

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 15th July 2019 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr K Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs C Robinson, & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor G Rooke - holiday.

Councillor N Gregory - illness.

2103 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2104 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jackson wished to speak about DDDC's recent pledge to declare a climate emergency and be carbon neutral by 2030.

He stated that this pledge will soon filter down to Parish Council's so he hoped the Council would be proactive and start thinking about what can be done in the parish to achieve DDDC's goals to become carbon neutral.

2105 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th June 2019

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

2106 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

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

It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings act 1960) s1 to exclude members of the press and public to the update on action 1947 under item 5 and also item 13 on the Agenda ,on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

-1947 Sunnybank Land Swap

RESOLVED: That Councillor Oscroft will draft a letter to be circulated by email in the manner discussed.

Members of the press and public were then readmitted to the meeting.

-1981 HGVs USING LITTON AS A SHORT CUT TO THE A6

It was noted that Clare Gamble (District Councillor for Litton & Longstone) had approached the Environmental Health Department regarding the noise from HGVs using

Litton, but that they do not have jurisdiction, in terms of noise, over vehicles travelling on the highways.

RESOLVED: To leave this item in abeyance as the Council has exhausted all avenues.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Oscroft informed the meeting that he had received a request for an 18ft x 12ft net to be installed in the memorial playing field to protect the side wall of the church from being hit by balls.

RESOLVED: To ask the Church Warden whether the church would be amenable to the net.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That, if permission is granted, the net should be aesthetically pleasing and blend into the surroundings.

-2051 REPAIRS TO PLAYGROUND WALL

The Clerk informed members that Mr Marsden had been contacted with regarding to repairing the playground wall and that it was hoped the repairs would be completed by the end of July.

-2061 PLAYGROUND NUISANCE COMPLAINT

The Chair informed members that an email had been sent to Mr J Burrows setting out the Council's proposals to mitigate playground nuisance.

-2067 REGISTERING CRESSBROOK WAR MEMORIAL AS A COMMUNITY ASSET

It was noted that this process has not yet been started,

-2075 REMOVAL OF SPENT FLOWERS/WREATHS AT THE CEMETERY

An email was circulated to members regarding the purchase of some metal labels so that graves at the cemetery that are to be cared for by my family members and friends can be marked and thereby left untouched by the handy person..

IT WAS RESOVLED: To approve the purchase of 25 Alitag metal labels at a cost of £29.50 and also a letter punch set for £13.63.

-2094 ROSPA REPORT – MULTI-PLAY CLIMBER REPAIRS

It was noted that no response had been received regarding the Council's request for clarity on what remedial work was required on the multi-play climber.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will chase ROSPA Playsafety.

-2095 MOVING 'NO PARKING' SIGNS NEAR DRIVEWAYS IN LITTON

RESOVLED: To defer this item to September Agenda, for an update from Councillor Gregory.

2107 HANDY PERSON'S QUARTER 1 REPORT

The Handy Person's quarterly report was circulated to members.

With regard to the identified tasks in the Report the Council **RESOLVED:**

- To establish who is responsible for the post and rail timber fence to the upper boundary of the car park in Cressbrook.

- To install a gate at the entrance to the village green at Cressbrook
- To defer a decision on replacing the timber edging to the coppice area at Litton playground to the September meeting.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: To find out why the sub contracted tasks scheduled for week commencing 3rd June had not been carried out.

2108 CEMETERY PLANS

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the September Agenda.

2109 RESIDENTS PARKING IN LITTON

RESOLVED: That Councillor Robinson will obtain clarity from residents on what form and where they would like to see parking restrictions.

The Clerk stepped out the meeting while item 9 on the Agenda was discussed.

2110 CLERK'S REMUNERATION

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's hours be increased to 30 hours per month from 1st August 2019.

2111 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1638 and 1639 in the sum of £1,156.89 had been drawn as well as details of two debit card transactions in the sum of £116.49.

It was noted that the current account bank statement balance at 15th July 2019 was £7,040.29.

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 was circulated to members for information.

2112 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from The Motor Cycling Club Ltd was circulated to members.

It was noted that the annual Edinburgh Trial will take place on 5th October and that they propose to use footpath number 7 Litton Slack and the Non-Classified Highway running to the East of Litton Slack. The trial will pass through between 8.15am and 1pm.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That any planning applications received during the recess will be dealt with in the first instance by Councillors Oscroft and Robinson via email.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.