

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 21st March 2022 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, P Oscroft, C Robinson, G Rooke & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

The Chair welcomed Councillor Patricia Oscroft to her first meeting as a newly co-opted member of the Council.

2475 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2476 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2477 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2478 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 items 5 (2450) on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2479 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2022

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

2480 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2275 TURNING SPACE IN LITTON FOR SERVICE BUS

An email was circulated to members with a proof of the 'no parking' sign and cost.

Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED:** That Councillor Gregory will arrange the ordering and installation of the signs.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That a new flower tub be purchased to be placed near Litton View Farm to deter the bus from driving over the village green when it is unable to use its usual turning space.

-2420 WAR MEMORIAL

An email was circulated to members from the current owner of Cressbrook War Memorial.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask Cressbrook Community Group if they would be willing to take on ownership of the War Memorial.

-2467 TREE PLANTING TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillors Gregory and Rooke stated that they had planted a Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green opposite the Hall Lane junction in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

-2468 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory reported that he is still awaiting a date from the tree surgeons about removing the leaning sycamore tree and grinding out the stumps remaining from 3 trees recently removed by the handy person.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To ask the handy person to replace the 3 damaged tubs on Litton village Green at a cost of £85 each plus £20 delivery.

2481 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

PCSO Anthony Boswell reported that no incidents had been reported in the parish in the last month.

Residents are reminded that it is important to report all instances of theft and attempted theft to the police.

2482 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION/CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR

The Chair informed the meeting that due to increased work commitments Councillor Mason-Marper had tendered her resignation as Councillor.

The Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Mason-Marper for her valuable contribution during her time with the Council, especially in respect of her tireless fundraising in aid of the playground.

The Clerk stated that a Notice of Vacancy had been displayed and that the period by which a valid request in writing by electors for an election had passed. The Parish Council are therefore waiting for confirmation from DDDC that it can go ahead and co-opt a Councillor.

2483 WI OFFER TO FUND A TREE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chair informed members that the WI would like to fund a tree on the Village Green in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillors would prefer a fruit tree to replace the Cherry tree that had recently been cut down near the playground.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will decide on the best varieties for the location and then offer the WI the final choice of tree to be planted.

2484 DERYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND

District Councillor Gamble highlighted that £500 funding was available from DDDC

towards the costs of organised parish events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To apply for the total amount available funds as Litton had a number of events planned and also to ask Cressbrook and Litton Mill if they had any community events planned in their villages.

2485 DCC AND POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER TEAM UP TO BRING NEW COUNTRYWIDE TRIAL OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

An email from District Councillor Gamble was circulated to members relating to the trial of a new initiative to promote the use of Speed Indicator Devices on Derbyshire's roads, by make vehicle-activated signs more accessible to Parishes and Community Groups.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To email County Councillor Alasdair Sutton to express an interest in the scheme.

2486 ANNUAL TABLE RENTS REVIEW

It was noted that, per the budget, the annual table rents renewable on 1st April will be £65 per table for 2022/23.

2487 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications were received during the month.

2488 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTION 2022/23

The costs of both the standard subscription and enhanced subscription, which includes some training, were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the standard subscription for the year 2022/23 will be sufficient for the Council's needs

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2489 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments, via email, in the sum of £1,001.73 for approval.

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

It was noted that the current account balance as at 21st March 2022 was £6,985.66 and the reserve account balance was £10,245.69.

(ii) Instruction of Internal Auditor

IT WAS AGREED: To instruct Joanne Taylor again this year to undertake the internal audit of the Council's 2021/22 Accounts.

(iii) NJC Pay Award 2021/22

It was noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government had agreed the pay award for 2021/2. This equated to a pay rise of 24p per hour for the Clerk, backdated to 1st April 2021.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2450 SUNNYBANK LICENCE AGREEMENT

A revised licence prepared by the Council's voluntary legal adviser was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the amendments to the licence and forward it to the owners of Sunnybank for comment.

2490 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

Notification from the Peak District Challenge (a charity walking, jog or run event) that Litton forms part of the route on 9th and 10th July.

Household eligible for the £150 Council Tax Energy rebate should not contact DDDC as they are contacting all households eligible individually. If Council Tax is paid by direct debit the refund will be automatically credited to the relevant bank account.

It was noted that applications to temporarily close Mires Lane, Litton on 5th and 21st June had been submitted to DDDC in respect of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Litton Wakes Night.

The Chair informed members that a resident had offered to pay for the purchase and installation of a replacement bench near the phone box in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the offer.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.