

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 19th July 2021 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

2399 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mason and Gregory who were unable to attend due to work commitments.

2400 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2401 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2402 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 12, Actions from the Minutes 2281 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2403 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2021 AND NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the notes taken at the Annual Parish Meeting be approved.

2404 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2275 Turning space in Litton for service bus

It was noted that the log of when the service bus had trouble making it's turn in Litton had been sent to Sarah Dines MP.

An email was circulated to members from DCC showing the car park in front of the school as an alternative site for the bus to make its turn in Litton village.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this site is more unsuitable than the Hall Lane junction due to its proximity to the school, the more pronounced bend in the road and the potential for parked cars using the village shop.

-2357 Repainting of the Phone Kiosk in Litton

The Clerk informed members that the paint required for painting the phone box would cost around £50.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk should purchase the paint.

-2379 Report on the Condition of the Benches and Flower Tubs

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the handy person to assess whether he can repair any of the benches or whether new benches are required.

-2391 FENCE AT CRESSBROOK CAR PARK

The Clerk reported that it appeared that the maintenance of the fence at Cressbrook car park was the responsibility of the parish council and that the handy person had quoted a price of £90 to replace the damaged rails.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the quote and ask the handy person to schedule the work.

-2392 TREES

A quote in the sum of £545 from the handy person to remove a number of trees from Litton village green was circulated via email.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the handy person's quote for the work and seek the necessary approvals from Peak District National Park.

-2393 CEMETERY

Councillor Gregory sent a report that he hoped to speak with the handy person about weed spraying the path on the right-hand side of the cemetery, as well as levelling up the graves this week.

2405 LITTON PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENTS

Councillor Rooke informed the meeting that the purchase order for the new playground equipment had been sent to Proludic Ltd and that the Council is awaiting an installation date.

The Clerk confirmed that the Third Party Contribution of £5,117.08 had now been paid by the Council.

2406 OUTCOMES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting this year was poorly attended with only 4 residents present.

The closed footbridge over the river in Cressbrook was mentioned and the Clerk will press PDNPA for this bridge to be repaired as soon as possible.

Speeding cars through Cressbrook continues to be a problem and the Council affirmed that it would support Cressbrook residents with their traffic calming initiatives where possible.

The Council noted that the trees for the Orchard Project at Cressbrook car park will be planted hopefully in Autumn.

2407 REQUEST FOR WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS THROUGH LITTON

The Chair informed members that following the recent flattening of the flower tub and damage to the village green caused by the articulated lorry he had been asked by a number of residents whether the Parish Council could reinvestigate the possibility of a weight limit through Litton village.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to DCC.

2408 CUTTING OF ROADSIDE VERGES IN THE PARISH

Councillor Rooke stated that the recent cutting of the verges in the parish by Derbyshire Dales District Council was inappropriate. He maintained that it was the wrong time of year to cut the verges and that leaving the debris on top makes the soil too fertile for wildflowers to flourish.

District Councillor Gamble said that the District Council were extending their biodiversity project next year and that the Parish Council could put forward areas in the parish that it would like to be included.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will create a list of roads to be requested to be included in the biodiversity project.

2409 HANDYPERSON'S QUARTER 1 REPORT

The handyperson's quarter 1 report was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will find out which families would rather remove their flowers/wreaths from the graves themselves and relay this to the handyperson.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask the mowing contractor to scatter the current grass heap under the trees at the cemetery.

2410 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number - NP/DDD/0621/0657 – Hall Farm House Bed & Breakfast, Hall Lane Litton

Proposed barn conversion to create a single dwelling including partial demolition and re-building of an existing single storey side extension.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

Application Number - NP/DDD/0621/0686 - Coach House, Cressbrook Hall, Bottomhill Rd, Cressbrook

Proposed change of use of garage to holiday let. Internal alterations to bungalow, replace rear plastic roof with glazed roof, install rear roof light and lower window to become doorway.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

2411 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £7,602.44 for approval. This figure included the Third Party Contribution previously agreed and paid to Tarmac Ltd in respect of the playground refurbishments of £5,117.08.

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

It was noted that the current account balance as at 19th July 2021 was £5,948.85 and the reserve account balance was £10,243.34

Variances between the first quarter's budgeted income and expenses and that actually received and incurred was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillors had no queries on the figures.

2412 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

- Emails from Cressbrook residents relating to the highways and dog poo bins – circulated via email
- Email from Cressbrook resident regarding footbridge closure.
- Email from Litton resident on the Parish Council's policy on cutting the grass verges

It was noted that the Clerk had requested photos showing where the trees were hanging over the road so that she could send them to DCC with a request to get the trees and verges cut back.

It was also noted that the dog poo bin has now been put back onto Cressbrook village green.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will chase PDNPA regarding the repairs to the footbridge in Cressbrook.

It was noted that it is the District Council which is responsible for cutting the grass verges in the parish.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

It was noted that the Clerk had written to Friends of the Peak District for advice on this matter and had yet to receive a response.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.