

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 17th November 2025 at 7.15pm in Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3093 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Rooke who was unable to attend due to holiday.

3094 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

3095 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present at the meeting who attended on behalf of the Community Land Trust in order to answer any additional queries councillors might have regarding the Tideswell Ward Housing Needs Survey, the conclusion of agenda item 1.

3096 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.

3097 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2025
IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 20th October as being a true and correct record.

3098 TO RECEIVE DDDC HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY PRESENTATION, VIA ZOOM

The presentation was delivered by 2 members of DDDC's Housing Enabling and Development team.

The response rate for the Tideswell Ward Housing Needs Survey was slightly above average at 12% and identified the need for a number of different types of housing. The recommendation is therefore, for 30 units initially with potentially a second phase to follow. The scheme mix is likely to be:

4 x rented, 1 bed maisonettes
4 x rented, 1 bed houses
4 x rented, 1 bed bungalows
5 x rented, 2 bed bungalows
7 x rented, 2 bed houses
2 x rented, 3 bed houses
2 x shared ownership, 3 bed houses
2 x shared ownership, 2 bed houses

The site in Tideswell will be progressed with the residents of Litton Parish being given the same priority as those in Tideswell.

The next step is to prove that the building scheme can provide nutrient neutrality.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council recognises the importance of meeting local housing needs and acknowledges the findings of the recent DDDC Housing Needs Survey.

While the Parish Council is unable to make detailed comments on any development until a formal planning application is submitted for consideration, the Council supports in principle an affordable housing scheme being explored by DDDC and the Tideswell & District Community Land Trust and looks forward to reviewing proposals for the scheme in due course.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook & 3083 Tree maintenance at the War Memorial Land Cressbrook** - A quote for £2,340+VAT was circulated to members in respect of the tree work required. It was noted that the Clerk has contacted the District and County Councillors for funding towards the tree work and will also apply to PDNPA's Community Grant Scheme. Next step is to look for funding of the war memorial, with the aim of getting the works completed next August.
- **3074 To consider overgrown hedges in Cressbrook** – It was noted that DCC are going to take another look at the location and take photos, as the Parish Council have been unable to locate the site of the overgrown hedges on its land.
- **3087 Biodiversity Action Plan** – the response from the insurers was favourable towards a small pond at the cemetery. There will need to be a written risk assessment with an inspection plan. Councillor Gregory will look into the logistics of creating a pond in the cemetery.

3099 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - none

3100 FINANCE

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £671.30 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 17th November 2025.

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 November 2025 was £6,907.61 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

3101 TO CONSIDER THE 2026/27 DRAFT BUDGET

The Clerk circulated the draft budget for 2026/27. The starting point for the budget was to increase recurrent cost by the previous 12 months average Consumer Price index rate of 3.8%. A number of projects were then identified that will be need to be undertaken in the next couple of years. **IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED** to allocate £2,000 to reserves for the renovations of Cressbrook War memorial and £4,000 for paths and biodiversity projects at the cemetery.

To cover this increased expenditure **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** to increase the precept by 10% to £16,924.

3102 TO CONSIDER CEMETERY FEES FOR 2026/27

The current cemetery fees were circulated to members. Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED** not to raise the cemetery fees for 2026/27.

3103 TO CONSIDER FUNDING AVENUES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

It was noted that the Parish Council has very little funds available for one-off projects and therefore there is a need for the Parish Council to look at all potential funding avenues over the next year. In particular funding for the war memorial renovations, wall repairs and tree maintenance in Cressbrook.

3104 TO CONSIDER TREE MAINTENANCE

A quote of £360 including VAT, to remove the branches of the Lime tree affecting the telephone cable on Hall Lane was circulated to members. **IT WAS AGREED** to accept the quote and ask Precision Tree Care to remove the branches.

3105 CORRESPONDENCE

- Email Letter received from resident regarding installing additional ‘no parking signs’ on the Village Green in Litton. **IT WAS AGREED:** That this was not appropriate at the present time, but that the Parish Council will monitor the situation.
- Communication from the Snow Warden that all the grit bins have been filled ahead of the expected icy weather later in the week.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.