

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th March 2020 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor Clare Gamble, Litton & Longstone
M Renger – Voluntary Legal Adviser

2182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2183 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2184 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of public present at the meeting representing the Village Hall Committee.

They stated that the Council's papers held in the room above the Village Hall were encroaching on the access route to the attic room.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Clerk and Councillor Robinson will have a look at reducing the amount of space that the papers occupy.

Mike Renger spoke to raise awareness of Litton village's response, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, to help those self-isolating. A service, co-ordinated through Litton Shop, aims to provide a grocery, prescriptions and letter posting service, or just a chat over the telephone. Anyone requiring any of the above is encouraged to contact Litton shop on 01298 872881.

2185 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2020 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2020

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

2186 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That it is not appropriate for the Council to sell part of the Village Green and that the licence agreement already in place should continue.

-2107 Replacing Rotten Timbers in Younger Children's Play Area

The Clerk reported that James Warriner has been approached to carry out the repairs to the playground at a cost of £310.

-2173 Litton Mill Village Green cracked wall

Councillor Mason reported that the stone mason had been and inspected the wall on the village green at Litton Mill and it was his opinion that the tree in the garden of Riverside House had caused the crack in the wall.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That as the crack appears to have resulted from the tree in the garden of Riverside House being so close to the wall, it was the owner of the tree's responsibility to repair the wall and the Clerk would contract the owner in this manner.

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract

A response from BT regarding disconnecting the electricity supply to the telephone kiosk was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to ask Tideswell Parish Council who they used to certify the electricity supply in the phone kiosks in their parish.

-2177 Dog Fouling

District Councillor Gamble informed members that she had asked the Clean and Green team to send someone to patrol Church Lane. They will speak with any dog walkers they see and assess the problem.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To request that the following areas are added to the patrol:

Barratts Lane;
Bottomhill Road; and
The bottom of Hall Lane.

It was suggested that the children at Litton school could make signs to be placed around the village asking people to pick up after their dogs.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the headteacher at Litton School if she was willing to support this idea.

2187 COUNCILLOR APPLICATION

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Rachel Rennie be co-opted as Councillor to Litton Parish Council.

2188 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 7 on the Agenda on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS VILLAGE GREENS

The Licence Agreement was circulated to members for review.

IT WAS AGREED: to amend the Licence Agreement in the manner discussed.

Mike Renger left the meeting at this point.

2189 TREES AND TELEPHONE LINES

Councillor Gregory informed members that he had removed the top of the trees that were touching the telephone lines at the playground but that they still needed coppicing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will ask the handy-person if she can coppice the trees.

Councillor Gregory informed the meeting that he had received the sapling that is to be planted on the Village Green near the Rowan tree, but that he will wait until Autumn before planting it.

It was noted that the Cherry tree on the Village Green outside Highfield Cottage in Litton is overgrown.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To look at the possibility of pruning it in the Autumn.

2190 DDDC DOG FOULING AND LITTERING CAMPAIGN

An email regarding the campaign was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council are keen to be involved in the campaign.

2191 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

IT WAS AGREED: That in the light of the coronavirus outbreak and the Government's advice to practise social distancing, to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

2192 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

It was noted that Tideswell Parish Council has approached Litton Parish Council about working together, with the support of Derbyshire Constabulary, to monitor speeding through the villages by the means of a speed camera.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact Cressbrook Community Group and see if they would like to get involved.

2193 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications received during the month.

2194 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheque number 1659 in the sum of £367.90 had been drawn, as well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £245.60.

It was noted that the current account balance at 16th March 2020 was £4,356.63.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the cheque be signed and the account to which it relates be paid as well as the debit card transactions.

2195 USE OF THE VILLAGE GREENS AND MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD FOR LITTON NIGHT

It was noted that a request from Litton Wakes Committee for permission to use the memorial playing field for car parking, as well as the Village Greens, on Litton Night on Tuesday 23rd June had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the request be granted.

2196 CORRESPONDENCE

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Robinson will write a piece on behalf of the Parish Council for the Village Voice each month.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.