

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 21st September 2026 at 7.15pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3203 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Howe.

3204 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None.

3205 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3206 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.

3207 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2026
IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 20th July, as being a true and correct record.

3208 ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- **RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME**
- **INCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**
- **CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE**
- **HOME WORKING & LONE WORKER POLICY PACK**

The above policies and procedures were circulated to member for approval. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** to adopt the policies and procedures and publish them on the Council's website.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook & 3083 Tree Maintenance at the War Memorial Land Cressbrook** – Councillor Brunt reported that the Listed Building Consent application had been submitted to PDNPA. The Built Environment Officer confirmed the proposed works would conserve and enhance the memorial but requested further information, which has now been supplied.

IT WAS AGREED:

- The Clerk will begin drafting an application to the War Memorials Trust for the cleaning and repair elements of the quote, ready for submission once PDNPA permission is granted.
 - Cllr Brunt will supply Cllr Gregory with photos of the trees previously identified for removal so that a quote can be obtained.
- **3169 Update on the leaning tree on the Village Green in Litton Dale** – Councillor Gregory reported that advice from another tree surgeon stated that the leaning whitebeam should be removed rather than pruned due to structural imbalance and risk of failure. The tree surgeon also noted that the green appears wet and this could have caused the tree to lean if it had not been correctly support when it was younger.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- Councillor Gregory will ask Precision Tree Care for a quote to remove the tree this winter.
- The tree will be replaced by another whitebeam.

Councillor Gregory also reported Councillors that two of the recently planted trees on the Village Greens in Litton had died over the summer due to dry ground conditions.

IT WAS AGREED: To remove the dead trees and replace them in the Spring.

- **3176 Update on Village Green signage in front of The Green asking cars not to block the lane or park on the village green** – Councillor Gregory confirmed that the sign asking motorists not to block the lane or park on the village green had been made and would be positioned as previously discussed.
- **3198 Replacement fence at Cressbrook car park** – A quote was circulated for installation at £230 per day. Councillors felt the rate was high and will seek alternative quotes.

Cllr Gregory noted that as the fence sits on a retaining wall supporting the road, Highways should be responsible.

IT WAS AGREED: To contact DCC again to request they repair the fence.

- **3199 Adoption of the Council's Health & Safety Policy** – A copy of the draft Health and Safety Policy was re-circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adopt the Health and Safety Policy.

3209 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – none.

FINANCE

(a) The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments totalling £2,981.11 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 21st September 2026.

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 21st September was £17,231.71 and the reserve account balance was £8,063.81.

3210 TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR OBTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

Councillor Brunt circulated a paper outlining how other Councils raise funds for playground upkeep.

Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED**

- To pursue a QR code donation option.
- Cllr Rooke will contact the Treasurer of St John the Baptist Church, Tideswell, to obtain details of their QR donation system.
- The Memorial Playing Field will be included in the scheme.

3211 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE VERGE WHERE THE VILLAGE SIGN BECOMES OBSCURED BY UNDERGROWTH AT THE TOP OF CRESSBROOK

Councillors expressed reluctance to adopt additional land.

IT WAS AGREED:

- To explore launching a campaign encouraging residents to write individually to the owning authority requesting vegetation clearance.
- The Clerk will ascertain ownership of the verge before the campaign is launched.

3212 TO CONSIDER MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

Councillor Rooke asked when the mowing contractor is scheduled to cut back the wildflower area. The Clerk confirmed this is usually done in November.

IT WAS AGREED: The Clerk will remind the contractor that strimmed grass must be removed from site, including at Barratt's Lane and the Cemetery.

Cllr Gordon reported meeting a Playdale representative regarding replacing the slide. A tube-style plastic slide or wide metal slide was recommended.

IT WAS RESOLVED: Cllr Rooke will make further enquiries about a metal slide, as it is likely to have a longer lifespan.

Two trees at the playground are showing signs of Ash dieback.

IT WAS AGREED:

- They must be removed due to proximity to play equipment.
- Cllr Gregory will ask Precision Tree Care for a quote.

3213 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPAIRS TO THE PLAYGROUND WALLS

Cllr Rooke reported that repairs have commenced but the waller is currently on holiday.

IT WAS AGREED: To write to the owners of the laurel bushes running the length of the wall, requesting they cut them back as they are pushing on the wall and causing damage.

3214 TO CONSIDER CUTTING BACK TREE GROWTH FROM THE PLAYGROUND OVERHANGING ONTO THE VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Rooke reported that the section of wall near the playground sign requiring repair is overgrown with Hazel brash.

IT WAS AGREED: To delay repair of this section and ask Precision Tree Care for a quote to remove the Hazel brash.

3215 TO CONSIDER RESEEDING THE VILLAGE GREENS DISTURBED BY RECENT UTILITIES WORKS

It was noted that reseeded carried out by the utility company had not taken.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To wait until Spring to reseed, as it is too cold for germination at present.

3216 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN DCC'S SNOW WARDEN SCHEME FOR 2026/27

IT WAS AGREED: It was agreed to ask Phil and Chris Robinson if they would be prepared to once again taken on the role as Snow Wardens for 2026/27 with support from Councillors.

3217 CORRESPONDENCE

- The government announced that the Local Government Reorganisation will be paused.
- The 2026 Edinburgh Trials will be passing through the parish on Saturday 3rd October 2026, from around 7.15am to 11.15am.

- Temporary Road Closure for 5 days within the date range 12th October and 6th November 2026. At Litton Dale, Litton between Church Lane junction and Somerset House, to facilitate Micro Asphalt surfacing.
- Peak Park's annual Parishes Day –10th October at Aldern House Baslow Road, Bakewell DE45 1AE.
- SNT conducted a speed check 12pm and 12.45pm on 18th September on Mires Lane in Litton. All vehicles observed were adhering to the speed limit in Litton. PCSO Anthony Boswell noted that many motorists acknowledge his presence in a positive way for doing the check in the village.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.06pm.