

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 24th February 2020 at 7pm at Cressbrook Club

PRESENT: Cllr K Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, J Mason & C Saxby

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

2167 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson & Rooke.

2168 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2169 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of public present at the meeting.

Mr John Butler the Chair of Cressbrook Community Group who was representing Cressbrook in respect of item 6 on the Agenda.

The Chair agreed to move item 6, fibre Broadband in Cressbrook, to be the first item discussed.

District Councillor Clare Gamble explained that Ofcom will be bringing out a new scheme in April which may solve the problem of getting fibre broadband to Cressbrook. It is thought that the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme could be added to the Ofcom scheme, which should then cover the costs, depending on the number of households taking part.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Cressbrook Community Group will get an idea of interest from residents and businesses and if appropriate make a start on approaching a supplier under the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme to get the quotation process rolling.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That Andrew Globe from the Digital Derbyshire Team, be invited to attend the next Cressbrook Community Scheme on 28th March 2020.

Mrs Katie Burrows wished to speak about vehicular access across the village greens and the trees on the village green in front of The Hillock.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: Place vehicular access across the village greens on the agenda for the Council's March Meeting.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED TO: hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 9th March to discuss the options available to the Council regarding vehicular access across village greens.

2170 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th December 2019

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

2171 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

Councillor Oscroft informed members that Neil & Kerry Burrows have asked if they can buy a piece of land from the Council rather than go ahead with the proposed land swap.

-2107 Replacing Rotten Timbers in Younger Children's Play Area

It was noted that the Council has been awarded £250 by Councillor Judith Twigg from the Members' Community Leadership Scheme towards the £310 cost of securing the rotted timbers at the playground.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will contribute the remaining £60 for the work to be carried out.

-2130 Flower Beds near Ashleigh

It was reported that the bed has now been cleared ready for replanting.

FIBRE BROADBAND CRESSBROOK

See Minute 2169 above.

2172 SNOW WARDEN UPDATE

It was reported that all the parish grit bins were filled in January, with piles of grit also being left at Litton Slack and by the bungalow on Bottomhill Road. There are currently 25 bags of salt remaining.

2173 LITTON MILL VILLAGE GREEN CRACKED WALL

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mason will arrange for a Stone Mason to take a look at the wall.

2174 LITTON TELEPHONE KIOSK ADOPTION CONTRACT

A contract in respect of the adoption of the telephone kiosk from BT was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: To ask BT how the Council would go about getting the electricity supply to the kiosk disconnected.

2175 HANDYPERSON'S QUARTERLY REPORT & 'NO PARKING' POSTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Handyperson's Quarterly Report was circulated to members.

Following discussion of the various tasks identified in the Handyperson's report, **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

(a) To ask the Handyman to reset the posts either side of the 'no parking' sign and wind reflective tape around them, about half way up.

(b) To defer the creation of a wildflower meadow within the existing turfed area adjacent to the patio on the Village Green at Litton Mill, as the Council is currently exploring ways to counteract climate change and this will be considered as part of a whole parish approach.

2176 TREES AT THE PLAYGROUND

The Chair reported that the owners of Sunnybank had asked if they can reduce the height of the trees near their property as they are interfering with the telephone lines.

RESOLVED: That the Council is happy for the height of the trees to be reduced.

2177 DOG FOULING

It was noted that Councillor Robinson will use the stencil and spray to highlight the dog fouling problem in Litton and along access roads.

2178 OUTCOMES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PLAYGROUND

IT WAS RESOLVED: To place this item on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

2179 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/0120/0074 Land at Litton Dale Litton

Erection of an affordable local needs dwelling and associated works

RESOLVED: That although the council supports the application, it does have reservations regarding the height of the property and the proximity of the vehicular access to the main road.

2180 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1654 to 1658 in the sum of £2,210.00 had been drawn, as well as details of a debit card transaction in the sum of £110.50.

It was noted that the current account balance at 24th February 2020 was £5,711.63.

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

A copy of actual income and expenditure compared against the budget for the period April to December 2019 was circulated to members for information.

2181 NEW COUNCILLOR APPLICATION

It was noted that the New Councillor application had been withdrawn.

2181 CORRESPONDENCE

A Climate Change report from Tideswell & District Environment Group was circulated to members for information.

It was noted that a request from Litton Wakes Committee for permission to use the village green for the annual Litton Night on Tuesday 23rd June had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the request be granted.

An invitation from Derbyshire Constabulary to attend a Town & Parish Councils' Evening on 16th March 2020 was circulated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That although interest had been expressed by Councillors to attend the event, it was not possible because it is the same night as the Council's March Council meeting.

An email from Western Power Distribution regarding works across the Village Green at Litton Dale was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That permission should be given to allow the works to cross the village green as it will cause less disruption to residents and assurances have been received that the village green will be put back to its original state on completion of the works.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.