

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th December 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor Clare Gamble, Litton & Longstone

2151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gregory.

2152 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Saxby declared an interest in item 8, planning application in respect of Lower Anchor Farm.

2153 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of public present at the meeting.

Jeanne Mason to observe the proceedings and Mr John Butler the Chair of Cressbrook Community Group who was representing Cressbrook in respect of item 6 on the Agenda.

The Chair agreed to move item 6 Speeding Cars through Cressbrook to be the first item discussed.

2154 SPEEDING CARS THROUGH CRESSBROOK

Mr Butler addressed the meeting regarding the concerns of Cressbrook residents to the volume of cars and bikes speeding along the lower road in Cressbrook. He outlined various ideas that Cressbrook Community Group had put forward for helping to calm the traffic through the village, such as moving the 30mph speed limit sign further towards the edge of the village by the Church, reducing the speed limit to 20mph and rumble strips. Mr Butler said that they had purchased '20 is plenty' signs for the village, contacted DCC and Councillor J Twigg and were in the process of getting signatures on a petition. At this stage Cressbrook Community Group are not looking for any action from the Parish Council, only that it supports reducing speeding through Cressbrook.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will support the reduction of speeding cars through Cressbrook.

2155 CLIMATE CHANGE

After discussions it was **RESOLVED:** To put Climate Change on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

2156 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th November 2019

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

2157 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

Councillor Oscroft has emailed Kerry and Neil with some dates for a meeting but have not heard back yet.

-2061 Playground Nuisance Complaint

IT WAS RESOLVED: To leave this issue in abeyance for the time being as the complainant's house is currently on the market.

-2107 Replacing Timber Edging in the Coppice Area at Litton Playground/Rotten Timbers in Younger Children's Play Area

It was noted that the rotted timbers at the playground have now been replaced and the loose timbers secured.

A report from James Warriner regarding the state of repair of the stakes at the playground was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will apply to DCC for a Grant to cover the repairs outlined in James Warriner's report.

-2130 Flower Beds near Ashleigh

It was reported that this work is still ongoing.

-2136 'NO PARKING' SIGNS OUTSIDE THE OLD SHOP

It was reported that the 'no parking' sign is up but that the two posts at either side need to be replaced.

2158 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1119/1236 – 64 Top Cottages, Unnamed Road, Cressbrook

Listed Building Consent – installation of central heating system and installation of freestanding boiler and freestanding oil storage tank.

RESOLVED: That the council supports the application and will write to PDNPA accordingly.

NP/DDD/1219/1290 68 Badger Cottage, Top Cottages, Cressbrook

Listed building consent – provision of new front door, external flagstones externally mounted boiler and hardwood flooring to lounge.

RESOLVED: That the council supports the application and will write to PDNPA accordingly.

As Councillor Saxby had declared an interest in the following planning application, she did not participate in discussions and played no part in the Council's decision.

NP/DDD/1219/1275 Lower Anchor Farm, Manchester Road

Proposed open plan agricultural building to store hay and straw.

RESOLVED: That the council supports the application and will write to PDNPA accordingly.

2159 CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETING 2020

A list of proposed Council Meetings for 2020 was circulated to members.

It was also noted that February's meeting will take place on Monday 24th rather than the usual 3rd Monday of the month and will also be held in Cressbrook.

It was also noted that December's meeting will take place on Monday 14th rather than the usual 3rd Monday of the month and will also be held in Cressbrook.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately before the April monthly meeting next year.

2160 ROLLING OVER THE HANDY-PERSON CONTRACT FOR YEAR 2020/21

Following discussions **IT WAS AGREED** that the handy-person's contract will roll over on 1st April 2020 for a further year.

2161 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Following discussions **IT WAS AGREED** that the grass cutting contract will roll over on 1st April 2020 for the final year of the 3-year contract.

2162 VILLAGE GREEN PROTECTION AND BREACHES TO REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: To place Village Green issues on the Annual Parish Agenda.

2163 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1650 to 1653 in the sum of £2,048.92 had been drawn as well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £245.60.

Bank Statements for the NatWest Current and Reserve accounts for the period 5th September to 5 December 2019 were presented to the meeting for accuracy and signed by the Chair.

It was noted that the current account bank statement balance at 16th November 2019 was £5,749.65.

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

2164 RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke reported that the Trustees of the Ralph Malone Trust had met in early December to consider the applications for the annual payments from the Trust and had agreed on payments of £85 per applicant.

2165 NEW COUNCILLOR

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

2166 CORRESPONDENCE

An explanatory email and draft Armed Forces covenant were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to amend the Covenant as discussed and to circulate via email for approval before placing it on the Council's website.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That any planning applications arriving during the recess period would be dealt with via email unless Councillors agreed that an Extraordinary General Meeting was necessary.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.