

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 17th February 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

2979 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

It was noted that Councillor Gamble had resigned as a Councillor of the Parish Council during the month. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Clare for her hard work and guidance during her time as a Parish Councillor.

2980 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2981 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2982 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.

2983 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2024

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 16th December as being a true and correct record.

2984 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2952 Update on the potholes on Bottomhill Road and Litton Mill – The Clerk informed members that she is meeting with County Councillor Alasdair Sutton on Wednesday 19th February to look at the numerous potholes along Bottomhill Road towards Cressbrook.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will also meet with CC Sutton so that he can also show him the potholes in Litton village.

It was noted that the potholes at Litton Mill have now been filled.

2985 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1124/1205 - Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook,
The provision of two parking bays and steel frame canopy. Including proposed removal of a disused oil tank with associated landscaping and hard-standing provision.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council has no objection to this application.

2986 FINANCE

Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,399.15 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 17th February 2025 was £5,479.19 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

2987 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

The monthly playground report was circulated to members.

There was nothing to note regarding the play equipment maintenance however the boundary walls are looking like they may need some attention. **IT WAS AGREED:** to continue to monitor the condition of the boundary walls.

2988 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Gregory confirmed that the Parish Council owns the wall bordering Hollandtwine Farm. It was noted that the Capital Grant which it was hoped the owner of Hollandtwine would agree to apply for, towards repairs is not currently available.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will speak with the owner of Hollandtwine Farm in preparation for the Grant becoming available again.

2989 TO CONSIDER THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE ROADS IN THE PARISH

It was noted that many of the problems on the roads are caused by poor infilling by utility companies following roadworks. The tarmac patches they lay barely cover the area worked on and are prone to sinking.

It was suggested that maybe the utility companies should repair the entire width of a road or pavement to reduce the likelihood of problems developing.

2990 UPDATE ON WAR MEMORIAL AND LAND AT CRESSBROOK

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact a monumental stonemason for a quote for the restoration of the war memorial, so that grant options can be explored.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Howe will take a look at the railings around the memorial to see if they are repairable.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That the Clerk will ask the handyperson to clear some of the ivy from around the war memorial, as specified in the Ecology Survey.

Councillor Brunt stated that if the handyperson lets her know when he is going she will go and help too.

Councillor Rooke said that he was not in favour of unnecessary removal of ivy and spoke about its benefits. **IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED:** To limit the remove to only that which is necessary.

2991 UPDATE ON GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND CIRCULAR BENCH

The Clerk informed members that the application made to the Derbyshire Environment Trust for a grant for new swings and refurbishment of the roundabout at the playground has been successful. The application also included a new circular tree seat for around the tree near the school in Litton.

Councillor Rooke confirmed that he has ordered the swings and parts for the roundabout and it

is hoped that they will be installed during March in time for the Easter Holidays.

The circular tree seat has also been ordered but as yet there is no delivery date. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Friends of Litton to see if they can help with its installation.

2992 CORRESPONDENCE

- A request has been received from the Village Hall Committee to hang the King's Portrait in the Village Hall. **IT WAS RESOVLED:** that the most appropriate place would be the entrance hall or staircase.
- An email has been received from a Cressbrook resident informing that Parish Council about a broken fence on the road near the car park. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will report the broken fence to DCC and also ask the Handyperson for a quote for the repairs.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.