

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 25th February 2019 at 7pm at Cressbrook Club

PRESENT: Cllr K Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, G Rooke & C Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2044 RESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Gregory informed the meeting that due to work commitments he was resigning as Chair with immediate effect.

Therefore, the first item of business transacted was the election of a Chair. Councillor Gregory proposed and Councillor Rooke seconded that Councillor K Oscroft be elected as Chair.

There being no further nominations it was therefore

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Oscroft be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Oscroft took the Chair.

2045 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

As the office of Vice Chair was vacated by Councillor K Oscroft becoming Chair the second item of business transacted was the election of Vice Chair. Councillor Rooke proposed and Councillor Robinson seconded that Councillor N Gregory be elected as Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations it was therefore

RESOLVED: That Councillor N Gregory be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

2046 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rachel Rennie - holiday

2047 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2048 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

James Warriner wished to speak about goal posts for the Memorial Playing Field. James has examined the FIFA regulations for under 10 year olds pitches and Elliott

and Wragg have agreed to fabricate goal post made from 3 inch tubular posts measuring 6 foot high and 12 foot across at cost (£325 +VAT).

The posts will fit into a tubular frame in the ground so they can be removed if the field is to be used for other activities.

One of the parents at the school has offered to pay for the nets and a group of parents are also prepared to position the goal posts in the field.

Friends of Litton have indicated that they would be willing to give a donation towards the cost of the goal posts via the School.

James also mentioned that there is a group of residents prepared to repair the stocks, but that a small amount of money was necessary for wood and fixings.

Lastly James wanted the Council to be aware that the grass heaps at the Cemetery are not rotting down sufficiently and that they need to be distributed under the trees around the edged before the growing season starts.

At this point Mr Warriner left the meeting.

2049 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th December 2018
RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes as being a true and correct record.

2050 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Playground and land transfer

A copy of the title registration in relation to the completed transfer of land at the playground from DDDC to Litton Parish Council was circulated to members.

Sunnybank Land Swap

It was noted that the boundaries of Village Green in areas around and including the playground still need clarifying.

-1962 Phase 3 Tree Maintenance

Councillor Gregory stated that he had had a look at whether re-planting on the village greens in Litton was appropriate. He felt that the tree outside Rose Cottage should not be replaced with a sapling as it was likely to cause another problem in 10 years.

RESOLVED: To review the planting of saplings if any more residents come forward with suggestions of this kind.

-1981 HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6

It was noted that despite a chase letter being sent to DCC, the Council has yet to hear from the Highways Agency regarding the monitoring that it was going to undertake.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the March meeting.

-1989 Repairs to the stocks on the village green in front of the Red Lion.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will contact James Warriner and offer £100 from the Council towards the costs of replacing the stocks.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Discussions took place around the proposals outlined by James Warriner regarding football posts and the redevelopment of the playing field and the feasibility of moving some of the equipment from the playground to the playing field and whether this would conflict with the newly created football pitch.

RESOLVED: That as the goal posts will be situated on Council land its preferred option would be to split the costs 50/50 between the Council and Friends of Litton for the cost of the goal posts.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That as there are no longer cattle in the fields next to the Memorial Playing Field Councillor Gregory will remove the barbed wire from the tops of the walls.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That the possibility of moving the playground equipment will be looked at again once the goal posts have been erected and further consultation has been undertaken with residents.

-2006 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Councillor Gregory stated that he has taken out the roses in the garden of remembrance and that they had been difficult to get out of the ground due to the size of the roots. He therefore recommended that nothing be planted in the beds this year, as there may be suckers etc that come up that need to be removed.

RESOLVED: To delay replanting the beds at the Garden of Remembrance until Spring 2020.

-2022 Speeding in Litton

Councillor Robinson reported that following a post on Facebook requesting volunteers to come forward to train on the use of the speed gun, only 1 resident had come forward and there had to be a minimum of 3 volunteers for the training to take place.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Robinson will put a notice on the Litton Noticeboard outside the shop seeking volunteers.

-2035 ADOPTED FLOWER TUBS IN LITTON

It was noted that McAndrews Utilities Ltd had reimbursed the Council for the damage to the flower tub in Litton.

RESOLVED: To order a replacement tub and have it delivered to Litton Shop. Councillor Gregory reported that he had not yet had a chance to establish which flower tubs in Litton had been adopted by residents.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the March agenda.

2051 REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUND WALL

Three quotes for the repairs to the playground walls were circulated to members.

Following discussions

IT WAS RESOLVED: To instruct Foolow Building Services Ltd to undertake the work at a cost of £850.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will contact Mr Marsden of Foolow Building Services Ltd to request that the work be undertaken before the end of March 2019 so that the Council can benefit from a PDNPA Communities Small Grant towards the costs.

2052 MAY ELECTIONS

An explanation of Purdah was circulated to the meeting together with a timetable for the May 2019 Elections.

RESOLVED: To put this item on the March Agenda.

2053 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1619 to 1622 together in the sum of £1,854.87 had been drawn. As well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £107.25.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid as well as the debit card transaction.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To move £2,000 from the current account into the reserves as the alterations at the playground have been delayed.

2054 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/0119/0058 – Field Study Centre Curzon Terraces, Litton Mill
Section 73 Variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0813/0729

RESOLVED: To support the application.

NP/DDD/0119/0080 - 1 Dale View Terrace, Old School House, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook
Proposed single storey Orangery to side elevation

RESOLVED: To support the application.

NP/DDD/0119/0034 - 20 Lower Wood Cressbrook
Replace wooden conservatory with a PVC conservatory

RESOLVED: to support the planning application.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.