again in the village hall in the foreseeable future but when we do new members are always welcome to join us. Watch out for the poster on the village notice board.

Sally Proberts (891021)

Library click and collect service proves popular

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Anna McMahon & Lindsay Healy
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

The furlough scheme of its day



Linton's former Union workhouse

IN these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme. Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work. The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work. Most assistance was given as "outdoor relief", meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes.

The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish. Several of these buildings have survived including those at Ashdon, Clavering, Finchingfield, Newport and Stanstead Abbots. Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union which was responsible for constructing and operating a central "Union" workhouse for the larger area. Many survive and have been re-purposed. The Union workhouse at Buntingford was built in 1836 to house 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes. It closed in 1933 and was subsequently converted to private houses and apartments. Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home. Saffron Walden's workhouse, built in 1836 for 340 inmates, became a hospital and is now apartments. Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children – a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

Ken McDonald, Secretary
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Article & Photo

Finding Ruby... at Home



Local author Jemima Price held a signing for her new book *Finding Ruby* at Home on the High Street in September. The Linton-based teacher, author and mum to two boys, is pictured with store owner Lucy Holmes.

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Sawston Village College Adult Learning

WE are pleased to announce we have returned to the office. Whilst we are unable to run any courses in the college at the moment, we are hoping to be able resume some courses after October half term or early in the spring term. We are also hoping to run some Saturday workshops on 28th November. We are running the Italian Advanced Conversation course online starting Tuesday 22nd September from 9.30 – 11.30 so if you are interested in this, please enrol. You can join this course at any time in the term. Please visit our website, www.sawstonadult.org which will be updated as and when we are able to start courses. You can also contact us by email community@sawstonvc.org or telephone 712424. We look forward to being able to welcome you to the college as soon as possible.

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



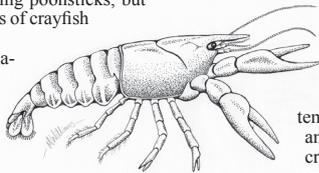
Crayfish in the Granta

AM I the only one who, until this summer, had no idea that the Granta was full of crayfish? Some friends in Abington told me they had set three net traps in the Granta in June, and after three days caught 90 crayfish. I have been told about lamprey and trout, and seen loads of little dodgers while playing poohsticks, but confess complete ignorance about the species of crayfish now resident on our doorstep.

The beastie in question is the all too invasive signal crayfish, *Pacifastacus Lenisculus*, which was imported from America in the 1970s to supplement our native white clawed crayfish fisheries, suffering damage from plague. It soon escaped from fisheries and out-competed natives for habitat and food. Needless to say the American cousins were also found to be plague carriers, and now our native species has declined by up to 90%, while the American version thrives. Sounds a bit like grey and red squirrels.

The signal crayfish is lobster-like and reaches a maximum of 18cm in length. Its claws have red undersides. Its upper body is greenish brown to brown, and its underside is bright red to orange. It is a voracious predator, feeding on frogs, tadpoles, eggs, fish, aquatic detritus, and even its own young. It lives in rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs and canals, and shelters under rocks, within

tree roots, and in deep interconnecting burrows in river banks. It causes bank erosion and sediment pollution, threatening vole habitat, and causing fences to collapse. What is amazing is that it travels overland, crossing natural and artificial borders. A journey of several hundred metres in one night has been recorded. It tolerates all kinds of habitat and reproduces more quickly than the natives, and its only predators are otter, mink, Atlantic salmon and European eels. The female lays up to 400 eggs in September, carries them under her tail all winter, and releases them in May and June. A signal crayfish can live up to 20 years. With all this, I am imagining cohorts of them coming out at the Dog and Duck and marching up the High Street.



So what to do? If you want to trap them and eat them, you have to apply for a licence from the Environment Agency, which takes about 20 days to process. There are endless YouTube videos on how to make the appropriate nets, how to stake them and where to place them. If you catch too many, or the ones you catch are too small, you are legally obliged to kill them. "Kill on sight" is the law in Scotland. If you are minded to get involved in trapping and eating these critters, you might want to be careful what you wish for.

Cricket Club's stellar season under new sponsors

IT was the season that they thought might never happen, but it has been a busy and exciting year for Linton Village Cricket Club both on and off the field. Thanks to both the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association and the Haverhill & District Midweek League a revised set of leagues and fixtures was quickly turned around.

