

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th February 2026 at 7.15pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs Brunt, Gregory & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Councillors Howe and Rennie.

3119 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

3120 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public.

3121 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.

3122 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2025

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 15th December, as being a true and correct record.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook & 3083 Tree maintenance at the War Memorial Land Cressbrook** – It was noted the PDNPA have awarded a grant to the Parish Council towards the cost of the tree work at the War Memorial of £375. Councillor Gregory stated that Chatsworth Forestry have said that they will start the work before Easter.

Councillor Brunt stated that the Drystone Wallers that looked at the works required, have stated that they are not prepared to undertake the roadside wall at Cressbrook, but are willing to do the playground boundary wall.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Clerk will write to DCC asking if they have a list of contractors that they use who may undertake the work on the retaining wall in Cressbrook.

- **3087 Installation of a pond at the cemetery** –

IT WAS AGREED: To gauge public opinion at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That Councillor Gregory will produce some rough costings for the pond.

3123 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application: NP/DDD/0126/0033 – Clergy Cottage, The Green, Litton - Listed Building Consent – The works involve repairing defective timber roof members which aim to reserve the existing fabric.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to this application as it will not be noticeable from the outside.

3124 FINANCE

(a) The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £1,301.54 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 16th February 2026.

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

The current account balance as at 16th February 2026 was £6,736.04 and the reserve account balance was £7,669.41.

(b) The Quarter 3 actual income and expenditure compared to that budgeted was circulated to members and noted.

3125 TO CONSIDER COMMISSIONING A NEW WEBSITE

The Clerk stated that the current website is not likely to meet the new assertion covering digital and data compliance in this year's AGAR.

IT WAS AGREED: To inform the internal auditors that the Parish Council is working towards compliance and a new website has been budgeted for 2026/27.

3126 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE IT POLICY

A draft IT Policy was circulated to members for consideration and adoption.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should adopt the IT Policy.

3127 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE ATTACHED INTERNAL CONTROL REVIEW PROCESS

A draft Internal Control Review Process was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should adopt the Internal Control Review Process.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will undertake the annual review with the Clerk and report back to Councillors.

3128 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

There is no change from last month's report.

Councillor Rooke stated that he has visited the playground with Proludic, but is still waiting for a quote regarding replacing the slide, however it is likely to be around £9,000.

The wall at the front of the playground near the sign is deteriorating and this also needs monitoring.

3129 TO CONSIDER INCURSION ONTO THE VILLAGE GREEN

Two photographs of the Village Green in front of Woodstock at the bottom end of Barretts Lane were circulated to members. One appeared to show the track leading from Woodstock and Sunnyside had been widened and the other showed that a van had been regularly parked partially on the Village Green in front of The Cottage.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That as these properties have recently had new owners, Councillor Rooke will approach them to ensure that they are aware that the green in front of their properties is Registered Village Green and therefore protected in law.

3130 TO CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE CEMETERY GRASS HEAP

It was noted that the grass heaps at the Cemetery still haven't been removed. The contractor sent his apologies and stated that he was waiting for the weather to improve as he was concerned that taking the loader over the grass would cause a mess and we would receive complaints.

IT WAS AGREED: That to ask the contractor to remove the grass heaps now as any damage to the grass should recover once the weather improves.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That in future the grass heap should be removed at the same time as the 13th cut.

3131 TO CONSIDER A PLAN FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CRESSBROOK MEMORIAL RENOVATION

Councillor Brunt stated that the original quote was for quite a lot of work and if our funding application is unsuccessful, should the quote be broken down and the different components prioritised.

IT WAS AGREED: In the first instance to send the quote detailing the work that the Parish Council intends to carry out on the War Memorial to the Conservation Officer at the PDNPA to see what input they will need to have in the project.

3132 TO CONSIDER WHICH COMMUNITY CONCERNS THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM AND PARTNERS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON IN THE NEXT QUARTER

Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED:** To request that the SNT concentrate on speeding, vehicle crime and parking, in particular parking in the passing places at Upperdale.

3133 CORRESPONDENCE

- Free septic tank upgrades offered to local residents to help protect High Peak's rivers – drop in event at Tideswell Community Hall 4.30pm - 6.30pm on Friday 27th February.
- Email concerning damage to the village green in Litton caused by a maintenance vehicle.
- Closure of Bottomhill Road, Cressbrook (between the entrance to Cressbrook Mill and the junction with Long Lane) 16th – 20th March 2026 between 9.30am and 3.30pm each day.
- The handyperson will start to clear the Christmas wreaths at the cemetery week commencing 23rd February. Please remove any wreaths that you wish to keep by Friday 20th February.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.44pm.