

## LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

### **2350 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Neil Gregory.

### **2351 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

### **2352 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.

### **2353 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.

### **2354 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

### **2355 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

#### **-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract**

The Clerk informed members that Western Power can install an earth to the phone kiosk next Monday at a cost of £167 plus VAT.

**IT WAS RESOVLED:** To instruct Western Power to go ahead with the works.

#### **-2221 Seating area of Cressbrook Village Green**

Councillor Mason informed the meeting that the three benches remaining on Cressbrook Village Green are sturdy but need sanding and repainting.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To adopt the three benches and arrange for them to be refurbished.

**IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED:** That Councillor Rennie will undertake a review of all the benches in the parish and report back to members on their condition.

Councillor Mason also provided photographs showing that the fence on the road by the car park is rotten and in need of replacing.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Clerk will contact DCC to request that the fence is replaced.

Councillor Saxby joined the meeting at this point and gave apologies for her lateness which was a result of technical difficulties with her computer.

### **-2252 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

The Clerk informed members that the Tarmac Grant application requires a Third Party Contribution (TPC). A TPC is a sum paid to the Landfill Operator to top up the Landfill Communities Fund as the landfill operator only receives a tax credit of 90% from the Government. The remaining 10% must be found from other sources and many landfill operators choose to (and are allowed to) pass this on to the projects they fund in the form of a TPC.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will act as the Third Party Contributor and will fundraise to cover the cost.

It was noted that the Cressbrook Community Group had fed back to the Council that there was a general feeling that there is insufficient space for play equipment on Cressbrook Village Green without impacting on the nature of the green and its use for informal gatherings. There was however some support for a single swing as a compromise.

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

Councillor Rooke informed members that he and District Councillor Gamble had met with Alex Sidebottom of DCC to discuss the issue of the service bus turning around in Litton.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Council will request that Derbyshire County Council adds white lines to the road with signs stating no parking bus turning.

**IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED:** That in the meantime the Council will have three A4 size signs made displaying 'Keep Clear Buses Turning'.

### **-2344 FEEDBACK ON LITTON LITTER PICK**

Councillor Mason reported that the litter pick which took place at the beginning of April was a great success with a good turn out and plenty of rubbish removed from the verges.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To undertake another litter pick at the end of the summer.

## **FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

### **-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillors Mason and Rooke will ask the relevant property owners for an informal meeting to discuss this matter further.

### **-2282 SUNNYBANK**

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

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the licence will be reinstated.

### **2356 REINSTATEMENT OF CHARITY CLOTHING BIN AT THE PLAYGROUND**

Councillor Rennie informed the meeting that she has been in touch with the Air Ambulance with the view to a charity bin being sited at the playground. The bin will be for clothes, books and toys.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Air Ambulance Charity bin was a good idea and should be sited on the concrete area outside the playground where the old recycling bins stood.

### **2357 TELEPHONE KIOSK IN LITTON – H'S JOKES DISPLAY**

Councillor Rennie reported that the current photos in the photo box from last year's kids camera club are worn out and so suggested replacing them with jokes that 'H' has been posting on Facebook during lock down.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the telephone kiosk in Litton will be used to temporarily display H's Jokes.

**IT WAS ALSO AGREED:** That the phone kiosk is in need of repainting and the Clerk will investigate whether a grant can be secured towards the cost.

### **2358 VILLAGE STREET PARTY**

Councillor Rennie informed members that preliminary plans for a low-key end of lockdown celebration for Litton were underway and that permission was requested to use the Village Greens on 22<sup>nd</sup> June for the celebration.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Village Greens in Litton could be used free of charge for the celebrations.

### **2359 USE OF THE EDGES OF THE CEMETERY FOR DEPOSITING STONES FROM GRAVES**

Councillor Rooke reported that he had noticed that stones from the last grave that was dug appeared to have been wheelbarrowed to the edges of the cemetery rather than being placed in the skip, which is the usual protocol.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will contact the funeral directors to ask that they investigate.

### **2360 FLOWER TUBS**

Councillor Rooke reported that he had received complaints about the condition of some of the flower tubs around Litton.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillor Rennie will include the condition of the flower tubs as part of her report on the condition of benches in the parish.

### **2361 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

NP/DDD/0321/0380 - Hammerton Hall Farm, Post Office Row, Litton,  
Proposed open plan agricultural building extension to store fodder and bedding.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To support the application.

### **2362 FINANCE**

#### **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £1,158.39 for approval.

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

The Clerk reported that annual interest on the reserve account amounted to £90.05 bringing the reserve account balances to £10,243.34.

The current account balance as at 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 was £2,895.89

The end of year comparison between the 2020/21 budget and actual income and expenditure was circulated to members.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That there were no queries arising from the end of year comparison.

### **2363 CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Rooke informed the meeting that he had been contacted by Tideswell & District Environmental Group regarding reports of tree felling behind the Red Lion. The concern was for nesting birds, as well as the loss of the trees.

**IT WAS AGREED:** That Councillors had no knowledge of the tree felling but would investigate.

It was noted that the new handy person contract awarded to James Warriner Handyman and Garden Services came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**IT WAS AGREED:** To thank the retiring handy person for all her work over the last few years and in particular with the very successful projects that she managed with volunteers at Cressbrook and Litton Mill.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.