

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 15th October 2018 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor McMillan - illness

2002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present at the meeting.

Keith Wright was interested in Agenda item 9, Dog Fouling and also asked what the current situation was with regard to the HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6.

The Chair informed Keith that an increase in dog fouling in the village had been reported and that members would be discussing the possibility of getting some stencils to be used to target problem areas in the parish.

With regard ongoing Minute 1981, HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6, the Chair confirmed that the Council is still waiting to hear from DCC about the results of speed and classification surveys they intend to carry out in Litton.

Keith then gave an update to members about the planned WW1 centenary celebrations.

He stated that a resident had offered to fund a near-life size 'silent soldier' silhouette which will be placed in Litton.

The concert on the evening of Friday 9th November will be free, but a ticketed event due to the maximum capacity of the church and will only be open to Litton Parish residents.

Whilst the remembrance service is taking place on Sunday 11th the section of road by the Memorial Gates will be partially restricted with barriers to allow those taking part in the service room to spill out onto the road.

The Women's Institute have agreed to serve teas and coffees after the service in the Village Hall.

2004 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2018

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

2005 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1935 Retaining wall opposite Lower Wood

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear whether there was any funding available through the Peak District National Park Authority for the repairs to the retaining wall at Lower Wood.

The Chair reported that he and Councillor McMillan had met with the owner of the property where the wall has collapsed and that they had agreed that as it had not been possible to establish who was responsible for the maintenance of the wall, any residual cost not covered by grant(s) obtained by the Council would be split 50/50 between the Council and the property owner.

Councillor Rennie reported that she had approached 2 dry stone wallers about the repairs and was awaiting written quotes.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will look for alternative grants towards the cost of the repairs.

-1947 Playground and land transfer

A letter from the Council's solicitors Emmet & Taylor LLP and other relevant papers, in relation to the transfer of land at the Playground from DDDC to the Parish Council, were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond to Emmet & Taylor LLP in the manner discussed.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillors Robinson and Oscroft will acquaint themselves with the particulars of the Sunnybank land transfer and then arrange a meeting with Neil and Kerry with a view to moving the land transfer forward.

-1948 Councillor Gregory reported that the retarmacking of the cemetery driveway was complete and the Berberis had been removed.

Councillor Rooke stated that it had been previously proposed that a hard-standing area would be created for the skips so that they would not be placed on the new drive.

RESOLVED: That for the time being the Clerk would ask the funeral directors to ensure that skips are placed on the soil area where the berberis have been removed, to the right of the cemetery gates.

- 1961 Councillor Rennie reported that the Market Cross repairs will be finished by the end of the week.

-1962 Councillor Gregory reported that Phase 3 of the Tree Maintenance Programme had been delayed due to the work being undertaken by Severn Trent in Litton.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will let the Tree Surgeons know once Severn Trent have finished their work.

-1981 HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6

RESOLVED: Carry forward to next month's Agenda.

1987 WORK PROGRAMME GANTT CHART

The Clerk reported that this item is still outstanding.

IT WAS AGREED: To defer this item to next month's Agenda.

-1988 WIDENING OF JUNCTION AT MIRES LANE LITTON TO MAKE IT EASIER TO TURN OFF THE MAIN ROAD

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to DCC requesting that the junction is widened but that a response had not yet been received.

-1989 REPAIRS TO STOCKS ON VILLAGE GREEN IN FRONT OF THE RED LION

Councillor Rennie reported that the volunteers were waiting for a tractor to pull the old rotten supports for the stocks out of the ground.

RESOLVED: Councillor Gregory will see if he can arrange for a tractor to remove the rotten supports.

-1990 BUS ROUTE 65 BUXTON – BUXTON TO SHEFFIELD SERVICE

The Clerk stated that she had not received any further communication on this issue.

-1991 QUARTERLY CRESSBROOK COMMUNITY MEETINGS

It was noted that the next Cressbrook Community Meeting was Saturday 20th October, 10.30am at Cressbrook Club.

RESOLVED: That Councillors McMillan and Robinson will attend the meeting.

-1994 PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Rooke reported that he was waiting for a response from the installation companies regarding moving the playground equipment.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will check whether a company other than the original installer would be willing to move the equipment

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council will check whether planning permission is required in order to be able to move playground equipment.

-1999 SNOW WARDEN APPOINTMENT

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had registered with DCC for the scheme again for winter 2018/19.

Councillor Rennie stated that she was prepared to act as nominated Snow Warden for the Parish, with the intention of co-ordinating a team of volunteers.

2006 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

RESOLVED: That the Council will try and get volunteers to help dig out the overgrown beds at the Garden of Remembrance.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will advertise for volunteers on Litton's Facebook Group.

2007 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Following discussions around the 2018/19 grass cutting programme.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Compost heaps at the cemetery are getting too big and need to be either cleared or distributed under the trees around the boundary.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That next year's contract will stipulate that only push mowers are to be used on and around the graves at the cemetery.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council will offer P Riley Groundcare another one-year contract for 2019/20.

2008 VILLAGE GREENS

NALCs legal topics notes 45, 47, 48 & 57 relating to the granting of licences and easements over village greens were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the Council will contact DALC for further guidance and clarity.

2009 DOG FOULING

As noted above, Councillor Rennie reported that an increase in dog fouling had been noticed in Litton Village.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rennie will purchase on the Council's behalf an A4 stencil and a can of yellow semi-permanent paint.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: To post a notice on Litton's Facebook group saying that the Council have noticed an increase in dog fouling in Litton, in particular between Dale View Road and the centre of the village and along Bottomhill Road, with a reminder that there is a fine for anyone caught not picking up after their dog.

2010 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that not planning applications had been received during the month.

2011 UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Revised Financial Regulations were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations be adopted.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That a standard template for official orders, per paragraph 10 of the Financial Regulations, would be drafted.

2012 PROPOSED CHANGE OF JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

The Chair proposed that due to holidays in January the Monthly Meeting set for January be moved to December.

IT WAS AGREED: To move January 2019's meeting to 17th December 2018.

2013 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1597 to 1599 in the sum of £9,210.11 had been drawn.

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

The Clerk also circulated a comparison of the budget to actual costs for the 7 months to 31st October and a forecast of costs to the end of the financial year.

2014 WW1 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED: see Keith's comments above.

2015 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was circulated from a Cressbrook resident relating to the MCC Edinburgh Trial Hill Climb at Litton Slack.

RESOLVED: That the Council doesn't have any responsibility for footpaths and the issue should therefore be taken up with DCC.

A Duke of Edinburgh's Award Feedback questionnaire was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That as Councillors had not had much dealings with the Duke of Edinburgh's groups passing through the parish, Councillor Robinson would pass the questionnaire to Litton Village Shop for comment.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.