

**LITTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Gregory in the Chair  
Cllrs Howe, Rennie & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

**2940 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Brunt who was unable to attend due to family reasons Councillor Saxby who was unable to attend due to holiday and also from Councillor Gamble.

**2941 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

As neither the Chair or Vice Chair were present at the meeting, Councillor Rooke nominated and Councillor Rennie seconded Councillor Gregory to Chair the meeting.

There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED**: That Councillor Gregory be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the October Monthly Meeting.

**2942 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**2943 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

PCSO Anthony Boswell attended the meeting to give an update.

He stated that between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October there were no crimes reported in the Parish. He did however stress that although no crimes had been reported in the parish, residents should not become complacent as there had been incidents in the local area. Most reports of suspicious behaviour were happening between 9.30pm and 10.30pm and PCSO Boswell asked Councillors to remind residents to make sure that outbuildings etc are adequately secured and items of value in sheds etc are also separately secured.

PCSO Boswell also emphasised the importance of reporting any suspicious activity captured on CCTV, even if the faces of the people on it are obscured there are other important details that can be obtained from this footage. For example, how the people are breaking into property, how many people are involved, the timeframe, whether a car was involved and if anyone appears to be the ringleader.

A recent survey conducted through Derbyshire Alerts asking residents what priorities they would like the police to concentrate on, strongly showed that they wanted the police to remain focused on speeding and parking. PCSO Boswell stated that a speed check on cars entering and leaving Litton along Mires Lane had recently been undertaken and that no cars were recorded as speeding.

**2944 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There were no agenda items that required the exclusion of members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

**2945 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AND AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and the amended monthly minutes held on 5<sup>th</sup> July as being a true and correct record.

**2946 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES**

**-2923 PARKING IN CRESSBROOK**

Councillor Rooke reported his findings from enquiries of Eyam Parish Council regarding how they manage their car park.

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That there is no easy solution to the parking problems in Cressbrook and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

**-2924 DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNERS OF LAND ADJOINING CRESSBROOK VILLAGE GREEN AND THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the agreement be approved and sent to the other party, subject to the minor amendments discussed.

**2947 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

NP/DDD/1024/1050 - Former Hosiery, Hall Lane, Litton  
Development Description - S.73 application for the variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/1221/1346

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Council has no objection to this application.

NP/DDD/0924/1025 – 14 Rock Cottages, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook  
Development Description - Alterations and extension

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Council has no objection to this application.

**2948 FINANCE**

**Accounts for payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,810.39 for approval.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the schedule of payments be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid.

It was also noted that income of £2,797 had been received from DDDC in respect of reimbursement towards the upkeep of the cemetery and memorial playing field, together with a VAT reclaim of £1,160.

The current account balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 was £4,595.15 and the reserve account balance was £10,669.41.

**2949 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT**

Councillor Rooke circulated the monthly playground report.

It was noted that the top of the carousel has deteriorated further and it was therefore **AGREED** that this should be taped off pending repairs, to prevent it being used.

Councillor Howe stated that he had spoken with PDNPA about grants for the repairs to the wall at the Memorial Playing Field. It was suggested that the owner of Hollandtwine would be able to apply for a grant from the Rural Payments Agency which would cover the majority of the costs. **IT WAS AGREED:** That Councillor Gregory will approach the landowner about

applying for a grant from the Rural Payments Agency for the repairs to the wall. If successful **IT WAS FURTHER AGREED:** that subject to the cost the Parish Council would fund the costs not covered by the grant.

### **2950 CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk stated that Litton Mill and Litton had agreed to contribute towards the Christmas trees this year. It was noted that a response from Cressbrook had not yet been received.

**IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED:** to order the same size trees as last year.

### **2951 BUDGET PLANNING**

The Clerk informed members that she would be starting the budget process within the next month.

**IT WAS AGREED:** to include the following costs in addition to the usual recurrent expenditure:

Memorial Playing Field wall £500

Tree maintenance £400

Playground maintenance £400

### **2952 CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding large pot holes on Bottomhill Road between Cressbrook Mill and Top Lodge which a number of residents have reported to DCC.

**IT WAS REOLVED:** That Councillor Howe will take a photo of the pot holes and the Clerk will also report them to DCC and ask County Councillor Sutton whether he would be able to chase Highways on the parish's behalf.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.