

LINTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Linton Village Society (LVS). This letter is to give you an update on current issues affecting the Village and to let you know that LVS are continuing work alongside the Parish Council, Planners, the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and many others.

Bridge Update

LVS were represented during a short item produced by **BBC Look North** on the 5th of October. A representative of Leeds City Council also took part in the programme and confirmed that work on the bridge was expected to be complete by late summer 2017. They stated that work on the complex arch support system was nearly complete and that a contract to carry out the permanent rebuilding works would be let shortly.

Contractual and adverse weather conditions are the areas of concern and, although not anticipated, could lead to an extension of the completion date. LVS and the Parish Council will keep you informed of progress over the coming months.

Spofforth Hill Development update (we value your opinion regarding the issue)

In light of the major development at Spofforth hill with around 350 homes being developed, and the current congestion within Wetherby at peak travel times, LVS members met at Leeds Civic Hall on the 29th. June with Cllr. John Procter, along with Harewood and Wetherby Ward Councillors, the Head of LCC Highways and two regional Highways Engineers, to voice the Village's concern over the potential for increased traffic in Linton. The issue raised was that in conjunction with the Bridge re opening in 2017, it could coincide with major parts of this development being completed. Our concern is, depending on the working locations of the new residents, people could opt to travel into Leeds via Linton and Collingham avoiding congestion in Wetherby.

One solution would have been a bypass around Wetherby, but I can confirm that we have just received confirmation this has been rejected by North Yorkshire Council. LVS requested strongly that some potential calming measures should be considered to distract commuters using Linton as a bypass round Wetherby. To this aim we have to obtain all the options, via the Leeds Traffic Handbook. This will shortly be uploaded onto the LVS and Parish Council Websites.

We should point out at this time the working location of new residents within this and other developments north of Wetherby are unknown, but we are trying to ensure that Leeds City council are making provisions for protecting the Village within the 20017-18 financial year.

Please take time to look at the booklet so we can obtain the best and most acceptable solution.



Daily Bus and Mini Bus (Friday and Saturday evening)

As you are all aware the free bus service is continuing between Linton, Wetherby and Collingham. However, I would like to remind everyone that due to requests from residents, within the village and Collingham, the free evening mini bus is still running every 30 minutes from 7pm on Friday and Saturday evenings for anyone wishing to travel to Collingham (Piccolino's) or residents of Collingham to the Windmill Inn, Linton.

Golf Club

LVS have been working closely with the Golf club around a number of alterations within the golf course. One item being the proposed construction of a Buggy Store within the grounds. I am pleased that the golf club have supported all our requests in relation to all aspects associated with the store being hidden from village view and the provision of existing and additional trees within the plans.

Memorial Hall

Members of the LVS committee worked alongside the village fundraising team to raise nearly £4,000 for the Memorial Hall new roof and kitchen. Over 100 local residents descended on the hall in 'Grease – the Musical' attire. With culinary delights provided by Stanley's Coffee House within Barker & Stonehouse, Knaresborough.

Neighbourhood plan and the challenge by Kebbell Developments

As you may be aware the Neighbourhood plan has been challenged by developers and we are working alongside the Linton NP drafting committee to ensure they have our full support to bring this plan to completion (*Please see article in the Linton Village Newsletter - October 2016*)

LVS are committed to retaining the charm and character of our village and will continue to oversee any development or aspect that may affect the environmental impact within our community. So if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the LVS committee.

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