

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 11th April 2022 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs N Gregory, P Oscroft & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Councillor C Gamble

2491 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Robinson & Rooke who were unable to attend due to holidays.

2492 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2493 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from Cressbrook Community Group attended the meeting to give feedback from their most recent meeting.

Cressbrook Community Group felt that it would be inappropriate for it to consider taking on ownership of Cressbrook's War Memorial as it does not currently hold any assets and it is not set up to own assets. Members felt that it would be more appropriate for the Parish Council to be the owner and this would be their preference.

In the event that the Parish council is unable to take on ownership of the land, it was noted that several residents of neighbouring properties are willing to do so in order to prevent it falling into outside ownership again. If necessary, they are willing to meet with the Parish council to discuss this possible way forward.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council will consider further taking over ownership of Cressbrook War Memorial.

Cressbrook have decided to combine their Well Dressing with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and there will be various activities over the weekend, commencing with the band and the blessing of the Wells on the Saturday afternoon.

DCC's response to speed reduction solutions in Cressbrook has so far been poor but residents are persevering and hope that the Parish Council will continue to support any initiatives.

Cressbrook band will play on the 'Good Friday Rock' at noon on Good Friday. Meet on the Village Green. Afterwards Ukrainian themed refreshments will be available in the club, with all profits going to support the Ukrainian refugees.

2494 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 5 (2450) and item 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.

2495 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2022

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

2496 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2275 TURNING SPACE IN LITTON FOR SERVICE BUS

Councillor Gregory reported that the 'no parking' signs had been made and just needed to be fixed in position.

-2420 WAR MEMORIAL

See Minute 2493 above.

-2468 TREE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Gregory reported that he is still awaiting a date from the tree surgeons about removing the leaning sycamore tree and grinding out the stumps remaining from 3 trees recently removed by the handy person.

-2483 WI OFFER TO FUND A TREE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillor Gregory stated that the WI's preference was to purchase either a fig or walnut tree.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gergory will decide the best location for the tree and then make a decision as to which tree would be more suited to the site.

-2484 DERYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND

The Clerk informed members that she had applied to DDDC for funding towards the Parish's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, but had not heard yet whether the claim had been successful.

The Clerk also stated that she had emailed representatives of each of the villages to enquire whether they were planning any events.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That should the Council receive funds from DDDC the money would be split between the three villages in the parish based on the size of electorate in each village.

District Councillor Gamble **AGREED:** To chase the relevant department within DDDC for a response.

-2485 DCC AND POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER TRIAL OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Clerk informed members that although she had registered the Parish Council's interest in the scheme, further information received (and circulated to members via email)

suggested that it would be costly and time consuming to proceed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To not proceed at this time.

2497 REPLACEMENT BENCHES

A note from DALC detailing bench types and companies where other parish council's have purchased benches was circulated to members.

It was noted that an offer to purchase and install a new bench made from recycled plastic, to replace the one near the telephone box in Litton had been received.

IT WAS AGREED: To accept the generous offer of a new bench made from recycled plastics.

2498 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A draft flyer advertising the Annual Parish Meeting was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That following minor amendment in the manner discussed, the flyer be printed and distributed to each household in the parish.

It was noted that Councillor Rooke had kindly agreed to distribute the flyers to Litton and Cressbrook and Councillor Robinson to Litton Mill.

Draft Annual Parish Meeting slides were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That following minor amendment as discussed, the slides are approved for presentation at the APM.

2499 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications were received during the month, however an email relating to NP/DDD/1221/1346 Former Hosiery, Hall Lane, Litton had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council did not wish to make further comment on the application.

2500 REVIEW OF INSURANCE RENEWAL

A list of the current sums insured was circulated to members for review.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the current levels of cover are adequate for the Council's needs.

2501 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments, via email, in the sum of £1,399.93 for approval.

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 11th April 2022 was £5,619.93 and the

reserve account balance was £10,245.69.

(ii) Full year actual income and expenditure versus full year budget

A comparison between the actual income and expenditure for the year against the budgeted income and expenditure for the year was circulated to members.

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

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2450 SUNNYBANK LICENCE AGREEMENT

It was noted that no response had been received from the owners of Sunnybank on the amended licence agreement.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To assume that the owners have no issue with the wording of the revised licence agreement and send a copy to them for signature.

2502 VILLAGE GREENS PROTECTION

IT WAS RESOLVED: To obtain further advice from an independent solicitor who specialises in this field.

2503 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Email from the Safer Neighbourhood Team regarding the next Street Meet which will be near Litton Shop of Wednesday 20th April between 5pm and 6pm.

Email received from DCC notifying the Council of roadworks on Mires Lane in Litton by Severn Trent Water on 19th May between 8am and 5pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.40pm.