

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 19th November 2018 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Rennie in the Chair
Cllrs K Oscroft, G Rooke & C Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Gregory – work commitments

It was noted that Councillor McMillan had resigned from the Council with immediate effect.

2017 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2019 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th October 2018

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

2020 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1935 Retaining wall opposite Lower Wood

Councillor Rennie stated that she had not been able to get satisfactory responses from the wallers she had approached regarding repairs to the wall.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will contact some alternative stone wallers for quotes to the wall and also the wall at the top of the playground.

-1947 Playground and land transfer

It was noted that Councillors Rooke and Robinson will meet with Mr Outram of Emmet & Taylor LLP at the playground on Tuesday 27th November to discuss the land transfer from DDDC.

Councillor Robinson reported that she and Councillor Oscroft had met with Neil & Kerry Burrows to discuss the land exchange between Sunnybank and Litton Parish Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillors Robinson and Rooke will discuss the situations with Mr Outram when they meet on 27th November.

-1989 Repairs to the stocks on the village green in front of the Red Lion.

Councillor Rennie reported that the repairs to the stocks will take more time than originally anticipated, as now they have been dug out of the ground, it has become apparent that they will need to be rebuilt.

RESOLVED: That the wood is taken away and the ground levelled to make it safe in the interim until the new stocks can be built.

-1991 QUARTERLY CRESSBROOK COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Councillor Robinson reported that she had attended the recent community meeting in Cressbrook which she found to be beneficial, as did the Cressbrook community group.

Councillor Robinson also informed Councillors that the Cressbrook community group had applied for a grant based on their original plans for the replanting of Cressbrook car park, but that they acknowledged the Council's objections to fruit trees and will amend the plan once the grant comes through.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Rooke reported that he has contacted Proludic UK, the original suppliers of the playground equipment and is waiting for their local contact to get in touch.

He also stated that he had met with a representative from Ellesmere Playground Products Ltd, the original fitters of the equipment, at the playground and discussed various scenarios for moving the pod swing and netball area as follows:

- a) Move the netball area to the memorial playing field
- b) move the pod swing to the memorial playing field
- c) moving the netball area and having it tarmacked in the memorial playing field
- d) moving the netball area and purchasing an additional netball area for the memorial playing field.

RESOLVED: To make a playground sub-committee which will consist of Councillors Rennie, Rooke & Oscroft.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will ask Ellesmere Playground Products Ltd for an additional quote for moving the pod swing to where the netball area is currently situated in the playground.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Rennie will write a flyer to go into the book bags at Litton school asking parents for ideas regarding the redevelopment of the memorial playing field.

-2006 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will advertise for volunteers on Litton's Facebook Group to dig out the overgrown beds at the Garden of Remembrance.

2021 REVIEW OF DRAFT RESERVES POLICY

A draft Reserves policy was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the draft reserves policy be adopted and reviewed annually.

2022 CEMETERY FEES REVIEW

The current cemetery fees were circulated to members for review.

IT WAS AGREED: That the cemetery fees be increased by 3% rounded up to the nearest pound.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the Clerk will investigate how the undulation on a number of the graves can be levelled off.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact DALC about possible guidance on stress testing headstones.

2021 REQUEST TO PLACE A MEMORIAL BENCH IN THE CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that a request had been received for the placing of a memorial bench in the cemetery.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council would decline the request for a memorial bench to be placed in the cemetery, but to offer the opportunity to purchase an engraved plaque in the memorial garden instead.

2022 SPEEDING IN LITTON

Information on speed signs was circulated to the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the cost of purchasing a speed sign was prohibitive to the Council.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council will advertise on Litton's Facebook Group and in the Village Voice for volunteers to get involved in helping with a community speed gun project.

2023 PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 2019

An email from DDDC about the cost depending on various election scenarios was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: To budget for costs of £896 towards the May 2019 elections.

2024 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/1118/1012 Stone Pitts Work, Cressbrook

Change of use of site from industrial to residential, erection of a residential annex

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillors should email their comments on the planning application to the Clerk by Monday 26th November so that an appropriate response can be drafted.

2025 FEEDBACK ON WW1 COMMEMORATION EVENTS

Councillor Robinson gave an account of the remembrance weekend events.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council sends its thanks to all the people involved in the commemoration weekend events and worked so hard to make it a success.

2026 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1600 to 1602 in the sum of £747.68 had been drawn.

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

The Clerk also requested that the Council set up direct debit in respect of the annual Data Protection fee in order to take advantage of a discounted rate.

IT WAS AGREED: That the annual data protection fee can be paid via a direct debit.

2028 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Derbyshire County Council requesting that cars do not obstruct the gritting routes in Cressbrook as this has led to the gritting lorries being unable to pass. DCC has stated that if the situation does not improve in the near future it may be necessary to remove the road from its precautionary salting network.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To post the letter on the Council's Facebook page and also its website.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.44pm.