Off the field, the year started with a big sponsorship drive. LVCC successfully brought in an array of partners, from local businesses (the Dog & Duck), to the UK's biggest Mexican food brand (Gran Luchito), East Anglia's premier plumbing and electrician company (Huttie.com), international talent agency

Modest! Management, and even a multimillion-selling pop band, Scouting For Girls.



CC. LVCC finished second in their league and beat Ashwell convincingly in the season closing finale.

Despite the early season challenges, Linton Village CC continues to thrive with three Saturday teams and two midweek teams put out each week. LVCC is a welcoming family-orientated club. If you would like to get

involved, please email linton.village.cc@gmail.com and follow the club on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

LVCC Media Team
Article & Photos

Left: the club's shiny new outfield mower

Below: players in the new kit outside the Dog and Duck



Linton Village CC also become one of the first clubs in the country to wear the New Balance kit. The continued support of Linton Parish Council has also been vital.

On the field, the club have had one of their most successful seasons in recent years, with notable wins against local rivals Abington in the league, and a thumping 10 wicket midweek victory over a very strong Cambridge

POT POURRI 184

Pot Pourri 184 - What is my PIN?

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- iii) The 3 digits are a perfect cube.
- iv) The 4 digit PIN has two prime factors of which one is the same as in (i).

What is the PIN?

Pot Pourri 183 - What must be their Ages?

The ages of the visitors are 7,7,50. Hypatia is 49.

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If you have an hour to spare each week to visit someone in their own home for a cup of tea and a chat then we would love to hear from you. We try to match people with common interests who will get along,

and we have had many rewarding friendships develop from this. If you don't have time to make house visits then we also have clients who benefit from weekly chats on the telephone. All our volunteers undertake an Enhanced DBS check and receive a full induction. Please do get in touch with our co-ordinators Nicky and Laura to find out more. Nicky 01638 608049 nicky@thevoluntarynetwork.org 01638 608048 laura@thevoluntarynetwork.org

Stay Safe

Peter Lawson,
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Keenan makes ATC proud

2523 LINTON Squadron continues with fantastic success using video based parade nights. Both Sergeant Coates and Flight Sergeant Pybus have achieved their BTEC Level 2 in Teamwork and Personal Development, and we eagerly await the result for our third of this year's candidates.

A strong start has been made on our new September registrations for BTEC awards and we look forward to more success in this area. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Flight Sergeant Sean Keenan in his successful application for an Army scholarship. After a rigorous paper sift and impressing the board at initial officer selection, Flt Sgt Keenan was selected for a scholarship at his chosen university. An incredible result.

We've continued to provide a varied and exciting program of virtual events, with Beds and Cambs wing pulling together to provide leadership activities and Duke of Edinburgh training. Linton cadets have had guest speaker question and answer sessions from senior RAF staff, giving a fantastic insight into the inner workings of the RAF. As well as this our own squadron staff have provided flight planning lessons and delivered training from the British Safety Foundation too.

The squadron's new website is live, www.2523linton.co.uk, and we welcome all those starting year 8 to register their details with us so we can invite them to our squadron open evening upon our return to face to face activities, which we hope will be very soon.

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Free Estimates

IN the last month we have welcomed our newest cohort of LVC students, as well as enjoying the reunion with Years 8-11 who haven't attended school in person since March. Hearing the buildings alive again with the sound of students learning has been brilliant.

Our system of controls to enable a full reopening has involved lots of changes to the way the College operates. The students and staff have done an amazing job of rising to the challenge of this new way of schooling and acclimatising to different routines.

Despite all that has changed at Linton Village College, there is still plenty that is reassuringly familiar. While teachers now move around the site between lessons, the joy of observing students learning and acquiring new knowledge and skills remains. School systems may be unrecognisable with staggered timetables, year group zones and many other logistical adjustments but the interactions between students and staff and the College's relational approach continues to make LVC a special place to learn and work.

Aspects of our community provision have also reopened this month. The youngest site users have returned to Linton Granta Playgroup and Linton Out of School Club with Covid-19 risk assessments and adjustments in place. Both facilities provide important childcare for local families. Our Community Sports Centre has also seen an increasing usage since it reopened with Covid-19 restrictions in place, with many local clubs restarting.

Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to reinstate all community activities. The enhanced cleaning requirements and the need to ensure that year group zones are not compromised means that our Adult Education programme has been cancelled this term. Lettings and other extra-curricular activities have also needed to be put on hold while we focus on ensuring the delivery of our core educational provision.

We will continue to review this position and hope to be able to recommence evening classes at some stage in the New Year, depending on the Covid-19 context.

The support and understanding of our parents and wider members of the College community at this exceptional time has been very much appreciated.

Helena

Virtual Garden Show raises real funds

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the winners and especially to Helen Stankowska, who not only took three first prizes, but also won "Best in Show" selected by our special judges Wendy Foster and Jan Sheppard. Thank you to everyone who took part by entering and voting. There were over 70 beautiful photos submitted for seven classes by 15 entrants. Thank you also to everyone who donated so generously. We raised £228.50 for St Mary's Linton. All the entries can be viewed on the St Mary's website and there are pictures of the eight winning entries on the noticeboard outside the church. The Events Committee of St Mary's is planning more virtual events over the coming months including a virtual Christmas Tree Festival and quizzes. Watch this space



Helen's winning garden

Anne Parry-Smith
St Mary's Events Committee

Councillors' September report

A1307 Update

The work on the A1307 is continuing, with the next updates to our stretch of the road being average speed cameras installed between Haverhill and Linton. Going through the processes is a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307 and a remodelling of the Dean Road crossing on the dual carriageway.

There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a slim chance this could be looked at later down the line.

For more up to date detail go to GCP website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> or do ask John, Henry or your Parish Council's representatives on the GCP.

Experimental Traffic Orders

The County Council, acting on government legislation, has started implementing some temporary traffic regulation orders around the county. The first few are only in Cambridge city at the moment and are designed, whilst the roads are supposedly quieter, to close some roads to vehicles (bar emergency services) to encourage non-motorised travel. There is talk of trialing some in rural areas, but nothing concrete yet.

Self-employed Support

The government has announced that the self-employed can claim an additional payment from them. Info can be found on the government's website or John and Henry can assist via the District Council.

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 and tree planting & 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.

Electoral Register

The District Council is doing its annual census to get the electoral register up to date. Please do encourage anyone that you know isn't registered to do so and follow the steps laid out in the letters that SCDC are sending out.

Devolution

There is some talk within central government that they are leaning towards more unitary authorities in the country, so fewer layers of local government and just one authority that deals with everything. This is the current setup in Peterborough. This will be a constantly moving beast, so keep your ears to the ground.

Fostering

The County Council are constantly on the hunt for more foster carers. They are having a big drive and are holding various events around Cambridgeshire to promote this. If you, or know anyone, who is interested in this, please contact the County Council directly - fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 08000520078

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submission of details required by Condition 23 (Renewable Energy) of planning permission S/2553/16/OL
Land Off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire
Ref. No: S/2553/16/CONDK | Validated: Mon 14 Sep 2020
Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 24 (Electric Vehicle Charging) of planning permission S/2553/16/OL
Land Off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire
Ref. No: S/2553/16/CONDJ | Validated: Mon 14 Sep 2020
Status: Awaiting decision

Dismantle/Fell to ground level: T1 - 1 x Willow T2 to T5 - 4 x Spruce T6 - 1 x Plum T7 - 1 x Ash T8 - 1 x Lilac T9 - 1 x Cypress 10 - 1 x Holly Poor specimens, over mature and in wrong position to allow for replanting, T11 - Remove dead top from pear reshape and reduce by 2.5 metres (amended) T12 to T15 Reduce 4 x Assorted fruit trees by 2 metres. (amended) Re-pollard 4 x Limes to 7m finished height to last pollard position. To maintain the trees and to get them into good order. Open for comment icon

2 Church Lane Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX
Ref. No: 20/1910/TTCA | Validated: Fri 11 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 5 (Access gates to the allotments) of planning permission S/4418/19/RM
Land South of Wheatsheaf Barn Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire Ref. No: S/4418/19/CONDB | Validated: Wed 02 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 2 (Materials) of planning permission S/4418/19/RM
Land South of Wheatsheaf Barn Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire
Ref. No: S/4418/19/CONDA | Validated: Wed 02 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission S/1892/18/FL to change external materials Open for comment icon
37 Bartlow Road Linton CB21 4LY
Ref. No: 20/03674/S73 | Validated: Tue 01 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Alterations to windows and installation of four security cameras. Open for comment icon
Queens House 16 High Street Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS
Ref. No: 20/03724/HFUL | Validated: Tue 01 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 16 (Badger and common reptiles survey) of planning permission S/2553/16/OL
Land off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridgeshire
Ref. No: S/2553/16/CONDF | Validated: Tue 01 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

WHAT'S ON..



