

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 15th September 2025 at 7.15pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs Brunt, Gregory & Rennie

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3065 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Howe and Rooke who were unable to attend for family reasons.

3066 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

3067 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present at the meeting who wished to speak on behalf of the Community Land Trust about the Tideswell Housing Needs Survey. The Housing Needs survey runs until 3rd October and all households in Tideswell, Litton, Cressbrook and Wheston should have received a copy through their door. The survey is seeking to identify the types of affordable housing required in the local area. More details can be found on the DDDC [website](#).

The Community Land Trust is also looking to register the current Co-op Building in Tideswell as a community asset so that they get first refusal on any future sale.

PCSO Anthony Boswell was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the following report on crimes recorded since the Parish Council's last meeting on 21st July 2025.

Litton:

- 4 crimes recorded, one being vehicle crime where a car was entered and the other 3 crimes don't have an effect on the community.

Cressbrook:

- 1 crime recorded, which doesn't have an effect on the community.

Litton Mill:

- 1 crime recorded, which doesn't have an effect on the community.

3068 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.

3069 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st JULY 2025

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

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook** – Councillor Brunt stated that another stonemason had been and looked at the site in order to provide a quote. It was felt that one more quote should be sought and Councillor Saxby will approach Granart.

Councillor Brunt also stated that Cressbrook was hoping to get involved in the Wild Skies Project, run by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, who primary provide nesting boxes but also wild flowers to encourage insects.

3070 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number: NP/DDD/0825/0859 - Hall Farm House Bed and Breakfast, Hall Lane
Proposal: S.73 application for variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0621/0657.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the parish Council has no objection to the application.

Application Number: NP/DDD/0825/0822 – 16 Dale View, Litton

Proposal: Rear dormer and velux windows for proposed loft conversion

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the parish Council has no objection to this application as the alterations will not be seen from the front of the property.

Application Number: NP/DDD/0825/0830 – Swallow Croft Barn, Hall Lane

Proposal: S.73 application for variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/1224/1328 – replace approved drawing no 2105-06 Rev D PROP Elevations with 2016-06 Rev E PROP Elevations.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the parish Council has no objection to the application.

3071 FINANCE

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,692.38 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 15th September 2025.

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

Income of £947.99 was received during August and September in respect of a grant from PDNPA (£750) Village Green rents (£175) and interest (£22.99).

The current account balance as at 15th September 2025 was £13,274.17 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

3072 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory informed members that he was meeting with the tree surgeon next week to look at the dead trees and those showing signs of ash dieback, on the land at Cressbrook War Memorial.

3073 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

Councillor Rooke was not at the meeting but sent a short report via email.

An inspection of the Playground at the weekend did not find any new issues.

The Sugru has arrived for the slide repairs but has not yet been applied.

Rowan has not yet completed the work on the on the playground gate and **IT WAS AGREED:** That the Clerk will chase this up.

3074 TO CONSIDER OVERGROWN HEDGES IN CRESSBROOK

Councillor Brunt stated that the overgrown hedges encroaching on the road from the gardens on Top Cottages in Cressbrook were now becoming a real problem for both pedestrians and cars. It was noted that County Councillor Sutton had offered to report and follow up on the overgrown hedges and the Clerk will send details to him so that this can be done.

3075 CORRESPONDENCE

- It was noted that the long distance walking event, Peak District Challenge will be using the footpaths through the parish on 19-20th September.
- The 121st Edinburgh Trials will take place on 27th September which will take the usual route, passing through Litton Slack.
- Parts of footpath at Tideswell Dale will be closed between 29th September and 3rd October to facilitate public safety during tree felling.
- Reports received from various residents concerned about a car persistently parking on the Village Green. **IT WAS AGREED:** To write to the resident informing them that it is a criminal offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 to drive over or park on the village green without lawful authority to do so.
- Email regarding concerns over the commercial use of the village green. It was noted that it is Council policy to support local businesses in their endeavours to be successful.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.