

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 18th March 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2055 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

The Chair informed the meeting that due to increased work commitments Councillor Rennie had tendered her resignation as Councillor. She has however, agreed to remain as Snow Warden until the summer.

The Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Rennie for her contribution during her time with the Council, especially in respect of her excellent work creating the new website.

2056 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2057 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Oscroft declared an interest in the Road Closure application relating to 2019 Wakes, as he is a member of the Wakes Committee.

2058 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended at the meeting who wanted to speak about item 6 on the agenda.

Mr J Burrows addressed the meeting regarding the impact that the playground is continuing to have on neighbouring properties and in particular his.

Councillor Rooke asked Mr Burrows what his best-case scenario would be.

Mr Burrows stated that he sees the play equipment for the older children as the main problem and would therefore leave the younger childrens play area but remove the play equipment for the older children which is more intrusive, ie pod swing, climbing frame, netball hoop and slide.

2059 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th February 2019

RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes as being a true and correct record.

2060 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

RESOLVED: To chase solicitors for clarity on which sections of the playground are Registered Village Green.

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

It was noted that the Council has yet to hear from the Highways Agency regarding the monitoring it was going to undertake.

RESOLVED: To chase DCC again for a timescale for when the monitoring will be completed.

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

RESOLVED: To defer this item to April Agenda.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Gregory informed members that James Warriner has ordered the goal posts for the Memorial Playing Field.

Councillor Oscroft stated that the Council has received a £200 cheque from Friends of Litton Village towards the cost of the goal posts.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Robinson will post an update on the Parish Council's Facebook page, to include a thank you to James Warriner for his work organising the fabrication and installation of the goal posts and Friends of Litton Village for their donation.

-2022 Speeding in Litton

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Editor of the Village Voice had agreed to put the Council's request for volunteers to be trained on the use of speed cameras in the next issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To appeal for volunteers at the Annual Parish Meeting.

-2035 ADOPTED FLOWER TUBS IN LITTON

Councillor Gregory informed members that there are currently 2 flower tubs in Litton which are unadopted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To make an appeal at the Annual Parish Meeting for residents to come forward to adopt the last 2 flower tubs in Litton.

-2051 REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUND WALL

It was noted that Mr Marsden of Foolow Building Services Ltd was unable to rebuild the wall at the playground until May.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council would still like Mr Marsden to under take the work and that Councillor Rooke will contact him to get a start date for the work.

-2052 MAY ELECTIONS

Councillors briefly went through the application process to gain clarity on any sections that were not clear.

2061 PLAYGROUND NUISANCE COMPLAINT

The Chair stated that he and Councillors Gregory and Robinson had attended a meeting with Mr Burrows on 12th March and viewed the playground from his property.

Following further discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will check with those involved in the original project whether the Lottery imposed a minimum time restriction for when the equipment can be removed or moved.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To gauge opinion from residents at the Annual Parish Meeting as to possible solutions to mitigate the noise disturbance to neighbouring properties at the playground.

2062 HANDY PERSON'S QUARTERLY REPORT

The handy person's report for the 3 months ending 31st March 2019 was circulated to members.

It was noted that the water butt plinth at the Cemetery, which was identified as requiring fixing has now been fabricated and installed with an offset added to the down pipe from the gutter to improve flow into the container. However, the handy person feels that the other water butt would also benefit from a new plinth too.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the handy person will be instructed to complete the repairs to the plinth of the water butt at an estimated cost of £80.

The handy person also offered her services to prepare an application for an Action Grant from Derbyshire County Council for the new planting at Litton Mill and the Garden of Remembrance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the handy person's offer to prepare the applications for approval by Councillors Gregory and Rooke prior to submission.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the handy person's contract will be rolled over to 2019/20 and that she should be invited to the Council's April meeting to discuss the Council's requirements for 2019/20 and other aspects raised by the handy person.

2063 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED: To defer the Annual Parish meeting to Monday 20th May 6pm to 7pm.

2064 DALC SUBSCRIPTION LEVEL

IT WAS AGREED: That as the Council has a number of Councillor vacancies and any new Councillors will require training, the Council will once again pay the DALC subscription that includes Group 1 training for 2019/20.

2065 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1623 to 1624 in the sum of £1,051.18 had been drawn. As well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £216.60.

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 appoint Joanne Taylor to undertake the Internal Audit of the Council's 2018/19 Accounts.

2066 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications were received during the month preceding the Council's April meeting.

2067 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the PDNPA setting out the arrangements for making the appointments of Parish Members to the National Park Authority – 2019, following the Parish Council Elections in May was circulated to members.

An email from DDDC detailing an application it has received for a Temporary Road Closure Order to be made for Litton Wakes Night from 5.00pm to 11.00pm on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That in the interest of participants safety the Council would support the application.

A letter detailing further information regarding the desire to plant fruit trees near the carpark in Cressbrook, from Cressbrook Village Community Group (CVCG), was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That in light of the further information received the Council will support the planting of fruit trees on the understanding that should the trees grow too large and/or overhang the road they will need to be removed at the CVCG's expense.

A request was also received from CVCG that the Parish Council register the war memorial in Cressbrook as a Community Asset.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will look into registering the war memorial in Cressbrook as a Community Asset.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.