

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16 April 2018 at 7.30pm at Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr J Evans in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, R Rennie, G Rooke, K Oscroft, J McMillan

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

The Chair welcomed Councillors K Oscroft and J McMillan to their first meeting as newly co-opted members of the Council.

1923 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Thirtle – overseas trip

1924 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors.

1925 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr F Scott, a member of the public, was present at the meeting

1926 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th MARCH 2018 AND NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2018

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

1927 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1847 Memorial Playing Field (MPF) – benches, notice, waste bin
Councillor Evans reported that the plaques are now on the benches.

IT WAS AGREED: Not to anchor the benches to the ground as they are extremely heavy and need to be moved for the MPF to be mowed.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will order an A4 sized 'No Dogs' sign to be placed on a stake just inside the MPF.

-1863 It was noted that the sign directing people to the MPF, if they wish to play ball games, had been placed on the gate at the entrance.

-1871 The meeting was informed that Councillors will meet with the handy person during the week beginning 23rd April regarding the new 1 year rolling contract.

-1895 It was noted that no response had been received from DDDC regarding the proposed removal of the herring fence and the erection of a post and rail fence further up the field so that the slide can be brought back into use.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council should write to the Chief Executive of DDDC requesting a reply to the Council's letters about the herris fencing.

-1897 It was noted that the paperwork relating to the land exchange at the playground and details of the council's solicitor had been handed to Neil and Kerry Burrows. The council is now waiting for Neil & Kerry to appoint a solicitor.

-1906 Councillor Gregory reported that he had again received favourable feedback from residents following the completion of Phase 2 of the tree maintenance programme.

Mr F Scott stated that some residents were disgruntled over the fact that the wood from the trees cut down was not evenly distributed. He also said that the Friends of Litton thought the Council were going to sell the wood to defray the overall cost to the Parish.

The Chair explained to the meeting that the Council had considered various options regarding the removal of the wood and had discussed the pros and cons of these at the public meeting on trees. This included the sale of the wood organised either by the Council or the Friends of Litton as well as the option of allowing people to help themselves or have it removed by the contractor. The final decision to allow residents to take what they wanted was based largely on the logistical problems envisaged with organising the sale of the timber.

It was noted that the price for the contract would not have been reduced had the contractors taken the wood themselves and neither had the Council envisaged a scramble for the wood.

The Chair conveyed the Council's thanks to Councillor Gregory for all the work he has done on the tree maintenance programme over the last 12 months.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will control the disposal of the wood from future maintenance work.

-1907 It was reported that James Warriner had been engaged to clear the remaining boundary at the cemetery.

It was also noted that due to the nesting season the removal of the overgrown berberis at the entrance to the cemetery may need to be postponed.

-1922 It was noted that for a sum of £50 it is possible for the Litton Christmas tree to be delivered at the end of November and the Litton Mill and Cressbrook trees to be delivered at the beginning of December.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Christmas Fair organisers should be asked to contribute to the cost of an early delivery to Litton

1928 REGISTRATION OF COUNCIL LAND

A report and maps were circulated to the meeting regarding the production of Land Registry compliant maps for the registration of Council land not currently registered.

RESOLVED: That all the pieces of land should be recorded at the Land Registry on one registration and that the surveyor should therefore be instructed to produce a

single Land Registry compliant map showing all the pieces of land at a cost of £450.

1929 PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS

A list of the Parish Council records was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk send the timescale for the retention of records document to Councillors.

1930 CLERK'S REMUNERATION

RESOLVED: That Councillors Gregory and McMillan will meet with the Clerk to discuss her work pattern after May.

1931 YEARLY EVENTS CALENDAR

For the benefit of new Councillors an outline of the timeframes for the council's annual responsibilities and duties was circulated to members.

1932 TABLE RENTS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To increase the rents in respect of table and chairs situated on the village greens to £60 per table.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will make a grant of free use to the Village Shop in this regard, under S137.

1933 DCC & PDNPA draft order to commence enforcement of parking charges

A draft order and maps were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That although the Council supports the proposed enforcement of parking charges in the PDNPA car parks it would like to know how DCC and PDNPA intend to prevent cars from causing a hazard, by parking on the nearby roads in order to avoid the charges.

1934 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that a planning application NP/DDD/0318/0268 in respect of Lomas Cottage Litton Dale had been received.

RESOLVED: That this application be placed as an item for discussion on the May Agenda, to give the applicant and any representatives the opportunity to attend the meeting.

1935 REPAIRS TO CRESSBROOK VILLAGE GREEN WALL

An email and photographs were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: To investigate who is responsible for the repairs to the wall on Cressbrook village green.

1936 RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke informed the meeting that he was in the process of updating the Trustees for the Ralph Malone Trust.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gordon Rooke, John Butler and Gill Turner are appointed as Trustees.

1937 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1576 to 1578 in the sum of £573.70 had been drawn.

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

Invoices in the sum of £2,250 from N&G Tomlinson, in respect of Phase 2 of the tree maintenance programme were also presented to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That cheque number 1579 be written and signed in the sum of £2,250 in settlement of the invoices.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18/ Part 2 with supporting bank reconciliations and explanations of variances were circulated to members and the following was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Return is approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
2. That the Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Return are approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chair.

1938 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from DCC relating to a proposal to consult on potential changes the library services in Derbyshire was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To place the letter on the Council's website.

An email from Action Challenge UK Ltd, who are organising a large charity walk/run in April 2019 and looking for a field in the Litton area suitable for a rest stop, was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: That although the Council has some reservations, it supports the event in principal. Councillors Rooke, Gregory and Rennie will meet with the organisers to get a better understanding of what is entailed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.