

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 18th November 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr K Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory & G Rooke

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

2140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillor Robinson - holiday
Councillor Saxby - family illness.

2141 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

2143 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st October 2019

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

2144 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

An email received from Neil & Kerry Burrows was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillors Oscroft and Robinson will arrange to meet with Neil and Kerry at their property as requested.

District Councillor Gamble joined the meeting.

-2061 Playground Nuisance Complaint

Notes of the Public Meeting held on 21st October 2019 were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To post the notes from the Public Meeting on the Council's website.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor Gamble will chase DDDC for details of the acoustic fencing erected in the play area in Bakewell park.

-2067 Registering Cressbrook War Memorial as a Community Asset

The Clerk informed the meeting that a decision will be made regarding the Council's nomination on or before the 3rd January 2020.

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

It was noted that James Warriner had agreed to replace the rotted timbers at the playground, per his quote for £350 and also to secure the loose timbers at an additional cost of £40.

Councillor Gregory reported that having looked at the coppice edging he had asked the handy person to replace/mend it as it is rather dangerous with nails stuck out and could be a trip hazard. The cost per the handy person's Quarter 1 report will be £50 for material and £70 for labour.

-2130 Flower Beds near Ashleigh

Councillor Gregory informed members that the handyperson had agreed to remove the dead shrubs in the flowerbed near Ashleigh at a cost of between £48 and £60.

-2134 Litton Phone Box Adoption

The Clerk informed members that she had written to DDDC expressing an interest in purchasing the telephone box in Litton when it is decommissioned by BT and DDDC have confirmed that they will pass on a list of Council's interested in adopting phone boxes to BT.

-2136 'NO PARKING' SIGNS OUTSIDE THE OLD SHOP

Councillor Gregory reported that he has not yet had the opportunity to repair/replace the 'no parking' signs outside the Old Shop.

2145 FIELDS IN TRUST

IT WAS AGREED: To leave this item in abeyance until after the Sunnybank land swap has been resolved.

District Councillor Gamble left the meeting.

2146 NEW COUNCILLOR APPLICATION

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will invite Jeanie Mason to the December Council meeting.

2147 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council's revised Financial Regulations were circulated to members.

The changes are recommended by NALC and cover:

1. Restriction added to Regulation 11.1.a.ii
Clarifying disapplication of contract regulations to legal professionals limited to those acting in disputes only – not general legal work.
2. Update to limits under Public Contract Regulations – footnote to Regulation 11.1.b; and
3. Minor change to the heading of Regulation 12

RESOLVED: That the revised Financial Regulations be approved for the next 12 months.

2148 CEMETERY FEES

The current cemetery fees were circulated to members for review.

IT WAS AGREED: That the cemetery fees be increased by 3% rounded up to the nearest pound.

2149 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

(a) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheque numbered 1649 in the sum of £336.12 had been drawn as well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £71.93.

It was noted that the current account bank statement balance at 18th November 2019 was £4,662.38.

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

(b) Budget and Precept for 2020/21

A copy of the draft budget and precept requirement was circulated to members.

Councillors were asked to consider a 3% increase in the precept for 2020/21 to allow the Council to maintain its current level of works programme.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the budget and a 3% increase in the precept to £8,407 for 2020/21 be approved.

(c) External Audit Report

A copy of the External Auditor's report and certificate in respect of the 2018/19 was circulated to members.

The Clerk requested that per the 2019/20 budget, £2,500 be transferred from reserves to the current account to cover expenses to the end of the financial year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will arrange for the transfer of £2,500 from the reserve account to the current account.

2150 CORRESPONDENCE

An email requested that a grit bin be sited on Conjoint Lane was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council doesn't have sufficient funds to be able to supply additional grit bins in the parish. It will however contact DCC to see if a salt heap could be left at the top of the hill on Conjoint Lane.

An appeal by the RNIB for there to be a collecting point in Litton for used stamps over the Christmas period was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask Litton Shop if they would be willing to act as a collection point for the stamps.

A further email was circulated to members relating to signing up for DDDC Flood Event Notification.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To sign up for the Flood Event Notifications.

It was noted that there is no longer a direct bus from Litton to Chesterfield. The new arrangements for travelling to Chesterfield are via:

Service 277 (Hulleys): This new service will offer a morning journey from Litton, Tideswell and Eyam to Baslow with connections to Chesterfield and an afternoon return bus with connections for Chesterfield. It will run on Mondays to Fridays.

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