

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th December 2024 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2965 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Gamble & Brunt who were unable to attend for personal reasons & Councillor Gregory who was on holiday.

2966 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2967 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present at the meeting.

Two wished to speak about the planning application relating to Swallow Croft Barn (formerly known as the Hosiery).

The previously granted planning permission stated that the lean-to had to be removed as it was a modern addition. The owners of the property have however come across a photo on Historic England's website showing that the lean-to has been in place since at least 1947 and therefore not as modern as originally thought. The owners have therefore submitted an application for the removal or variation of the condition that they must remove the lean-to as this will allow them to create an extra room, which is important to them as they intend to stay in the house indefinitely.

A governor from Litton School spoke about placing signage on the bus shelter, see minute 2971 below.

2968 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.

2969 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 18th November as being a true and correct record.

2970 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2952 Update on the potholes on Bottomhill Road and Litton Mill – The Clerk informed members that she had asked County Councillor Sutton for an update on when the numerous potholes in Cressbrook will be filled but had not yet received a response.

Councillors asked the Clerk to find out why the section of Church Lane (in front of the Red Lion) and the road in front of the village hall has been resurfaced before the potholes in Cressbrook have been filled, as these present a far greater danger to road users.

Councillor Howe stated that there are more potholes that need reporting on Bottomhill Road

and he will obtain photos so that the Clerk can report them to DCC.

2971 TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM LITTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Litton Primary School have requested that they be permitted to place a metal sign on the bus shelter to highlight awareness of the school.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That if the school provides an example of how the sign will look and its dimensions it will be considered at the next full council meeting.

2972 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1224/1328 - Swallow Croft Barn, Hall Lane, Litton

S.73 application for the removal or variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/1221/1346: retain the lean-to extension and introduce solar PV panels to the development.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support this application as it provides much needed accommodation for a local family.

2973 FINANCE

Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,944.68 for approval.

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

The current account balance as at 16th December 2024 was £7,354.60 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

The Clerk requested that a new laptop be purchased at a cost of £350 as the current laptop is 9 years old and unable to run windows 11.

2974 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

Councillor Rooke stated that he had undertaken an inspection of the playground at the weekend.

Some of the walls look as if they may need repairing in the relatively near future and the laurel trees on a neighbouring property are becoming overgrown and beginning to push against one of the playground walls which is a concern and will need monitoring.

The play equipment looks in good order.

The playground bin contained household rubbish and this also needs to be monitored to ensure that it doesn't become a regular occurrence.

2975 TO CONSIDER DATES FOR 2025 MONTHLY MEETINGS

The proposed monthly meeting dates for 2025 as well as the Annual Parish Meeting date were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the dates be approved and added to the website.

2976 TO CONSIDER TRUSTEES OF THE RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke proposed and Councillor Howe seconded that Councillor Brunt be appointed a Trustee of the Ralph Malone Trust.

IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED: That Councillor Brunt be appointed a Trustee of the Ralph Malone Trust.

2977 2025/26 DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND

The draft budget and precept demand for 2025/26 was circulated to members.

The Clerk informed members that the Band D properties equivalent figure had still not been received from DDDC.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the precept demand for 2025/26 should be set at £15,385.

2978 CORRESPONDENCE

- A press release from the PDNPA regarding the new bridge across the River Wye at Cressbrook can be found on the Parish Council's website.
- There is a consultation taking place regarding South Yorkshire's bus-franchising proposals – details can be found at <https://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/getmedia/2f5115d1-886d-4d4f-bb4d-0723feb62365/44157-Bus-Reform-Consultation-Digital-2024-10-22-1-1.pdf>
- Recycling waste will be collected Saturday 21st December instead of Wednesday 25th and the grey bins on Thursday 2nd January instead of Wednesday 1st.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team's December newsletter can be found on the Parish Council website.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.