

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 19th June 2023 at 7pm in Cressbrook Club

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

2723 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2724 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2725 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2726 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.

2727 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2023

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 15TH May as being a true and correct record.

2728 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2635 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory informed members that he had looked at the Wych Elm tree on the war memorial land and feels that there is no imminent danger of it shedding branches.

Councillor Gregory also informed members that he had passed photographs of the cemetery trees that need pruning to the handyperson and was waiting for feedback.

-2638 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION/FUNDRAISER

It was noted that the Defibrillator training event run by Tideswell & Hope Valley Community First Responders was well attended and a great success. Two hundred and fifty pounds was raised to help support the First Responders work, comprising £150 raised by the Red Lion and £100 from a raffle organised by the Parish Council.

-2650 BICYCLE PARKING AND 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN

It was noted that installing the bike rack behind the bus shelter would impact on the school's activities and the village would lose 2 car parking spaces. **IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED:** Not to pursue the installation of the bike rack offered by T&DEG, but to look

into smaller alternatives that would be less intrusive.

Councillor Brunt circulated a draft letter showing the Parish Council's support for the 20's Plenty Campaign and offering the 3 villages within the parish as pilots for a rural roll out of the 20mph trial.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk should send the letter to the relevant County Council Representatives.

-2721 CORONATION TREE

The Clerk informed members that the Coronation tree has been ordered and would be ready for delivery at the end of August.

-2728 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number - NP/DDD/0623/0595 - Holly Cottage, The Green, Litton,
Listed Building consent - Rear extension, change of flat roof to pitched roof and new rear windows and vents

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application as the extension is not visible from the road and a pitched roof will enhance the look of the property.

2729 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £758.46 for approval.

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

It was noted that cemetery income during the month amounted to £1,975.00.

It was also noted that the current account balance as at 19th June 2023 was £11,732.53 and the reserve account balance was £10,439.01.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 2 with supporting bank reconciliations and explanations of variances were circulated to members and the following was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Declaration of exemption from the requirement for a limited assurance review is approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer.
- (ii) That the internal auditor's report on the 2022/23 Annual Return is noted.
- (iii) That the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 Part 2, Section 1 of the Return is approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- (iv) That the Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Return are approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chair.

It was also noted that the dates for publication of unaudited AGAR will commence on 21st June 2023 and end on 3rd August 2023.

2730 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FEEDBACK

The notes from the Annual Parish Meeting were circulated to members. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the notes accurately record the meeting.

2731 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND REPORT

The annual ROSPA Playground Inspection Report was circulated to members.

Councillor Rooke, went through the main points of the report with Councillors.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Gamble's husband will meet with Councillor Rooke at the Playground to look at the safety concerns, highlighted in the report, with the toddler swing and roundabout.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will obtain a quote for the cost of repairs to the roundabout and swing, as well as the cost of replacing the swing.

2732 CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Revised regulations regarding the process of reserving a plot at Litton Cemetery were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the new regulations are approved subject to the minor amendment to the website wording.

2733 VILLAGE GREENS

It was noted that further breaches to the Village Green Regulations had been reported to the Parish Council.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Parish Council has now dealt with the breaches and considers the matter closed.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That an area of wilding will be established on the Village Green between Clergy Cottage and Highfield Cottage in Litton.

2734 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MINOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2023-24

It was noted that the ground surrounding the stile which leads towards Tansley Dale from Cressbrook Dale gets flooded during the winter months. This results in walkers pulling stones off the surrounding drystone walls to make stepping stones to get passed the flooding.

IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will take part in the Minor Maintenance Agreement for 2023-24 and use the funds to construct a ramp/bridge to go over the flooding.

2735 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster's latest newsletter
- Response from DCC to the Parish Council's Motion to support 20mph Speed Limits in Derbyshire
- Event Notification: Peak District Challenge 2023 - Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2023
- DALC – June Newsletter
- Emails from residents regarding Minute 2720. – see Minute 2733
- Email regarding Local Projects Fund applications – **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the

Parish Council could request funding for the planned bird box and wilding projects.

- Email PDNPA – Update on Planning Services
- Email from a resident of Litton Mill regarding parking on the single-track clearway which is the only access to and from Litton Mill. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that although this is a Highways issue the Parish Council will support any proposals put forward by the residents of Litton Mill.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.