

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 18th October 2021 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, J Mason-Marper, C Robinson, G Rooke & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

2429 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2430 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mason-Marper declared an interest in item number 7 on the agenda, Table Rents, as the owner of the Red Lion pub which is subject to table rents.

2431 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2432 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 item 5, Actions from the Minutes 2281 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2433 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

2434 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2275 Turning space in Litton for service bus

It was noted that a proposed solution was still awaited from DCC.

-2379 Report on the Condition of the Benches and Flower Tubs

Councillor Gregory stated that he had not yet asked the handy person to quote for repairs to the benches as he was busy with getting the trees and bushes at the playground cut back ready for the new play equipment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To postpone this item until the New Year.

-2392 TREES

Councillor Gregory asked whether he could purchase the items necessary to make guards to protect the new saplings that are being planted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that if Councillor Gregory made the necessary purchases the Council would reimburse him on presentation of the receipts.

-2393 CEMETERY

IT WAS RESOLVED: To postpone this item until the New Year.

-2405 LITTON PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENTS

Councillor Rooke reported that with the help of volunteers all the play chip had been removed from the infant playground. However, the contractors (Proludic Ltd) have now said that due to global delays the new start date will be 8th November.

Councillor Mason-Marper informed members that she had met with Rachel Rennie and they had discussed a number of fundraising ideas, such as an auction of promises, mini artisan market, selling fairy light gin bottles, Christmas hamper raffle and a pub quiz.

IT WAS AGREED: To thank all the volunteers who helped achieve the mammoth task of removing the play chip from the infant play area in such a short period of time.

-2408 CUTTING OF ROADSIDE VERGES IN THE PARISH

Councillor Rooke gave members further information on the areas to be included in DDDCs biodiversity of grass verges project.

-2420 WAR MEMORIAL

IT WAS RESOLVED: To look further into the cost implications of purchasing the War Memorial and land.

-2421 CHRISTMAS TREES

IT WAS RESOLVED: To order Christmas trees from David & Tom Howe as they offered the best value for money.

-2423 WALL AT MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that the wall on the left-hand side of the memorial playing field is in need of repair.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To check the previous minutes to ascertain what has been agreed with regard to repairs to the wall.

2435 LITTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillor Robinson reported that Litton's Remembrance service will be held on the village green in front of the village hall again this year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Robinson will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the service.

2436 TABLE RENTS

IT WAS AGREED: To defer the table rents for another 6 months until the next financial year.

2437 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications were received for consideration during the month.

2438 FINANCE

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,042.95 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 18th October 2021 was £5,707.70 and the reserve account balance was £10,245.69.

A comparison between the actual income and expenses for the first half year and the budget was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That there were no queries relating to the budget comparison.

2439 CORRESPONDENCE

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

DALC– October Newsletter
Stoptober - Free stop smoking course Services
DALC AGM 19th October 2021

A notice regarding the Public Space Protection Orders Consultation was circulated to members.

It was noted that DDDC's proposal does not include the alcohol exclusion at the playground in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask DDDC why the alcohol exclusion at the playground is not on the current proposal consultation.

An email was received relating to a motor home parked at Litton Slack which is partially blocking the stile on the side of the metal gate.

IT WAS RESOVLED: To refer the matter to the Rights of Way Officer at DCC.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

It was noted that a letter explaining the need for a licence for vehicular access across a village green and enclosing a licence for signature had been sent.

IT WAS AGREED: To leave this matter in abeyance until the New Year.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.15pm.