

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 17th July 2023 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson in the Chair
Cllrs C Brunt, C Gamble, I Rennie, N Gregory, G Rooke & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor N Buttle

2736 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2737 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2738 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2739 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.

2740 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JUNE 2023

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 19th June as being a true and correct record.

2741 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2635 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory informed members that the handy person had given a quote of £195 to make safe the 2 trees that had been highlighted as being dangerous in the cemetery.

IT WAS AGREED: To accept the quote of £195 to make safe the 2 trees.

Councillor Gregory also informed members that he had been approached regarding the low hanging branches of the Lime tree on the corner of Hall Lane.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Gregory will remove the low hanging branches.

-2650 BICYCLE PARKING AND 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN

Councillors discussed alternative locations for the installation of a bike rack.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That, if the bike rack is still available, it could be installed on the tarmac in front of the playground.

It was noted that County Councillor Sutton had offered his support to the Parish Council's 20s Plenty Campaign.

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That in the interim the Parish Council will request that the 30mph signs in Litton and Cressbrook are extended further out from the villages.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Brunt will draft a letter to Highways for circulation and approval via email.

District Councillor Buttle informed members that a few local villages had installed the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) and that they were proving to be effective. District Councillor Buttle stated that he would find out the costs involved from those villages.

-2731 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND REPORT

Councillor Rooke informed members that he had met with Councillor Gamble and her husband at the playground to discuss the problems with the swings and roundabout highlighted in the Annual Inspection report.

They are currently looking at different rubberised paints to cover the exposed metal on top of the swing cradles.

It was noted that the roundabout can be fixed by bolting the underside carousel platform to the top, and Councillor Gamble's husband is currently sourcing some child friendly bolts.

Councillor Rooke reported that the wooden bench in the playground needs rubbing down and recoating with a preservative. **IT WAS AGREED:** That the Clerk will check whether this is included in the Handyperson's tasks.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will ask John Hattersley (volunteer playground inspector) if he is willing to attend the September meeting to give feedback on the recent Playground Safety Inspection Course he attended.

Councillor Rooke gave an update on the wildflower meadow at the back of the playground. He stated that he had counted at least 10 types of wild flowers and grasses as well as 2 species of butterfly.

2734 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MINOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2023-24

Councillor Gregory stated that he will price up the cost of materials to fix the problem with flooding, during the winter months, around the stile which leads towards Tansley Dale from Cressbrook Dale.

Councillor Gamble will try and obtain a key for the gate into the field off the A623 just before Wardlow Mires as this is the easiest access point to get the materials to the site.

2742 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

2743 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £2,369.39 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 the current account balance as at 17th July 2023 was £10,871.47 and the reserve account balance was £10,439.01.

(ii) Comparison between actual income and expenditure and budgeted – Quarter 1

A comparison between the first quarter's income and expenditure to budget was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That there were no queries on the comparison.

2744 ADOPTION OF MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

A draft Model Publication Scheme was circulated to members.

Following minor amendments **IT WAS RESOLVED:** To adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

2745 TABLES RENT – RED LION

The Clerk informed members that the Red Lion had requested that they pay their tables rent monthly, as the pub is currently up for sale.

IT WAS AGREED: That the pub can pay its tables rent on a monthly basis.

2746 ROAD SIGN

Councillor Gregory stated that the Litton Sign on the way into the village from the A623 has disappeared and also the chevron sign to indicate the bend near the bin on Hall Lane is missing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will report the missing signs via Derbyshire County Council's website.

2747 MANCHESTER AND EAST MIDLANDS RAIL ACTION PARTNERSHIP (MEMRAP) PRESENTATION FEEDBACK

Councillors Brunt and Gregory reported to members their feedback on the MEMRAP presentation which they attended in Bakewell.

It was noted that for the proposal to go ahead, an alternative walking/cycling trail would need to be identified and to make the project economically viable a percentage of the traffic would need to be freight services - currently, from the presentation slides there is insufficient evidence to show that this would help the proposed benefits achieved by people being able to access the Peak District without polluting it with their cars. The conclusion Councillors came to was that the proposal is unlikely to proceed.

2748 ON STREET CHARGING WEBINAR FEEDBACK

Councillors Brunt and Gamble gave their feedback on the On Street Charging Webinar that they attended.

IT WAS AGREED: That the implementation of on street car charging in the villages is not viable at the moment due to the logistics of installing bollards, as there are so few lampposts in suitable locations for each village.

It was noted that should such a scheme proceed it would be Derbyshire County Council which would need to implement it.

2749 PROCEDURES DURING AUGUST RECESS

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillors will provide the Clerk with their availability during August and the beginning of September.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That any urgent matters that cannot wait until the September meeting, such as planning, and if not contentious, can be agreed by a majority via email.

2750 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors since the last monthly meeting.

- Invitation to – PDNP’s Parishes Day 2023 -7th Oct – **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that Councillors Gamble and Gregory will attend the PDNP’s Parishes Day and that Councillor Brunt will go if an additional place can be secured.
- Temporary closure of public footpath No.7 Litton Slack – 30th September 12.01am – 11.59pm, to facilitate Motorcycle Trial Event – noted.
- Close Bottomhill Road Cressbrook for Access to BT box 9th Aug only between 09:30 to 15:30 - noted
- Bridges in Water-Cum-Jolly - It was noted that the bridge recently closed has now been re-opened.
- Closure of Long Lane Wardlow for Vegetation Clearance 15th Aug to 16th Aug between 09:00 and 15:00 each day - noted

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm.