

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 18th March 2024 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2838 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Gamble & Rennie who were unable to attend due to illness and Councillors Brunt and Rooke who were on holiday.

Apologies for absence were also received from District Councillor N Buttle.

2839 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2840 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

2841 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.

2842 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 12th February as being a true and correct record.

2843 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2787 PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE

It was noted that the new Playground sign has been installed.

-2823 HANDYPERSON CONTRACT

A revised handyman task list was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To offer the revised handyman contract on a rolling one-year contract to James Warriner Handyman and Garden Services, starting 1st April 2024.

-2829 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

A quote from P Riley Groundcare for the revised 3-year mowing and strimming contract for the green spaces in the parish was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To award the 3-year mowing and strimming contract for the Parish Council's green spaces to P Riley Groundcare starting 1st April 2024.

-2833 QUIET LANE SIGNS

The Clerk informed members that she had written to Hathersage Parish Council requesting

information about the Quiet Lane signs that they have in their parish.

The Clerk also stated that she had contacted Derbyshire County Council about the process and costs involved and that they had referred her to Derbyshire Dales District Council. District Councillor Buttle is currently trying to establish which Council is responsible for approving and installing Quiet Lane signs.

2844 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1123/1373 - 20 Lower Wood, Cressbrook

Proposed replacement of existing timber frame (single glazed) Conservatory to upvc frame (double glazed)

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to the above planning application.

NP/DDD/1122/1434 – Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

PI Appeal Reference - APP/M9496/W/ 23/3329001

Erection of a ground mounted solar panel array at Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish council has no further comment on this application.

2845 FINANCE

Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,119.15 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 18th March 2024 was £5,293.12 and the reserve account balance was £10,669.41.

2846 INSURANCE PRE-RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE & FIXED ASSET REGISTER REVIEW

An insurance pre-renewal questionnaire and fixed asset register were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the fixed assets register accurately portrays the Parish Council's assets.

IT WAS AGREED: To add Cressbrook War Memorial to the insurance schedule and that all other asset values on the insurance schedule are appropriate for the Parish Council's fixed assets.

2847 CRESSBROOK WAR MEMORIAL AND LAND - ECOLOGY SURVEY

The Clerk informed members that she had received 3 quotes for the preparation of the Ecology Survey of Cressbrook War Memorial Land.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To defer to Councillor Brunt as to which quote to accept.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk will apply to PDNPA's Communities Small Grants Scheme for funding towards the cost of the survey.

2848 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The monthly playground report was circulated to members and noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the handyperson to clean the playground equipment towards the end of April in preparation for the annual ROSPA inspection.

2849 CHRISTMAS TREES

The Chair stated that she had engaged with a number of residents and groups within the parish and that the consensus was that a permanent Christmas tree would impede various events held on the village greens during the year, especially when the trees reached their full height.

IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED: That it is not practical to have permanent living Christmas Trees and the Parish Council will therefore continue with the current method of procuring trees for the festive period each year.

2850 TREES

Councillor Gregory circulated a quote from a tree surgeon for £2,400 +VAT, in respect of the work required on the 4 leaning trees at the Cemetery. He stated that the price was high because it included £1,300 for the hire of a special access crane which was necessary because the position of the trees was such, that climbing them to undertake the works would be too dangerous.

Councillor Gregory stated that work on one of the trees that was leaning away from the cemetery could potentially be delayed and this would then allow the tree that is destabilising the wall by the pedestrian gate, which was highlighted at the February meeting, to be reduced instead.

Councillor Gergory stated that the Ginkgo tree that he had grown from seed is now ready to be planted and he suggested a good location could be behind the bench on Village Green near The Hillock.

IT WAS AGREED: That the tree should be planted behind the bench on the Village Green near The Hillock.

2851 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING PLANNING

IT WAS AGREED: To follow the same format as last year and invite local groups to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and introduce their group.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the Clerk will produce slides for the meeting and circulate via email for approval at April's monthly meeting.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That the Clerk will produce a poster advertising the Annual Parish Meeting for posting on social media and Noticeboards.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: To provide refreshments at the beginning of the meeting.

2852 CORRESPONDENCE

An email from a home owner in Litton regarding dog fouling on the private land at their property.

IT WAS AGREED: That as this is private land the Parish Council has no jurisdiction and it can only suggest that the owners get CCTV or similar to try and deter repeat offending.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm.