

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 20th June 2022 at 7pm in Cressbrook Club

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, P Oscroft, C Robinson, C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2519 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Rooke due to illness.

2520 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2521 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2522 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda items (2450 and 2502) on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

IT WAS AGREED: To move item 6 on the agenda, CCTV Update to be the first matter discussed.

2523 CCTV UPDATE

James Warriner gave an update to members on the possibility of using APNR cameras at some of the entrances to Litton.

He explained that there were a number of steps to go through before this could be implemented:

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the first step would be that James would setup a neighbourhood watch scheme.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council would fund the annual registration.

2524 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2022

RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes as being a true and correct record.

2525 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2420 WAR MEMORIAL AND ADJACENT LAND

The handy person stated that he thought that the walls surrounding the war memorial site were sound and that his estimates for other works were:

- To tidy-up the war memorial by strimming an area of approximately one metre around it – approx. £250
- To remove the saplings on the site – approx. £600
- To remove the dead hazel tree – approx. £150

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Gregory will ask N&G Tomlinson to look at the Wych Elm to assess its safety.

-2450 SUNNYBANK LICENCE AGREEMENT

The area of land to be included within the licence agreement **WAS AGREED** by Councillors.

-2482 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was noted that two applications for the Councillor vacancy had been received. However, one of the applicants had offered to withdraw their application in favour of the other candidate.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Clerk will send a declaration of eligibility to the remaining applicant for completion.

-2483 WI OFFER TO FUND A TREE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillor Gregory informed members that the Walnut tree had now been planted on the Village Green in front of the Methodist Chapel and the commemorative plaque attached.

-2497 REPLACEMENT BENCHES

Details of a number of options for recycled benches, to replace the bench around the tree near Litton School, were circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: To purchase the 1800cm Dale Bench in recycled plastic from TDP Ltd at a cost of £451.90 plus VAT.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: To ask Andrew Marper to quote for laying slabs on the village green for anchoring the bench.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: To ask the handy person, on behalf of the family, to take a look at Sarah's bench opposite Hall Lane and quote for the necessary repairs.

-2502 VILLAGE GREENS PROTECTION

The format of the reminder letter to the properties subject to a vehicular licence agreement was **AGREED**.

2526 DATE FOR MEETING TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

IT WAS AGREED: To review the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations during the July monthly meeting.

2527 PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

The annual ROSPA Play Safety, Safety Inspection Report was circulated to members for review.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor K Oscroft will saw off the projecting bolt threads on the entrance gate to the playground.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor K Oscroft will obtain quotes for replacement cradle seats for the infant swings.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor K Oscroft will take a look at the decayed support post at the top of the infant swings.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: To send the report to Proludic Ltd pointing out the comments relating to the new play equipment installed.

2528 DAMAGED WALL AT PLAYGROUND

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the quote of £360 for repairs to the playground wall.

2529 ACTIONS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting were circulated to members.

It was noted that residents had asked whether some official 'No Parking by order of Litton Parish Council' leaflets could be printed for people to place on badly parked cars.

It was suggested that perhaps the leaflets could be kept in the shop and they note who they have given the leaflet to and the registration number of the car it had been placed on.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the shop if they are happy to keep a log of who the leaflets are given to and the registration number of the cars they are placed on.

The Parish Council was also asked to look into installing electric vehicle charging points in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That this is not currently a viable option.

2530 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number - NP/DDD/0622/0781 Anchor Garage, Unnamed Section of A623 From Manchester Road to Trot Lane, Tideswell

Development Description – Erection of a commercial building containing 5 No. self-contained workshop units (Use classes E(g) and B2) within existing bus yard

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council have no objection to the planning application.

Application Number - NP/DDD/0522/0679 Lower Lodge, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook
Development Description – Listed Building consent - Demolition of existing flat roofed timber frame living area and rebuilding in masonry. The existing timber frame building adjoins a listed building however the new building will be separated from the listed structure. Existing flat roof link building to have new pitched roof structure to align with remainder of building

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IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supported the planning applications.

2531 FINANCE

Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £818.47 for approval.

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

It was noted that the current account balance as at 20th June 2022 was £14,577.71 and the reserve account balance was £10,315.04.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 3 with supporting bank reconciliations and explanations of variances were circulated to members and the following was **RESOLVED:**

- (i) The internal auditor's report on the 2021/22 Annual Return was noted
- (ii) That the Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Return is approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- (iii) That the Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Return are approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chair.

It was noted that the Council does not meet the requirement for exemption to a limited assurance review for 2021/22.

2532 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

Tideswell and District Environment Group newsletter was circulated to members.

Derbyshire Dales District Council Annual Electoral Registration Canvass 2022 will be commencing 12th July and aims to identify any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.