

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 20th July 2026 at 7.15pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk (via telephone)

3191 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Howe and Rennie.

3192 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None.

3193 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

A resident prior to the formal start of the meeting had spoken with Councillors and suggested installing a QR code donation sign in the park to support its upkeep. This suggestion will be placed on the Council's September agenda and in the meantime Councillor Brunt will investigate how QR-linked payments can be set up.

3194 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.

3195 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE 2026

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 15th June, 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 that the Clerk has submitted the Listed Building Consent Application to the PDNPA relating to the proposed restoration works.

There was no updated on obtaining a quote for the repairs to the metal railings.

The Council has still not received the quote from the dry stonewaller and so will contact an alternative stonemason.

- **3169 To consider the leaning tree on the Village Green in Litton Dale - IT WAS AGREED:** That Councillor Gregory will take a look and see whether he can undertake the work required on the trees over the summer and to review this situation in September.
- **3176 To consider signage on the village green in front of the green asking cars not to block the lane or park on the village green – IT WAS AGREED:** That the Clerk will check the wording previously agreed and send it to Councillor Gregory.

3196 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that the following planning application has been submitted to PDNP by the Council.

NP/DDD/0726/0685 at War Memorial, Unnamed Road From The Gables To Cressbrook Old School Via Lower Wood, Cressbrook - Listed Building Consent for essential restoration works to Cressbrook War Memorial.

FINANCE

(a) The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £2,526.63 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 20th July 2026.

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

Income of £1,463.70 predominantly from cemetery fees and a £450 grant from PDNPA was noted.

The current account balance as at 20th July was £18,228.53 and the reserve account balance was £8,063.81.

(b) The quarterly actual income and expenditure versus budgeted was circulated to members and noted.

3197 REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF LITTON SCHOOL TO USE THE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD (MPF) ON THE AFTERNOON OF 22ND JULY FOR A YEAR END PICNIC

IT WAS AGREED: to approve the use of the MPF for a year end picnic subject to no dogs being taken onto the field.

3198 CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT FENCE AT CRESSBROOK CAR PARK

A report containing quotes was circulated to members comparing plastic (composite) fencing versus timber.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that as the products were largely the same, to accept the cheaper quote so long as the fixings are galvanised or stainless steel.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: To ask the handyperson to quote for the work.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the fencing will not be ordered until an installer is in place.

3199 TO remove CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL'S HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

A copy of a draft Health and Safety Policy was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to defer this item until the September meeting so that the Clerk can check that all the policies referred to the Health & Safety Policy have been adopted by the Council.

3200 REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

A copy of the Council's Document Retention Policy was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED that no amendments are required and to re-adopt the policy for the next 12 months.

3201 TO CONSIDER THE MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT AND REPLACEMENT SLIDE UPDATE

Councillor Rooke reported that he had met the dry stonewaller regarding the playground wall and as he has recently retired he would be able to start the repairs within the next few weeks.

The dry stonewallers daily rates are £300 each per day. **IT WAS AGREED** that this seems quite expensive and so Concillor Rooke will check whether it is £300 each, or this is the combined rate.

It was noted that contractors contacted for quotes on the slide are unresponsive.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke and the Clerk will continue to chase for quotes.

3202 TO CONSIDER THE COST OF ADDING ROADSIDE SPRAY/STRIM ALONG CRESSBROOK MEMORIAL PLOT WALL, AND TRIM HEDGE TO LEFT OF MEMORIAL

Councillor Brunt stated that there is considerable overgrowth along the roadside wall of the war memorial plot.

IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED: To obtain a quote from the handyperson to cut back the overhanging trees on top of the wall and remove the verge growth that is encroaching on the road.

Subject to budget Councillors agreed that this work should be added annually to the handyperson's contract.

3203 CORRESPONDENCE

The government announced the new structure of Derbyshire under the Local Government Reorganisation. From 1 April 2028 there will be 2 unitary authorities with Litton Parish falling into the north which encompasses Bolsover DC, Chesterfield BC, Derbyshire Dales DC, High Peak BC and parts of Amber Valley.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.