

## LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
held on 16th September 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

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

### **2113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2114 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

### **2115 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Jackson asked Councillors if they had thought anymore about how the Parish Council might encourage residents and visitors to assist DDDC to achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To place climate change on the October Agenda.

Mr Jackson left the meeting.

Mr J Burrows attended the meeting to speak about the continued noise nuisance he is experiencing from the top part of the playground. He feels that the site is overdeveloped and would like to see the slide and pod swing removed as these items are causing the most noise.

Mr Burrows stated, and asked that it be minuted, that 'someone will get hurt in the playground'.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Burrows will prepare a Notice that can be issued to the village setting out what he would like done to mitigate the noise at the playground.

Mr Burrows left the meeting.

### **2116 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

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

## **2117 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

### **-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap**

It was noted that the Council had written to Mr & Mrs N Burrows and was awaiting a response.

### **-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLVED:** To put this item on hold until after the Public Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **-2051 REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUND WALL**

It was noted that the repairs to the playground wall have been completed.

### **-2061 PLAYGROUND NUISANCE COMPLAINT**

Following further discussions **IT WAS RESOLVED:** That a Public Meeting to discuss this issue will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm in Litton Village Hall.

It was noted that antisocial behaviour is not a Parish Council matter and all instances should be reported to the Police.

### **-2067 REGISTERING CRESSBROOK WAR MEMORIAL AS A COMMUNITY ASSET**

It was noted that an application has been submitted to DDDC and the outcome should be received within 8 weeks.

### **-2094 ROSPA REPORT – MULTI-PLAY CLIMBER REPAIRS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask again for more specific detail on which part of the multi-play climber requires remedial work.

### **-2095 MOVING ‘NO PARKING’ SIGNS NEAR DRIVEWAYS IN LITTON**

Councillor Gregory reported that he had observed the parking in the areas where the ‘No Parking’ signs are situated and doesn’t feel that they need to be moved.

### **-2107 REPLACING TIMBER EDGING IN THE COPPICE AREA AT LITTON PLAYGROUND/ROTTEN TIMBERS IN YOUNGER CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Gregory will take a look at the coppice edging in the playground, which was reported in the Handy-Person’s Quarterly report as in need of repair and report back to the Council.

It was noted that a claim had been made under the warranty with regard to the rotted timbers at the playground and also in respect of the rotted wood around the mounting bolts on the climbing hut.

### **-2108 CEMETERY PLANS**

Councillor Gregory stated that at least one, possibly 2 new paths would be required at the cemetery in the not too distant future and requested that the Council consider this expenditure when preparing next year’s budget.

**RESOLVED:** To include an amount for cemetery paths in the 2020/21 budget.

### **-2109 RESIDENTS PARKING IN LITTON**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That there is nothing further the Council can do regarding this issue.

## **2118 TREE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Oscrift reported that he had received comments from residents living near the playground about overhanging branches from trees on the village green causing problems and therefore needing attention.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Gregory will cut down the overhanging branches.

Councillor Gregory also informed members that he has chased the tree surgeons for a date for cutting down the tree outside Litton Shop.

**IT WAS AGREED:** To put the planting of saplings on the October Agenda.

## **2119 PLANNING**

Application NP/DDD/0719/0819 Woodside Cottage Cressbrook  
Erection of a summer house

**RESOLVED:** To support the application

It was noted that the Council had responded to 3 planning applications over the summer recess.

Application number NP/DDD/0719/0764 Curzon Farm, Litton Dale, Litton  
Proposed conversion of outbuilding attached to a dwelling to form additional living accommodation and new garage and workshop.

Application number NP/DDD/0819/0836. Anchor Inn, A623  
Blocking up existing ground floor window and installation of new catering kitchen extract ventilation to rear single-storey flat roof.

The Council supported both these applications.

Application Number: NP/DDD/0719/0769 Woodland View, Unnamed Section of A623  
from Manchester Road to Trot Lane  
Erection of 7 houses with vehicular access.

The Council objected to this application but it has since been withdrawn.

## **2120 SNOW WARDEN**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Robinson will act as Snow Warden co-ordinator for 2019/20.

## **2121 CHRISTMAS TREES**

**RESOLVED:** To order all the Christmas Trees for delivery 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## **2122 REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

**RESOLVED:** To order a Wreath to be placed on Litton's Memorial Playing Field Gates with a donation of £25 to RBL Poppy Appeal.

### **2123 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)**

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1640 and 1642 in the sum of £1,599.29 had been drawn as well as details of two debit card transactions in the sum of £400.15.

It was noted that the current account bank statement balance at 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was £7,426.90.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That the cheques be signed and the accounts to which they relate be paid as well as the debit card transactions.

### **2124 CORRESPONDENCE**

An email was circulated to members relating to a crack in the boundary wall between the community garden and a neighbouring property at Litton Mill.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** That as the crack appears to have resulted from a tree in the neighbouring property's garden leaning on wall, it was the owner of the tree's responsibility to repair the wall.

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