

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 19th October 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs J Mason, C Robinson, G Rooke & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2283 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Rennie (work commitments).

2284 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2285 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The link to enable members of the public to join the monthly meeting via Zoom was included in the agenda, which was posted on the Parish Council website.

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

2286 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 item 5, Actions from the Minutes 2281 and 2282 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. A separate confidential link was given to Councillors to facilitate this.

2287 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st September 2020

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

2288 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract

The Clerk reported that Western Power Distribution has now fitted an isolator immediately after the main fuse so that the electricity can be safely isolated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To contact Mark Cox for a quote to replace the light, if required and fit a box with an RCD.

-2221 Seating area of Cressbrook Village Green

Councillor Mason reported that Andrew had replaced the broken flag and re-laid the flags under the bench but that the bench is in a poor state of repair and the Council should consider its replacement.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To put a notice on Cressbrook's Facebook Group saying that the bench will be removed by the Council and if anyone wants to claim it please do.

-2250 PARKING, SIGNAGE AND OVERGROWN VERGES AT CRESSBROOK

A response from DCC refusing the Parish Council's request for the installation of signs to discourage parking on the white lines in Cressbrook was circulated to members.

It was noted that Councillor Gamble has also written to DCC clarifying what the Parish Council is trying to achieve by increasing the signage in Litton.

-2251 RENEWAL OF PLAY CHIP AT THE PLAYGROUND

Discussions took place as to whether to replace the play chip as the Council was looking to refurbish the playground in the next 2 years.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council would top up the play chip with half the usual amount.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will apply to the District Councillor's Local Projects Fund for funding towards the cost of renewing the play chip at the Playground.

-2252 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Rooke informed members that he had contacted 3 playground equipment providers and had so far met with one, along with Councillor Rennie. Meetings with the other two had been arranged for the next couple of weeks.

-2268 RETENDERING OF HANDY PERSON AND GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 2021

It was noted that Councillors Rennie & Gregory were meeting to discuss the contracts to ensure they were still relevant prior to tendering.

-2274 TREE GUARDS

RESOLVED: To defer to the November meeting.

-2275 EXTENSION OF WHITE LINE OPPOSITE HALL LANE TO ENABLE THE SERVICE BUS SPACE TO TURN ROUND

It was noted that the Council is still waiting for a response from DCC on this item.

-2778 REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH NEAR NEW HOUSES AT LITTON DALE

A request has been received for a new stretch of pavement to along Litton Dale to join up with the two stretches of pavement already in place.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To write to DCC requesting a new stretch of pavement.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: To ask Tideswell Parish Council to also write to DCC in support of the application as the majority of Litton Dale is in the Parish of Tideswell.

MATTERS DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

It was noted that the Council was still waiting for the signed Vehicular Licence Agreement to be returned by the new owners of The Hillock.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To write to the owners of Ashleigh inviting them to meet with Councillors Oscroft and Robinson.

-2282 SUNNYBANK

It was noted that a meeting was being arranged to meet with the owners of Sunnybank to try to resolve the boundary issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will obtain a copy of the current boundary from the Land Registry.

2289 SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council would participate in the Snow Warden Scheme again this winter.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That Councillor Robinson will continue to act as co-ordinator and liaise with DDDC.

2290 LITTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

It was noted that the remembrance service in Litton will take place on Sunday 8th November at 10.50am and that this year it will be held on the Village Green opposite the Red Lion to give those attending the space to properly social distance.

2291 CHRISTMAS TREES

IT WAS RESOLVED: To order Christmas trees for Cressbrook, Litton Mill and Litton for delivery on Friday 4th December, at a cost of £500.

2292 PLANNING

Application Number: NP/DDD/0520/0431 - Hall Farm House Bed And Breakfast, Hall Lane, Litton

Development Description: Proposed barn conversion to create a single dwelling including partial demolition and re-building of an existing single storey side extension

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

2293 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

(a) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £2,128.65 for approval.

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

It was noted that the current account balance as at 19th October 2020 was £3,940.24 and the reserve account balances were £10,155.64.

(b) Actual income and expenditure versus budgeted income and expenditure for 6 months to 30 September 2020

A comparison between the actual quarterly income and expenditure and that budgeted was circulated to members.

2294 CORRESPONDENCE

None.