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October..

Saturday 3 rd October	6pm - 9pm	Jaynz May Sinclair - performing songs from the 60's To the present day...
Wednesday 7 th October	7pm	Bingo
Saturday 10 th October	6pm - 9pm	Jack's Taco Tent - Tasty Tacos for you to Enjoy...
Wednesday 14 th October	6.30pm	Quiz
Saturday 17 th October	6pm - 9pm	Kyle Chater - Acoustic guitarist performing upbeat Pop, rock and indie tracks...
Saturday 24 th October	6pm - 9pm	Glen and Hannah - Saxophonist and vocalist...
Wednesday 28 th October	7pm	Rock n' Roll Bingo...
Saturday 31 st October	6pm - 9pm	Caroline Grace - performing songs from the 60's to present day with some Country classics along the way

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Reports Round-Up June-July 2020

TRAFFIC Working Party - Virtual meeting on 14th September 2020. Present: Cllrs M Mannassi, C Hine, K Kell, E Bald. Jenny Seaward, Covering Parish Clerk.

A1307/GCP - A1307 Villages Forum letter raised concerns on proposals for the A1307, including:

The decisions made by GCP Executive Board based on inaccurate information, Local representations being set aside or misrepresented, loss of a signalised crossing over the A1307 at Hildersham crossroads. Cllr Kate Kell proposed adding "Indeed, without a safe crossing point on the A1307 where the Greenway crosses the road, people will not choose green transport as their preferred mode of travel; money spent on the Greenway beyond this point will be wasted".

The west-bound bus lane proposal was based on faulty data and unrealistic cost benefit analysis - it would only save two or three minutes for three buses each weekday, yet the harm to the landscape, loss of trees and hedges will not be mitigated in the 30 years of the CBA. The roundabout design at Bartlow Road - described as a "death trap" for cyclists, The Transport hub/link not being progressed despite benefit to residents and commerce by removing commuter parking from the High Street and speeding of bus transit, Proposals not meeting the Mayor's transport policy or changed conditions since Covid-19.

Local Highways Initiative Application - Previous year's just missed approval. A revised version to be submitted requesting better signage, improved road markings, yellow lines in preparation for parking restrictions, marked parking bays, etc.

Parking and Delivery Bay at Co-op - no progress because of one resident's objection.

Parking at LVC - There was an agreement to allow parking at LVC for sports events; this is now being prevented. Restriction of access will also affect the Sports Centre, Adult Education Classes and sports on site (several facilities were joint funded by the village).

Parking Issues - Problem areas discussed (High Street, the Lanes, Grip, Parsonage Way, Bartlow Road, etc), including pupil pick-up/drop-off points, commuter parking, congestion, thoughtless and illegal parking. Parking times can only be limited when clear lines/signs are in place and authority delegated from CCC. Limited parking times, etc., are linked to provision of Transport Hub and use of Coles Lane Car Park. Resident Permits will then be needed. A Questionnaire is to be circulated in Village Centre/Conservation Area to determine parking need. Later, a village-wide survey might be needed.

Covid19 - Parking needs have changed with the needs of the local business.

Speedwatch - Update given; see article for Linton News. Positive effects are welcomed.

Traffic Issues at the Grip - To check when the pavements will be upgraded.

Cllr Enid Bald

Meet the Covering Clerk

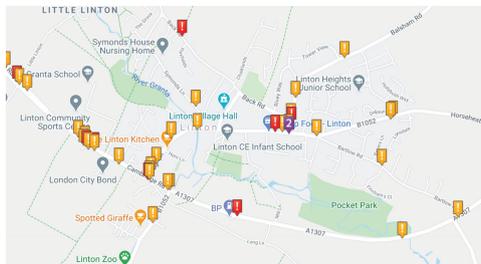
FROM the 1st September I have been in the role of Covering Clerk for Kate Wiseman's maternity leave.

