

**LITTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk & District Councillor C Gamble

**2660 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Rennie, who was unable to attend due to family commitments.

**2661 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

**2662 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**2663 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There were no agenda items that required the exclusion of members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

**2664 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 27<sup>TH</sup> March as being a true and correct record.

**2665 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

**-2540 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ABOVE RAVENSDALE COTTAGES**

It was noted that PDNPA have issued an Enforcement Notice under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for a breach of planning control in relation to the land at Cressbrook Dale.

Councillor Brunt also confirmed that the land owner (Pheonix Rose) intends to sell the land.

**-2635 TREE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Gregory informed members that he had undertaken a visual inspection of the trees at the cemetery. Whilst he does not consider that there is any immediate danger, he does feel that there are a few trees that will need a closer inspection by a qualified Arborist or surveyor.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillor Gregory will ascertain what minor work can be carried out by himself and the handyperson and escalate any major works.

### **-2638 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION/FUNDRAISER**

The Clerk informed members that she had emailed Tideswell First Responders with a couple of possible dates at the beginning of June for the training and was awaiting a reply.

### **-2650 BICYCLE PARKING AND 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To site the bike stand behind the bus shelter.

**IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED:** To find out which other villages in Derbyshire Dales support the campaign.

Councillor Brunt circulated a draft motion showing the Council's support for 20mph speed limits on village streets in Derbyshire.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To send the motion to County Councillor Alistair Sutton and the Highways Agency.

### **2666 FINANCE**

#### **(a) Accounts for payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,085.00 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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was £2,474.53 and the reserve account balance was £10,439.07.

#### **(b) Full Year Actual Income & Expenditure -v- Budget**

A comparison between the full year budgeted and actual income & expenditure was circulated to members.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That there were no queries on the comparison.

### **2667 DISTURBANCE OF LITTON VILLAGE GREEN**

An email from a resident reporting that they had witnessed something being buried on Litton Village Green was circulated to members.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To not disturb the Village Green again, by digging up what was buried, but remove the ornament that had been placed at the spot.

### **2668 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SLIDES**

The slides for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May were circulated to members.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the slides should be amended in the manner discussed and recirculated via email.

### **2669 QUIET LANE DESIGNATION**

Councillor Brunt suggested that as part of traffic calming initiatives in the parish the Council might consider applying for some of the roads to be designated as 'Quiet Lanes' by the Highway Authority.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillor Brunt will investigate the possibility further.

### **2700 PLAYGROUND**

Councillor Rooke informed members that the playground inspections were continuing monthly and that there was an area of matting that was lifting. He also stated that he had been to the playground to clean some of the small items of play equipment prior to the inspection next month.

It was further noted that the benches in the lower play area were covered in lichens and in need of a clean.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That Councillor Rooke will write to Proludic about the matting along with some other snags that are still outstanding.

**IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED:** That the clerk will check the handyperson's contract to see if the tasks include cleaning the playground equipment.

### **2701 DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To change the date of the Annual Meeting to straight after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **2702 WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn

Planning Application Reference: NP/DDD/1122/1359 and 1357

Site Address: Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

Proposed Development: New detached garage building

### **2703 CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received and circulated to Councillors since the last monthly meeting.

A request from Cressbrook residents was received to allow them to approach Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for assistance with seeds and plugs, with the aim of planting a mini meadow with grasses and wild flowers, where the orchard is sited next to the car park in Cressbrook.

An email was received from a resident expressing concerns of the risks posed to users of the pavement by Honeypot Cottage in Litton caused by the constant migration of chipping from their driveway onto the pavement and road.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the Council will investigate.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.