

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 21st October 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

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

2125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2126 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2127 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jackson attended the meeting regarding item 9 of the Agenda. The Chair agreed that this item could be moved up the agenda to be discussed first.

An email from Councillor Gregory was circulated which outlined some possible ways in which the Council, as well as individuals, could help achieve DDDC's Carbon neutral deadline of 2030.

A range of actions the Council could take to help counteract carbon emissions and also encourage individuals to lower their carbon emission was then discussed, such as planting more trees, creating a wildlife meadow at the cemetery and/or the playground, plaques to encourage people to turn off their engines whilst waiting.

IT WAS AGREED: to put Climate Change and Wildflower areas on the agenda for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr Jackson left the meeting.

2128 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th September 2019

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

2129 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

An email received from Neil & Kerry Burrows was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to write to Neil and Kerry in the manner discussed.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That a notice should be put on the Council's Facebook page whenever someone leaves or joins the Parish Council.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

IT WAS RESOLVED: To leave this item in abeyance until the New Year.

-2061 PLAYGROUND NUISANCE COMPLAINT

Following a very well attended Public Meeting **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- (a) that moving or removing any of the play equipment in the playground was not in the best interests of the parish as a whole.
- (b) that amending the opening hours of the playground was not likely to have much impact on lowering the noise levels.
- (c) that the Council will look into the possibility of mitigating the noise levels with the use of acoustic sound barriers.

Councillor Gamble offered to find out how DDDC had managed to mitigate the noise in the play area in Bakewell park and report back to the Council.

-2067 REGISTERING CRESSBROOK WAR MEMORIAL AS A COMMUNITY ASSET

It was noted that a decision had not yet been made as to whether the Council's application had been successful.

-2107 REPLACING TIMBER EDGING IN THE COPPICE AREA AT LITTON PLAYGROUND/ROTTEN TIMBERS IN YOUNGER CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

It was noted that a replacement roof for the playhouse in the younger children's play area of the playground had been received and Councillor Oscroft will change the roof as soon as practicable.

Councillor Gregory informed members that he had not yet been able to inspect the coppice edging in the playground but would try to do so before next month's meeting.

District Councillor Gamble informed members that the Parish Council's application for £350 to repair the timbers at the playground, under the Local Projects Fund, had been successful.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask James Warriner to replace the rotted timbers at the playground per his quote for £350 and also to secure the loose timbers at an additional cost of £40.

2130 FLOWER BEDS NEAR ASHLEIGH

Councillor Gregory reported that the owners of Ashleigh have advised that if the Parish Council remove the dead bushes in the small flower bed situated on the village green just before their gate, they would then be happy to plant it with some more suitable plants and tend it.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will ask the handy-person to quote for removing the bushes.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would be happy for the owners of Ashleigh to replant and tend the flowerbed once the dead bushes are removed.

2131 TREE PLANTING

Councillor Gregory circulated a few options for the planting of new saplings following the removal of a number of large trees on the Village Greens in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council will order a Black Tupelo (*Nyssa Sylvatica*), at a cost of £71.93 (incl VAT and delivery), to be planted on the Village Green near the Rowan tree.

2132 HANDY PERSON QUARTER 2 REPORT

The handy person's Quarter 2 Report was circulated to members.

From the additional tasks identified in the report **IT WAS AGREED:**

- (a) to go ahead with the re-turfing of the worn area of Litton Village Green in front of the B&B at a cost of £100.
- (b) not to plant additional plants in the raised beds in the Sensory Garden at this time.

2133 PLANNING

Application NP/DDD/0919/0990 Stone Pitts Work, Cressbrook
Removal of variation of condition 5 on NP/DDD/1118/1012

RESOLVED: To support the application as the proposed continuation of the ha-ha is likely to blend in more with the surroundings than a metal fence.

2134 LITTON PHONE BOX ADOPTION

RESOLVED: That the Council will apply to adopt the Phone Box in Litton when it is decommissioned by BT.

2135 HGVs USING LITTON AS A CUT THROUGH

Councillor Oscroft informed the meeting that he had been approached by residents to see if anything further could be done to stop the HGVs using Litton as a cut through.

IT WAS AGREED: That there are no more avenues that the Council can explore regarding stopping the HGVs driving through Litton.

2136 'NO PARKING' SIGNS OUTSIDE THE OLD SHOP

It was reported that there are 'no parking' signs either missing or broken on the Village Green in front of the Old Shop.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will have a look and report back to the next meeting.

2137 LITTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Councillor Robinson informed members that residents of Litton wish to hold an act of remembrance again this year and the committee wanted to know if the Parish Council had any preference as to dates.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no preference as to dates for the act of remembrance and would leave it to the committee to decide which date was best.

2138 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1643 and 1648 in the sum of £4,282.12 had been drawn as well as details of two debit card transactions in the sum of £287.08. A direct debit for the Council's Annual Data Protection of £35 was also reported.

It was noted that the current account bank statement balance at 21st October 2019 was £4,755.88.

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 September 2019 was circulated to members for information.

2139 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Eyam Surgery for a volunteer to open Litton Village Hall on a Wednesday at 4.30pm for Dr Goodwin and lock up again at 5.10pm.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask LVHMC whether it would be possible for Dr Goodwin to have the number for the key safe so that he could let himself into the hall.

A further email was circulated to members relating to the crack in the boundary wall between the community garden and a neighbouring property at Litton Mill.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That until the issue relating to removing the tree which appears to have caused the crack in the wall is resolved, there is little point in looking further into whose responsibility it is to repair the wall.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.