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Dear Resident

It is just six months since our last AGM, and I thought it was a good time to send you an update of the various on-going village issues and other LVS activity since last Autumn.

Kebbell Update

Over the last few months, Kebbell have been working closely with Leeds City Council officers to progress the many conditions included in the outline planning approval. The archaeological and contamination surveys have been completed, and Kebbell have indicated their intention to tweak the layout in an attempt to resolve some of the issues raised by residents. According to Mike Mulligan of Kebbell, the construction route at the moment is going to rely heavily on the access off Linton Lane and therefore the access route needs to be defined and secured to ensure minimal impact on the existing hedgerows etc. This is purely for the civil engineering phase and only when the road is complete ready for base course will access be via Tib Garth. There will be no housing built until the civil works are all complete.

The Barn, Linton Lane

You will recall that we wrote to you in March regarding another appeal submitted by the Barn on Linton Common, as their planning application for change of use from agriculture to a dwelling had been turned down. We received 13 responses giving detailed evidence to support the statement that the site has not been subject to any such agricultural activity over the years, and these have been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the LVS. We await the outcome of the appeal.

Drainage Project

We would like to thank all our members for sending in their water and drainage issues as requested. All this information has now been collated and sent to Yorkshire Water with a formal request for a face-to-face meeting. We are still waiting for a reply and a meeting date and as soon as this has been obtained LVS will ensure you are updated on the outcome of these discussions.

Linton Lane Footpath Project

Since the beginning of last year, Geoff Wilkinson has been working closely with our ward councillors, LCC and PC on this priority project. Due to the complexities of the construction of the footpath, it has been decided to divide this into two parts:

Project 1 – Harland Way to end of Linton Lane

Project 2 – The village centre to Harland Way.

And excellent news! - we are delighted to report that Geoff has now been successful in securing funding for Project 1, which will cost in the region of £35,000. Our ward councillors are contributing £20,000 (which is the major part of the funding), and the PC have also allocated £15,000 from their 2022/23 budget. LCC have indicated that construction work is scheduled to start this month.

Project 2, however, will require more substantial funding, but once construction on Project 1 footpath is completed, Geoff has kindly agreed to head up the delivery of second part of this plan.

Julie Brown

We are very fortunate that Julie Brown, who has been on the LVS committee for several years, has now agreed to represent us on the Collingham with Linton Parish Council, alongside Angela Martin (chair) and Marianne Moses, which will ensure close co-operation between LVS and PC.

20mph Village Speed Limit

Julie reports that the long awaited 20mph speed limit zone for the village has to go out for consultation again, but this is imminent. Apparently as it has taken so long to implement this (which is extremely frustrating) there is a legal requirement to re-advertise. This would be linked to the gateways project, so hopefully we will see this being progressed later this year.



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Platinum Jubilee Donation

Amazingly, the Linton Platinum Jubilee Party is now only a few weeks away. In March, LVS agreed to purchase two large 6m x 3m gazebos at a total cost of £434 as a major contribution to this special event, which means come rain or shine, the weather is not going to affect our village celebrations. There has been a great deal of interest in this event.

New Benches for the Village

The PC are in the process of providing more benches in the village which were requested in the recent PC survey.

Bob's Book Donation

In January LVS made a donation of £500 to support the initial publishing of the book "The Story of an English Pub - The Windmill Inn", written by Robert Soper. The initial publication batch produced a profit of £745.00 which has now been handed over to Martin House. Sales of the book (at £6 per copy) continue through the Windmill with future profits also going to Martin House.

Annual Subscription

At the AGM it was agreed that all LVS annual membership fees would be suspended until the LVS bank account fell below the agreed level in the constitution of £12,000. As currently we have over £20,000, available, no subscription will be required during 2022, and we will review the situation again at the end of this year.

Annual General Meeting

Historically, the AGM has always been held in the spring, but due to Covid, the last AGM was held in October 2021, and the committee have decided that the next AGM will therefore be held in the same month. Details of the date will follow nearer the time.

Hope you are enjoying our first spring for two years without the lockdown restrictions. Its so easy to forget how difficult it was for us all and our families. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Look forward to seeing you at the Village Jubilee party on Sunday 5th – it will be a great way to celebrate post Covid as well.

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