

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 28th February 2022 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, J Mason-Marper & G Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

2458 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Robinson and Saxby who were unable to attend due to other commitments

2459 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2460 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chair agreed to move agenda items 4, CCTV and 14 Request to use the Village Greens in Litton for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and Litton Night, to be the first item discussed to allow public participation.

A resident highlighted the number of attempted break-ins in Litton village over the last few months and stated that the village shop, school and hall were all amenable to having some kind of surveillance camera on their properties in order to deter thieves.

IT WAS AGREED: That the resident will talk to other local villages who have CCTV and find out more about costs, effectiveness and the availability of grants.

Councillor Mason-Marper and Keith Wright (Friends of Litton Village representative) spoke about the events they are planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

District Councillor Gamble stated that she would look into possible funding available through DDDC for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events.

IT WAS AGREED: That Litton Village Greens could be used for events on both the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend between 2nd and 5th June and also Litton Night on 21st June.

2461 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 items 6 (2450) and 10 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of

the business to be transacted.

2462 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2021 AND MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November as being a true and correct record.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 17th January be authorised as a true and correct record subject to the amendment discussed.

2463 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2275 TURNING SPACE IN LITTON FOR SERVICE BUS

The Clerk informed members that she had still not heard from DCC or the office of Sarah Dines MP with regard to a solution to the problems encountered by the bus when making its turn in Litton.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Mason-Maper will obtain prices for signs to place on the Village Green to deter people parking at the junction.

-2405 LITTON PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENTS

Councillor Rooke reported that the Playground is now complete and has been re-opened.

The playground committee are planning an official re-opening of the playground in Spring to thank all its supporters.

-2420 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk informed members that she had not received a reply from the current owner of the War Memorial.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To send a chasing email to the owner of the war memorial.

-2423 WALL AT MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Councillor Mason-Marper stated that the wall at the memorial playing field had been inspected and although it looks unsightly it is not currently hazardous.

2464 MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

An email from PC Linda Hancock reported that between 19th January and 18th February there were no reported crimes in Litton.

Residents are reminded that it is important to report all instances of theft and attempted theft to the police.

2465 PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Councillor Mason-Marper informed members that the auction in December had raised £2,260.15, the treasure hunt and raffle £213 and further sales of gin bottle lights at the Red Lion had raised another £270.

The total raised towards the refurbishments was £5,309.

2466 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

It was noted that the request for funding towards a local Repair Café submitted by TDEG had been withdrawn as they have secured the necessary funds elsewhere.

The Clerk informed members that County Councillor Alasdair Sutton had agreed a grant through the Members' Community Leadership Scheme of £132, to fund the replacement pads and batteries for Litton Mill's defibrillator.

2467 TREE PLANTING TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Following discussions **IT WAS AGREED:** That the Council will plant a horse chestnut tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and that Councillors Gregory and Rooke will look at suitable locations for planting.

2468 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory reported that the saplings had now been planted and that N & G Tomlinson have been instructed to remove the leaning sycamore tree and grind out the stumps remaining from 3 trees removed on the Village Green in front of the Hillock.

2469 RALPH MALONE TRUST

Councillor Rooke stated that the purpose of the Ralph Malone Trust, which was set up by Ralph L. Malone, a Litton resident who died in 1979, is to provide relief for widows, widowers or aged persons in need, hardship or distress. Applications to the Trust are invited annually and small sums of money are distributed around Christmastime.

Councillor Rooke also informed members that he had received a letter from NatWest stating that they are discontinuing trustee accounts. The Ralph Malone Trust's funds will therefore need to be moved to another institution by June and he is currently investigating where best to place the funds.

2470 CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE GLOVER LANDSCAPE REVIEW

IT WAS RESOLVED: To abstain from commenting on the consultation.

2471 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that 2 planning applications were received during the recess, both of which the council had no objection to.

Application Number - NP/DDD/1121/1252 1 Post Office Row, Litton

Development Description - Proposed replacement of windows and front door, repainting of existing render and installation of Sky TV dish.

Application Number - NP/DDD/1221/1346 Former Hosiery, Hall Lane, Litton

Development Description - Proposed conversion of existing non-Designated Heritage asset to form a single dwelling unit.

2472 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £57,840.58 for approval. These payments included the invoice for the Playground refurbishments which amounted to £55,830.97 (including VAT).

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

It was noted that the current account balance as at 28th February 2022 was £7,457.97 and the reserve account balance was £10,245.69.

The Clerk temporarily left the meeting whilst the following agenda item was discussed.

(ii) Clerk's pay review

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk's salary be increased to NJC salary scale LC2 SCP 19 from 1st March 2022.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2450 SUNNYBANK LICENCE AGREEMENT

It was noted that the Council is awaiting a response from the homeowners regarding the wording of the licence.

2473 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Following a review of the applications and discussion thereon

IT WAS RESOLVED: To Co-opt Patricia Oscroft onto the Parish Council.

2474 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Update on the 20's plenty campaign in Derbyshire.

Email from DALC circulated 6 December 2021 – wildflower planting

DALC Newsletter – February 2022

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.