

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 15th March 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2335 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor C Robinson (family commitments).

2336 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2337 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.

2338 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 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.

2339 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th February 2021 RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes as being a true and correct record.

2340 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract

Councillor Oscroft informed members that the electrician had found that the phone box does not have an earth and that for safety an earth should be installed.

The Clerk stated that she has spoken with Western Power, who will visit the site and then provide a quote for installing an earth.

-2221 Seating area of Cressbrook Village Green

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Mason will remove the bench on the patio area, as it has deteriorated beyond repair and will check on the condition of the other benches on the village green.

-2250 PARKING, SIGNAGE AND OVERGROWN VERGES AT CRESSBROOK

An email regarding the outcome of a Cabinet Member meeting – Highways Transport, regarding Cressbrook's Petition - Request for Speed Management Measures to Address Road Safety Issues was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the parish council will support the proposals.

-2252 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Rooke informed members that consensus was that Proludic Ltd's design most reflected the survey results and that the application for funding of the new equipment had been submitted to Tarmac.

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

It was noted that DCC have offered to meet with Councillors to look at the problems encountered by the service bus when turning around in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To reply to DCC accepting their offer to meet in an attempt to find a solution.

-2778 REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH NEAR NEW HOUSES AT LITTON DALE

It was reported that DCC had refused the Council's request for a new footpath along Litton Dale.

IT WAS AGREED: To ask DCC to reconsider their decision.

-2331 REQUEST FOR NEW WASTE BIN ON THE VILLAGE GREEN BY THE VILLAGE SHOP

Councillor Gregory reported that there is a DDDC waste bin in the cemetery shed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To place the bin on the village green near the phone box.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To contact the Open Spaces Society for further advice.

-2282 SUNNYBANK

It was noted that Councillors Mason and Rooke, along with the Clerk will meet with Kerry to convey the outcome of the discussions following legal advice.

2341 HANDY PERSON CONTRACT APPLICATIONS

It was noted that following the interview process, the handy-person contract had been awarded to James Warriner Handyman & Garden Services.

2342 CEMETERY FEE REGULATIONS

The current cemetery fee regulations were circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That they are suitably clear and therefore do not require

amendment at this current time.

2343 FEEDBACK FROM TIDESWELL & DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT GROUP MEETING
Councillors Rennie and Rooke provided feedback from the recent TDEG Meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Councillor Rennie will advertise on Facebook for a volunteer Wildlife Officer.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That Councillors will identify areas in the parish that would be good locations for planting wildflowers.

2344 VILLAGE GREENS/VERGES & LITTER PICKER

It was noted that there is quite extensive damage from vehicles driving over the village greens.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That once the weather improves the council will ask the handy person to roller the greens to flatten the ruts and spread some seed.

Councillor Mason informed members that she would be willing to arrange a litter pick in the village.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Mason will arrange a date for a litter pick and contact DDDC regarding borrowing the necessary equipment.

2345 REVIEW OF PLANNING POLICY

The copy of the council's planning policy was circulated to members for review.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the planning policy does not require amending at the current time.

2346 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING/JUNE MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED: To hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm on Monday 28th June in Litton Village Hall.

2347 SPECIAL DISPENSATION REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR ROBINSON

The Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Robinson had submitted a request for special dispensation not to attend Council meetings until June 2021 due to other commitments.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To grant the special dispensation request to Councillor Robinson as she is a valued member of the Council.

2348 FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1,102.74 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 15th March 2021 was £3,438.62. Reserve account balances were £10,155.64.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To appoint Joanne Taylor as internal auditor for the 2020/21 year end.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: To pay the annual subscription for DALC without the training option.

2349 CORRESPONDENCE

An email highlighting the Twenty is Plenty Campaign was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: To support the campaign.

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