

**LITTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson in the Chair  
Cllrs C Brunt, N Gregory, I Rennie & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk & District Councillor C Gamble

**2642 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Rooke, who was unable to attend due to a family bereavement.

**2643 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

**2644 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At the beginning of the meeting there was one member of the public present at the meeting who wished to speak about Agenda item 7.

The Chair agreed to move Agenda item 7 to be the first item to be discussed.

**2645 DESTRUCTION OF BIRD NEST ON LITTON VILLAGE GREEN**

The member of the public spoke about the circumstances surrounding the destruction of bird nests on Litton Village Green and then circulated a statement.

The member of the public then left the meeting.

Councillors then discussed the incident with reference to the statement previously circulated along with representation received via email from the complainant and also having regard for the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the removal of disused bird nests is permissible until the end of February each year and therefore the Council does not intend to take any further action.

Following the resolution of this item a second member of the public arrived at the meeting to affirm the earlier representation and then left.

**2646 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.

**2647 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February as being a true and correct record.

#### **2648 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

##### **-2497 REPLACEMENT BENCHES**

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the bench purchased by the parish council to replace the bench around the tree near the school in Litton be placed facing the village cross.

**IT WAS FURTHER AGREED:** That Councillor Gregory will liaise with Andrew Marper regarding the exact location of the bench.

##### **-2540 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ABOVE RAVENSDALE COTTAGES**

No update.

##### **-2610 NOTICEBOARD FOR LITTON MILL**

The Clerk reported that the noticeboard had been received and was awaiting installation by the handyperson.

##### **-2635 TREE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Gregory informed members that N&G Tomlinson will assess the condition and best course of action for the Wytch Elm tree at the war memorial in Cressbrook once new growth appears.

##### **-2638 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION/FUNDRAISER**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will check village hall availability between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED:** To hold a raffle on the night to raise funds for Tideswell First Responders.

#### **2649 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HOWE**

It was noted that Councillor Tom Howe had resigned during the month. The Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Howe for his valued contribution during his time with the Council.

#### **2650 BICYCLE PARKING AND 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN**

An email from Tideswell and District Environment Group's (TDEG's) Cycling Group Lead with further information about the initiatives was circulated to members. There is at least one bike rack available and TDEG's Cycling Group lead has offered to apply for the funding to get the rack installed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To accept the offer of a bike stand for the parish and the Chair will investigate who owns the land behind the bus shelter with a view to it being installed there.

The email also highlighted Hope Valley Climate Action's (HVCA) Travelling Light Project which aims to make active travel a safer and more appealing option.

**IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED:** To support the 20's Plenty Campaign as there are a number of areas within the villages where pedestrians are forced to walk in the road due to a lack of pavements.

## **2651 FINANCE**

### **(a) Accounts for payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £4,489.14 for approval.

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

Income totalling £3,058.62 was also received which included DDDC's contribution towards mowing of the Cemetery and Memorial Playing Field of £2,797 and annual interest on the reserve account of £121.62.

It was noted that the current account balance as at 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was £4,955.66 and the reserve account balance was £10,439.01.

### **(b) Internal Audit**

A quote from DALC to undertake the Council's internal audit for 2022/23 was circulated to members.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To accept the quote.

## **2652 VILLAGE GREEN REGULATIONS NEWSLETTER**

A revised newsletter for insertion in the Village Voice was circulated to members.

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED:** To amend the newsletter in the manner discussed and recirculate to members for approval.

## **2653 CEMETERY PLOT RESERVATION AGREEMENT**

A draft grave plot reservation form and website wording for the proposed scheme were circulated to members.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To amend the wording of the two documents in the manner discussed for adoption at the May meeting.

## **2654 LITTON GARDEN AT RHS CHATSWORTH**

An email was circulated stating that the Litton Garden exhibit would actually be shown at RHS Hampton Court and not Chatsworth.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That there would be little local interest for residents due to the exhibit being at Hampton Court, but that the Council would like to receive a photo of the garden to display on its website.

## **2655 POSITIONING OF BENCHES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillor Gregory will liaise with Andrew Marper as to the location and position of the benches.

## **2656 LITTON WAKES 2023**

A request was received from Litton Wakes Committee and the Red Lion to use the Village Greens during Wakes.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the requests be granted.

### **2657 KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

It was noted that a street party will take place in Litton over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate King Charles III Coronation.

### **2658 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application Reference: NP/DDD/0921/0964

PI Appeal Reference: APP/M9496/W/22/3312301

Proposed Development: Erection of single storey side extension; new patio, retaining wall and railings and steps; and infilling existing window at Anchor Inn, Washhouse Bottom, Tideswell

It was noted that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above site following the refusal of planning permission by PDNPA.

### **2659 CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors since the last monthly meeting.

An email from DCC with the responses to questions raised at the Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum meeting on 13 March 2023 was circulated to members.

Email from DDDC regarding a temporary road closure application to close Mires Lane between Hall Lane and Bottomhill Road and Church Lane between Mires Lane and Sterndale Close, Litton in respect of Litton's Coronation Street Party on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Email from DDDC regarding a temporary road closure application to close Church Lane between the junction with Mires Lane and the junction with Sterndale Close, Mires Lane between the junction with Hall Lane and the junction with Bottomhill Road, Litton, in respect of Litton Carnival on 20 June 2023.

Email from PPPF with document containing extracts relevant to parish councils from the Peak District National Park Management Plan 2023-28.

Email confirming that the Good Friday Rock will be taking place again this year at 12 o'clock with lunches available in Cressbrook Club from 12.45pm.

Email containing Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter.

March & April Newsletter received from DALC.

Email from the Church of England requiring the publication of the Notice of Proposed Pastoral Scheme for The Church of Saint Anne, Millers Dale in the diocese of Derby, on the parish Noticeboard.

Email from Hulley of Baslow regarding their 'Go Keyless' offer.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To support this initiative.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm.