

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 14th December 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2308 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2309 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2310 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 was one member of the public present at the meeting who, as the applicant of the planning application for Oak Cottage, Sterndale Lane, Litton, wished to expand on the reasons for the application and answer any questions from Councillors.

2311 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 items 5, Actions from the Minutes 2268, 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.

2312 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th November 2020

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

2313 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract

Councillor Oscroft reported that he was still waiting for a quote regarding the cost of installing a light, motion sensor, fitting RCD protection and performing an Electrical Inspection (ECR).

-2221 Seating area of Cressbrook Village Green

Councillor Oscroft reported that he had put a notice on Cressbrook's Facebook Group stating that the bench is unsafe and will be removed by the Council, if it remains unclaimed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rennie will remove the bench.

It was noted that some garden play equipment and a table tennis table have now also been placed on the village green at Cressbrook.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That a notice will be put on Cressbrook's Facebook Group and also the gate to Cressbrook Village Green stating that the items will be removed by the Council on 31st January if they are not removed by their owner beforehand.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the Council will place a notice on the gate to Cressbrook Village Green stating that the play equipment and table tennis table do not belong to the Parish Council and anyone using them does so at their own risk.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: To contact Cressbrook's Community Group to ask if residents would like the Parish Council to look into providing some play equipment on the Village Green in the longer term.

-2250 PARKING, SIGNAGE AND OVERGROWN VERGES AT CRESSBROOK

It was noted that no further response had been received from DCC regarding the overgrown verges and renewing of the white lines.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To defer this item until the February meeting.

-2251 RENEWAL OF PLAY CHIP AT THE PLAYGROUND

Councillor Oscroft reported that with the aid of a number of volunteers the new play chip had now been spread around the younger childrens' playground.

-2252 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Rooke informed members that he had received several options for suggested improvements to the playground.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To circulate the options to Councillors for comment.

-2275 Extension of white lines opposite Hall Lane to enable the service bus space to turn around

It was noted that no response from DCC had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To send a chasing letter to DCC for an update on the request for the extension of white lines.

-2778 REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH NEAR NEW HOUSES AT LITTON DALE

It was noted the Clerk had asked Tideswell Parish Council if they would support the Council's request for a new footpath along Litton Dale.

IT WAS AGREED: To send a chasing letter to DCC for an update of the new footpath request.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

It was noted that the new owners of The Hillock had passed the Vehicular Licence Agreement to their solicitor for comment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To defer any further action until after the February meeting.

-2282 SUNNYBANK

It was noted that explorations of the possible solutions to this matter were continuing.

2314 PROPOSED RESITING OF LITTER BIN AT BOTTOMHILL ROAD BY DDDC

An email from DDDC requesting that the litter bin on Bottomhill Road in Litton be re-sited onto the main road was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That it would not be appropriate to re-site the litter bin onto the main road as the bin location was specifically chosen because of problems with dog fouling at that spot. The litter bin is very well used and since it was installed the problem has substantially improved.

2315 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPO)

An email from DDDC relating to the expiry of the current PSPO in place relating to dog fouling and Litton Play Area was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That the PSPO in respect of dog fouling should be renewed and that also a request should be made to include the Memorial Playing Field in the PSPO as it is used by local children and the primary school.

2316 CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021

A list of proposed Council Meetings for 2021 was circulated to members. It was noted that it is proposed that the February and December meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of those months.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the proposed dates are agreed and that the Clerk will check availability of Cressbrook Club for the amended dates.

2317 PLANNING

Application Number: NP/DDD/1020/0969

Site address: The Old Mill, Litton Mill

Development Description: S.73 application for the removal or variation of condition 2(iv), 2 (v) and 2(i) on DDD1002530

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

Application Number: NP/DDD/1120/1076

Site address: Oak Cottage, Sterndale Lane, Litton

Development Description: Extension to form ancillary dependant relative accommodation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

2318 PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECESS

IT WAS RESOLVED: That any planning applications arriving during the recess period would be dealt with via email unless Councillors agreed that an Extraordinary General Meeting was necessary.

2319 RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke reported that the Trustees of the Ralph Malone Trust had met in November to consider the applications for the annual payments from the Trust and had agreed on payments of £80 per applicant.

2320 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

(a) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1,510.12 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 14th December 2020 was £3,847.03. Reserve account balances were £10,155.64.

2321 BUDGET 2021/22

A copy of the draft budget and precept requirement was circulated to members.

Councillors were asked to consider a 10% increase in the precept for 2021/22 to allow the Council to maintain its current level of works programme.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the budget and a 10% increase in the precept to £9,248 for 2021/22 be approved.

2322 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9pm.