My aim for the year, is to work with the Parish Council maintaining and improving the village as much as possible. With the fantastic support of the office staff, Maria and Nadine, my role is proving to be both challenging and satisfying. Thankfully, Kate is still close at hand to guide me through the first few months.

Jenny Seaward

Linton Village Speedwatch

SPEEDWATCH commenced in summer 2019, with a small group of volunteers using borrowed equipment from neighbouring villages. Sessions were undertaken in morning and evening rush-hour periods and it soon became apparent that Linton suffered a serious problem from speeding vehicles, leading to the threat of repeating or adding to the many accidents that happen on our roads.



Crashmap accident data in the village for the last ten years.

In addition, the excessive noise from customised vehicles was an underestimated problem, especially on the High Street. During the winter months, Linton Parish Council kindly approved the purchase of the villages' own Speedwatch equipment, and with a relaxation of social distancing rules, sessions have finally resumed. Any vehicle exceeding the speed limit has it's number recorded and sent to the police, a recent session in the High Street (20mph) logged one in three vehicles being reported to the police. Both last summer and this year, Speedwatch sessions have been undertaken on Back Road, Balsham Road and the High Street. With the exception of the High Street, all are 30mph limit.

However, we are still relying on a small group of helpers, who desperately need more residents to undertake the Police training course to qualify for assisting the team. Many Linton residents have completed training courses at Cambourne Police Station but thereafter failed to assist the Speedwatch team - if this applies to anyone reading, please feel free to get back in touch with us if you have some free time to help with the monitoring - your qualification doesn't go out of date!

It is hoped the police will shortly restart training sessions whereupon we urgently need people to sign-up thus making full use of the Parish Council's investment. In addition, delinquent drivers can be held account for their dangerous conduct on the streets of Linton, at all hours of the day and night.

The Speedwatch Team

COVID-19 Update New Rules Apply

WITH new Government guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic new restrictions were in place from on Monday 14th September 2020. In line with the new restrictions the Parish Council office has revised its policy regarding visitors. We are currently in the office for normal opening hours but would respectfully ask that you contact the office to make an appointment should you need to visit us in person. This can easily be arranged and allows us to keep everyone concerned safe. We are available by telephone and email, as always.

Clerk

Planning Updates July - August

PLANNING updates for August 2020. We got away with only two meetings in August but they had packed agendas, so we were not left lightly. Here up updates on the larger sites.

Paynes Meadow -The Planning Appeal for the exception site behind Paynes Meadow will be by written submissions rather than Public Inquiry. This is less work for us and does not involve weeks spent in hearings, which is great relief. LPC submissions focus on the major reasons for refusal, including the effect on the landscape, designs, trees/hedges/screening, housing needs, traffic and connectivity to the village. Residents are invited to send their comments.

Horseheath Road - More Discharge of Condition (DoC's) applications including Allotment details, boundary treatments and Ecology. The archaeological dig is now complete, having found a Bronze Age Barrow, trackways and a circular ditch containing large quantities of struck flints (linked to the "flint factory" at the Bartlow Road?). Also signs of later activity possibly linked to the nearby Saxon cemetery. Hard standing has been laid for equipment on an area that is not part of the building site.

Bartlow Road - Mainly revised submissions of DoC's to which we have objected. Worrying amendments have been made to the Drainage proposals, including loss of soakaways and use of crated water storage to hold surface water flooding. Issues of discharge of polluted water directly into the Granta, downstream flooding etc., have been raised. There appear to be unresolvable technical problems with proposals.

24 Mill Lane - 20/01369/HFUL - single storey extension. LPC "Protect Mill Lane" group and others have raised objections. This will be decided at a SCDC Planning Committee Meeting.

8 Green Lane - Concerns raised over materials used, loss of trees and landscaping.

1 Horseheath Road - there has been a change of ownership. LPC will meet the new developer.

Please send comments on planning applications to SCDC Planning. Resident comments remain part of the planing and democratic process.

Cllr Enid Bald

Village Parking Issues; A little more understanding

LAST month we appealed for a little understanding regarding the ongoing parking issues in the High Street. This month we are happy to update you on the measures Linton Parish Council have taken to alleviate the issues.

