

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 15th December 2025 at 7.15pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs Brunt, Gregory, Howe, Rennie & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

3107 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

3108 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of Tideswell Community Land Trust present at the meeting. They requested that the Council ratify a resolution that they had prepared for insertion in the minutes.

It was agreed to amend the November minutes to reflect the resolution.

3109 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.

3110 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2025

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 17th November, as amended (see above) as being a true and correct record.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook & 3083 Tree maintenance at the War Memorial Land Cressbrook** – Councillor Gregory stated that Chatsworth Forestry had met with Councillor Brunt regarding the tree work required at the War Memorial. They had identified that slightly less tree work was required than the quote obtained in November, and also said that the work could be carried out without the need to close the road. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Chatsworth Forestry at £750 +VAT as it represented a significant financial saving.
IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the Clerk will attend the presentation by Better Derbyshire Dales Fund, to determine the sort of projects they support.
- **3087 Installation of a pond at the cemetery** – Councillor Gregory stated that he had not had a chance to explore this idea further but would send round some options, for consideration at the February meeting.

3111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An email from Wormhill & Green Fairfield Parish Council was circulated to member regarding planning applications NP/HPK/1125/1163 & 64 & 66: Millers Dale station. Change of use from interpretation space to interpretation space and National Park Centre (incorporating cycle hire) and extension of the existing car park to the west along the line of the Monsal Trail.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council cannot support this application as it will threaten the viability of an already established family run cycle hire business at Blackwell Mill.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports Wormhill & Green Fairfield Parish Council's request that a Public Meeting be held.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: To enquire how this application aligns with the PDNPA's environment policies on development along the trail.

3112 FINANCE

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,985.83 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 15th December 2025.

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

It was noted that income of £3,103.38 was received during the month, which included a £2,797 maintenance grant from DDDC and £250 towards the tree removal at Cressbrook War Memorial from District Councillor Buttles Local Projects Fund.

The current account balance as at 15th December 2025 was £9,432.96 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

3113 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

A copy of the playground report was circulated to members. Councillor Rooke stated that there was nothing of note in the report and that the condition of the walls is still being monitored.

Councillor Rooke also said that he had received a quote for the replacement of the lower section of the slide from Proludic Ltd and the cost would be £5,844.86.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke should also obtain a quote for a new slide.

3114 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke stated that 9 applications for funding had been received this year. The fund had not performed as well as in previous years and so the allocation was slightly lower at £120 per couple and £80 per individual.

3115 TO CONSIDER DATES FOR 2026 MEETINGS

A list of potential meeting dates was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish Community Meeting will this year be held on Tuesday 21st April between 6.30pm and 7pm and immediately followed by the April monthly Council Meeting.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the December meeting will be held on the second Monday.

3116 TO CONSIDER THE APPROACH FOR DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS DURING JANUARY

IT WAS AGREED: That the Clerk will set up a Councillors WhatsApp group, so that if anything is received that requires urgent attention during January, Councillors can be notified via WhatsApp and directed to look at their emails.

3117 CORRESPONDENCE

- Slides from the December Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum on the Local Government Reorganisation were received. DCC has proposed uniting Derbyshire as a single unitary council for the whole area.

- Have your day – Current Priorities under review. At the end of December, the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be setting their priorities for the upcoming months between January and March. These are focused on residents' concerns with the community. If you have concerns, for example about speeding, ASB, drug dealing or anything else, this is the time to voice your concerns [here](#).
- Confirmation that under the Public Spaces Protection Order dogs are excluded from Litton Playground and Litton Memorial Playing Fields. The order is valid until 20th November 2028.
- Bin Collections over the Christmas period will not be affected by the bank holidays and so residents should continue to put their bins out for collection on a Wednesday.

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

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