

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 9th May 2019 at 7pm at Cressbrook Club

PRESENT: Cllr K Oscroft in the Chair
G Rooke & C Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2068 ELECTION OF CHAIR

The first item of business transacted was the election of a Chair. Councillor Rooke proposed and Councillor Robinson seconded that Councillor Oscroft be elected as Chair.

There being no further nominations it was therefore

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Oscroft be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Oscroft took the Chair.

2069 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

IT WAS AGREED: To defer the election of the Vice Chair until the Meeting on 20th May.

2070 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gregory, who could not attend due to work commitments.

2071 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2072 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was attended by Sophie Godber (Handy person) in respect of item 8 on the Agenda.

2073 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th March 2019

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

2074 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

RESOLVED: To defer this item to June Agenda

-1981 HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6

It was noted that the Council has yet to hear from the Highways Agency regarding the monitoring it was going to undertake.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to May Agenda

-1989 Repairs to the stocks on the village green in front of the Red Lion.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to June Agenda.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

IT WAS RESOLVED: to gauge residents' opinions regarding moving the equipment in the playground.

-2022 Speeding in Litton

IT WAS RESOLVED: To appeal for volunteers at the Annual Parish Meeting.

-2051 REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUND WALL

Councillor Rooke informed members that Mr Marsden of Foolow Building Services Ltd was due to start work on rebuilding the wall at the playground week commencing 20th May.

Councillor Rooke also informed members that during his inspection of the play ground equipment this week he noticed that another section of the wall, by the pod swing, had fallen down.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will ask Mr Marsden to quote for the repairs to this additional section of wall repairs.

-2061 PLAYGROUND NUSINANCE COMPLAINT

RESOLVED: to defer this item to the June meeting.

-2067 REGISTERING CRESSBROOK WAR MEMORIAL AS A COMMUNITY ASSET

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk should go ahead and register the war memorial as a community asset.

2075 HANDY-PERSON

Sophie (handy person) outlined for Councillors the plans for the development of the car park in Cressbrook.

It was noted that grant applications had been submitted for the redevelopment of the Garden of Remembrance and the Village Green at Litton Mill. Sophie outlined to members the plans for these sites too, should the grant applications be successful.

Sophie also raised an issue she has found at the cemetery. She is currently contracted to remove the spent flowers/wreaths from the graves circa every 3 weeks. However, some of the families would prefer to make the decision on when to remove spent flowers/wreaths themselves. She therefore has a growing list of when to clear flowers/wreaths from certain graves. Sophie asked if a formal labelling system could be introduced so that she can easily identify which graves she should leave undisturbed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Robinson & the Clerk will post notices on Facebook asking families to come forward if they wish to tend particular graves themselves.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To place this issue on the May Agenda for further discussion about signage at the Cemetery entrance regarding when spent flowers/wreaths will be removed by the Council.

Another issue raised by the Handy Person was the increase in dog fouling in Cressbrook.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will purchase an A4 stencil and a can of yellow semi-permanent paint.

The Handy person's contract for 2019/20 was also discussed by members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That in future the quarterly reports should be more streamlined and will therefore only consist of exception reporting with works required being highlighted.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That as the amount of time Sophie spends weeding the Village Green in Litton Mill has reduced, she will instead, use the hours from her contract, to construct the raised beds on the village green.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That in an effort to minimise the amount of time spent weeding, Sophie will purchase, from her contract, mulch to put on the beds.

2076 TABLE RENTS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To increase the table rents for 2019/20 from £60 to £62 per table.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: To give a grant to Litton Shop under S137 to cover the cost of the rent on the tables they have on Litton village green.

2077 APM AGENDA

Previous years' Annual Parish Meeting (APM) Agenda and slides were circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Agenda should include the request for new Councillors as in previous years.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the APM should be more informal in future and that the Chair will prepare some slides for circulation and comment.

2078 PLANNING

It was noted that the Council had **RESOLVED** to support the following Planning Applications:

NP/DDD/0319/0253 Lane Head House, Whitecross Road, Tideswell
Extension to dwelling

NP/DDD/0219/0122 Pastures View, Litton Dale, Litton
Loft conversion, to provide another bedroom

2079 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1625 to 1629 in the sum of £1,728.67 had been drawn. As well as details of debit card transactions in the sum of £333.39.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid as well as the debit card transaction.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will reimburse the Clerk for a printer she had recently purchased in order to perform her duties. The cost was £91.65 +VAT

2080 USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

A request was received from Friends of Litton to use the village greens in Litton during Wakes week in June.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To grant permission for the use of the village greens in Litton for Litton Night and other activities during Wakes week. As this is an event open to all no fee is payable.

A request was also received from a resident who wishes to use the memorial playing field for a childrens birthday party on 14th July.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council will grant permission for the birthday party on the memorial playing field on payment of a fee of £25.