Following on from a mixture of communications, both negative and positive, the Council decided to take the following steps; A statement has been issued regarding the Parking Issues, Linton High Street and Market Square and is displayed on the village noticeboards. In addition to this, all businesses from The Clockhouse Dentistry to The Co-op have received a letter and flyers to promote the need for consideration when parking in the High Street. Businesses have been asked to speak directly with their customers to emphasise the issues we all face.

The Cambridge Constabulary and the Highways Enforcement Officer have assured us they will increase patrols in the village over the coming months, focusing on illegal parking and speeding issues.

Linton Parish Council will continue to support the community with all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the meantime we hope that by having a little more understanding of how the Parish Council are trying to help, we will be able to work together for the benefit of everyone.

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ABBREVIATED Minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 20th August 2020 at 7.30pm in the form of a remote meeting via video/telephone conferencing. Apologies for Absence Cllr (Dr) Brian Cox, District & County Councillor Henry Batchelor, District Councillor John Batchelor. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** Cllr Simon Hill and Cllr Kate Kell (Allotments)

Councillor Vacancies: There are now four vacancies for Councillor.

Chairman's Comment: The Chairman welcomed our new Councillor Sharron Parker. She also thanked Kate Wiseman, Clerk to the Council for her continued support and wished her well for her maternity leave, starting in nine days. The Chairman also formally welcomed Jenny Seaward who is covering the position of Clerk from 1st September 2020. Thanks, were expressed to Cllr Enid Bald, Cllr Kate Kell and Cllr Chris Hine for their work with GCP. **Open Forum for Public Participation;** No public present.

Linton Community Help Team re request for increased support and involvement in projects from LPC. The Council agreed to continue with requested administration support for the LCHT and consider support financially.

Staffing update. Clerk advised that her last working day is due to be Friday 4th September 2020, with Jenny Seaward in post from 1st September 2020 to allow for a handover period. **All noted.**

Consideration of continuing with remote meetings; The Council discussed continuing with remote meetings while the situation with COVID-19 is still present.

Helen Taylor, SDCD Development Officer, Environment Commissioning re Street Lights. It was discussed that further action was required before giving final decisions regarding the replacement Street Lights. It was noted that four are listed and others in sensitive areas within the conservation area should be reviewed. It was arranged that a full survey of street lights to be carried out.

Planning Matters

Bartlow Road Planning Applications.

Cllr Enid Bald informed the Council that Discharge of Conditions had been received and the PC will continue to object.

Horseheath Road.

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Allotment Association. The council will continue to source other land.

Consideration of proposed allotment sign from Croudate Homes. The Council requested that the consideration of the proposed allotment signage be deferred to the Planning Committee. **Paynes Meadow.**

Notification of appeal details received by South Cambs District Council (SCDC) for planning application S/0670/196/FL, Land rear of 24-27 Paynes Meadow Linton, for the construction of 26 affordable homes including external works and parking on land rear of NO.8 to No.30. **Noted.**

Consideration of employing a Planning Consultant and possible budget to assist with the application of Paynes Meadow, should this go to Appeal or Planning Inquiry. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that Corrie Newey be employed to assist up to a budget of £3,000.00, seconded by Cllr Kate Kell. **All agreed.**

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for August 2020. **All Noted**

Finance

Consideration of the Internal Audit Report for the financial year 2019/2020. Auditor advised that due to an increase in finances the threshold has been reached where by extra reports would need to be submitted on a quarterly and annual basis. **Noted.** **To review the end of year accounts and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).** **Noted.**

Review of Section 1 and agreement for the Chairman to sign Section 1. Proposed Cllr Paul Poulter, Seconded Cllr Chris Hine.

All Agreed.

Review of Section 2 and agreement for the Chairman to sign Section 2. Proposed Cllr Chris Hine, Seconded Cllr Paul Poulter. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of the request from the Clerk for support from RBS Rialtas for the End of Year accounts for 2020/2021 to assist the covering Clerk. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of Payments over the value of £5,000.

Invoice received from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), for the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) works completed for 2019/2020 to a value of £5,000. The Council raised questions regarding completion of work on local highways and requested the Clerk hold on payment until the work was reviewed.

