

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 18th November 2024 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs Brunt, Gregory, Howe,

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2953 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Gamble & Rennie who were unable to attend for personal reasons & Councillor Rooke who was on holiday.

2954 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2955 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2956 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.

2957 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 21st October as being a true and correct record.

2958 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2952 Update on the potholes on Bottomhill Road and Litton Mill – An email received from County Councillor Sutton informed members that due to the severity of the potholes, the Cabinet Member for Highways is trying to get Bottomhill Road on a patching scheme, which will result in a bigger but more permanent job.

Councillor Brunt stated that there are also some large potholes near Cressbrook Club which due to a lack of pavement and lighting on that stretch of road is making pedestrians walking along the road vulnerable. **IT WAS AGREED** that Councillor Brunt will send some photos to the Clerk so that it can be reported to Highways.

-2949 Update on fallen down wall abutting Hollandtwine and the Memorial Playing Field – Councillor Gregory stated that he had not yet had time to progress this, but would do so in time for the February 2025 meeting.

2959 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1024/1087 - Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook

The provision of two parking bays with hipped roof canopy. Proposed removal of a disused oil tank and excavation of hillside alongside driveway. To include associated landscaping and hard-standing provision

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council has no objection to this application.

2960 FINANCE

Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £558.43 for approval.

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

It was also noted that £3,000 had now been transferred from the reserve account to the current account and that the grant of £750 towards the tree survey and associated works had been received.

The current account balance as at 18th November 2024 was £7,661.99 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

2961 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

It was noted that the monthly playground report had not yet been received.

Councillor Brunt informed members that she had cleaned some of the play panels in the infants playground which had been highlighted as being covered in algae in the October monthly inspection report.

2962 2025/26 DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND

The draft budget and precept demand for 2025/26 was circulated to members.

It was noted that the number of Band D properties equivalent had not yet been received from DDDC.

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED** that due to the additional project work required in 2025/26 the budget and the precept demand will need to be increased by around 15%.

As the final figure will be dependent on the number of Band D properties equivalent, **IT WAS AGREED** to restrict the increase to a maximum of 16%.

2963 CEMETERY FEES FOR 2025/26

IT WAS AGREED: to increase the fees as discussed and update the Parish Council's website with the revised prices.

2964 CORRESPONDENCE

Derbyshire Environmental Trust has asked for additional information with regard to the funding application made for a circular bench and repairs to the play equipment at the Playground. The Parish Council should know whether the funding bid has been successful by the end of December or early January.

Councillors Saxby and Rooke will be attending planning training on 13th January 2025 which is Peak Park specific and will be delivered by PDNPA.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.