



Dear All

I hope this letter finds you safe and well, during what has been a difficult time. The LVS Committee members have been working in the background on your behalf, but as you can understand some of our meetings across 2020 and 2021 have been restricted. However, we hope to resume our committee activities soon. As a result of our restricted activity the Committee has again decided to suspend this year's request for the 2021 annual subscription. We hope to resume a more normal activity in the coming months and subject to government guidelines on restrictions being removed, we plan to hold our Annual General Meeting later in the year. On behalf of LVS I would like to thank you for your continued support.

With regards to the Village, LVS are seeing increasing concerns from members relating to environmental and planning issues, with members raising concerns about the increasing impact of proposals to demolish and rebuild individual houses in the village. There is a recognition that some redevelopments can impact on the street view and it is important that any new build enhances and reinforces the setting and reflects the unity of scale with its surroundings, avoiding what might be described as an overdevelopment of the plot.

Planning applications need to be assessed carefully with regards to design and materials used, as well as height, scale and spacing, if we are to ensure that the appearance of the Conservation Area and other parts of the village are protected for everyone's enjoyment. LVS and the Parish Council continue to review rebuild or planning applications and if required LVS will inform members, via the LVS mailing list, to ensure you also have an opportunity to consider any objections or observations you might wish to make. LVS will of course, where appropriate make representation via the planning portal. Members are welcome to contact us via the website or individually if they wish to discuss any planning issues. I can also confirm that LVS and the PC are still in consultation with Kebbell regarding their detailed plans for the Ridge site development. Kebbell have confirmed that drawings for initial comment by LVS will be available soon.

On a positive note, the Parish Council have continued to work closely with LVS on behalf of the Village, and we are particularly looking forward to seeing the results of their recent village survey, identifying areas/issues where we can offer support.

We are hopeful that the survey will emphasise one of the major ongoing concerns of residents, i.e. the lack of a continuous footpath from the Memorial Hall along Linton Lane linking the village with Wetherby. This has been an increasing problem during the last year with many more residents and other walkers using this route during the Covid restrictions. The verges have in places been quite eroded and walking on the actual road presents a safety hazard. You may recall that this was a major issue raised during the preparation of the Linton Neighbourhood Plan and the village voted it as the No1 project in the High Priority list.

Please do not hesitate to visit our web site at www.lintonvillage.org and click on the village society name in the green bar, should you wish any further information. We are also incorporated within the Parish Council web site via the Useful Links tab. As always, you are welcome to contact any member of the LVS committee directly if this is your preferred method of contact.

Ashley Guise,

LVS Chairman

(see included the 2020 accounts & for new members an application form)