Consideration of Funding and Membership renewal requests. **Consideration of request for membership renewal from Stop Standed Expansion, minimum annual membership donation is £10.00.** **Agreed.**

Consideration of funding request from the Monday Gang to allow for continuation of the group's activities to maintain the Churchyard to support of the village. **All agreed.**

Linton Infant School letter providing additional information requested for consideration pertaining to original funding request. Cllr John Bald proposed request further details and a breakdown of spend be submitted before deciding on funding. **Agreed.**

Consideration of Quotations Received.

Consideration of quotation from Greater Cambridge Shared Waste for Dog waste bin for Mill Lane and servicing. Council reviewed the options and made the decision to install a dual-purpose bin through SCDC and provided by and collections made by SCDC which reduces ongoing costs to the Parish. **Agreed.**

Photos of the recently completed works on the playground equipment at the Meadow Recreation ground and notification of a new fault on an item of equipment in the Under 8 section. **Quotation for repair by Kompan included.** The Council reviewed the quote supplied by Kompan for repairs to the playground equipment and requested the Clerk arrange for repair to be carried out. Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed, Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of new quotations provided from the Grounds Maintenance Contractors for continued service for the next three-year period. Grounds Maintenance Contracts were considered. Cllr Enid Bald proposed the tender was accepted and the contract awarded. **Voted. Agreed.**

Expenses

Consideration of Renumeration for staff working at home during COVID-19 pandemic. **All agreed.**

Consideration of Renumeration for the Clerk for additional expenses incurred whilst working from home throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. **Noted.**

Consideration of the proposed amended payment schedule to the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) It was requested that the BYT submit more detail and information regarding the spending of £1,500.00 before further decisions are made regarding financial support arrangements.

Traffic
High Street Parking issues: Discussed in depth with many good ideas put forward following complaints from several parishioners. It was decided by the Council to issue a statement for display in noticeboards and on Social Media. To engage with businesses to encourage use of the Free Public Car Park in Coles Lane.

Parishioner email regarding dangerous driving in the High Street. Response Required. Council advised to contact Cambridge Constabulary regarding driving offences and parking issues although it was noted that many are inconsiderate rather than illegally parked. It was also advised to seek advice from the Highways Enforcement Officer.

Written Report on the Greater City Partnership (GCP) meet-

ing held on 28th July 2020. **Noted.**

Market Square.

Parishioner email regarding proposed location for the parking restriction sign for the Market Square. The Council agreed that the parking restriction sign be mounted on the bollards at the rear of the cobbled area.

Cathodeon Centre

Consideration of the request from Chestnut Playgroup to replace the three existing sheds to the rear of the Cathodeon Centre to one shed of a larger size. The Council have no objection to the Chestnut Playgroup's request to replace the three existing sheds with one shed of a larger size. However, it was stressed that the Playgroup take full responsibility to obtain Planning permission if it is required as the Cathodeon Centre is within the Conservation Area.

Cemetery.

Consideration of the written report from Cllr Enid Bald. **Report available on the public section.** It was noted that there are several issues requiring attention in the Cemetery and need addressing, including self-sets in the older graves and overgrown areas. Cemetery regulations were not being adhered to in some instances. It was decided that the Cemetery Ranger, Ian Blackman be asked to conduct a general tidy up as is in his work remit.

Trees, Biodiversity, River Care and Wildlife

Community Service Committee of the Cambridge Rutherford Rotary Club's request to assist in bulb planting throughout the village. Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that the bulb planting being encouraged but that some guidance on type and location be given. **Agreed.**

Tree Care in Linton. **Verbal update from LPC Tree Warden Cllr Kate Kell.** It was noted that several trees have been lost in the dry weather in the Cemetery. It was decided that a hose extension be sourced, Cllr Kell agreed to estimate length required and inform the office so that this could be purchased.

The Meadow Recreation Ground

Linton Cricket Club re request to use the old storage container previously used by the Bowls Club. Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that the Linton Cricket Club be allowed to use the old storage container on the condition that they clear it out in the presence of a Councillor or the Clerk. Seconded by Cllr John Bald. **All agreed.**

Linton News.

Three articles required for the October edition. The Clerk advised that deadlines would be emailed to all. Articles were offered by Cllr Kate Kell (Highways/Speedwatch), Clerk (Parking and High Street statement) and Cllr Enid Bald (Planning/Report Updates)

Notice of a new Editor for Linton News. **Noted.**

Correspondence items not pertaining to an agenda item. **None.**

Matters for Future Consideration None.

The main section of the meeting was closed at 10.05pm.

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