

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 12th December 2022 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson in the Chair
Cllrs C Brunt & G Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2603 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted by Councillors Gregory and Saxby, who were unable to attend due to illness and Councillor Howe who was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

District Councillor Gamble also sent her apologies as she was unable to attend due to the weather conditions.

2604 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2605 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present at the meeting who wanted to raise the issue of cars parking on the village green in Litton.

As there had been a number of new residents since the Village Green Regulations were last circulated to residents **IT WAS RESOLVED:** To re-circulate the Village Green Newsletter to all households in Litton.

2606 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.

The Chair proposed and **IT WAS AGREED** to postpone items 9 and 10 on the Agenda until the February meeting so that all Councillors can have an input.

2607 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 21st November as being a true and correct record.

2608 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2497 REPLACEMENT BENCHES

The Clerk reported that a £500 donation had been received to enable the purchase of a new bench for Litton Village Green.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To thank the donors for their generous donation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will order the 2 benches as soon as possible as there is a 10% discount currently available.

The Red Lion has agreed to store the benches on behalf of the Council until they can be installed.

-2540 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ABOVE RAVENSDALE COTTAGES

The Clerk informed members that she had still not received a response from PDNPA.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To chase the PDNPA again at the end of January if the Council had still not received a response.

-2549 DEFIBRILATOR LOCATION

The Chair informed members that Tideswell CFRs had agreed to fund a lockable case for the defibrillator being installed outside Litton Village Shop.

Tideswell CFRs have also offered to provide training for Litton Parish residents, dedicated to lifesaving skills and use of the defibrillators. They also hoped that some fundraising to support Tideswell CFRs could be arranged at the same time.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council will arrange a training session and fundraiser in the New Year.

-2594 PDNPA OFF STREET PARKING PLACES - CHARGING CLARIFICATION FOR RAVENSDALE

It was noted that Derbyshire County Council had confirmed that the parking at Ravensdale will remain free of charge.

2609 FINANCE

(a) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £2,398.96 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 12th December 2022 was £6,727.55 and the reserve account balance was £10,317.39.

(b) Budget 2023/24

The amended draft budget and precept demand for 2023/24 was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the budget and precept demand for 2023/24 be approved.

(c) Bank Signatories

The Clerk informed members that the online forms submitted to the bank to change the signatories had not worked and the form had now expired.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will complete the form for new bank signatories again.

2610 NOTICEBOARD FOR LITTON MILL

A few options for a replacement noticeboard for Litton Mill were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To order a portrait noticeboard at a cost of £166.75 plus VAT.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To ask James Warriner if he would be able to install the new noticeboard within the terms of the handyperson contract.

2611 2023 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

The dates for 2023 monthly meetings were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To approve the monthly meeting dates with minor alterations due to known holidays.

2612 CEMETERY PLOT PRE-PURCHASE TERMS

Deferred to February Council Meeting

2613 CEMETERY LAND

Deferred to February Council Meeting

2614 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT

Councillor Rooke informed members that he had met with the Handyperson at the playground to discuss what options were available in the infant playground where the posts are rotting in various places leaving them dangerous to park users.

The Clerk informed members that she had received 3 options from the Handyperson to deal with the damaged posts.

1/ Replace damaged posts and concrete new ones in on the damaged section on the right about 2 metres. Cost, approximately £420;

2/ Cut out damaged posts and bank the park edge with soil for about 3.5 metres on damaged and rotting section on the right. Cost, approximately £300-£350

3/ Cut out all posts from rotting section on the right to park entrance and mirror the same on the left side and bank both sides with soil. Cost, approximately £1,000.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That as the Council has spent quite a sizeable amount of money on shoring up the timber posts over the years option 3 would be the best option in the long term as it would remedy the issue once and for all.

It was also noted that a section of the wall on the lefthand side of the playground had fallen down.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask Councillor Gregory's father if he would be prepared to undertake the repairs required to the wall.

2615 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1122/1434 - Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

Development Description - Erection of a ground mounted solar panel array.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council has no objection to this planning application

NP/DDD/1122/1459 - Alstonfield Cottage, The Green, Litton

Development Description - Fit new chimney pot, replace all existing modern windows and external doors, rebuild short masonry boundary wall and gate, install two mechanical air extraction vents.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support this application as the windows will be replaced with those of a more traditional material and it will enhance the look of the row.

NP/DDD/1122/1357 - Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

Development Description - New detached garage building.

NP/DDD/1122/1359 - Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

Development Description - Listed Building Consent. New detached garage building.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support this application as it will not be visible from the surrounding footpaths or road and therefore doesn't impact on anyone beyond the boundary.

2616 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk informed members that she had received the signed declaration of eligibility to be a Councillor of Litton Parish Council from Ian Rennie.

IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED: To co-opt Ian Rennie as a Councillor to Litton Parish Council.

2617 ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE RECESS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To call an Extraordinary Meeting should anything that needs a decision arise in the period before the next Council meeting in February.

2618 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that DALCs December newsletter had been circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOVLED: To promote the National Cyber Security Centre's [toolkit](#) on local Facebook groups.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.48pm.