

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 18th May 2026 at 7.15pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Howe in the Chair
Brunt, Rennie & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

3179 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Gregory and Saxby.

3180 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Councillors Rooke and Brunt declared an interest in agenda item 11 as they are both volunteers at the Village Shop.

3181 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

One member of public thanked Councillor Howe for repairing the steps and then asked when the rotten wooden fencing between the road and the car park was likely to be fixed. It was noted that the Council is currently investigating the cost of replacing the wooden fencing with a recycled plastic fence, as this will be more enduring.

It was also mentioned that the edges of the car park in Cressbrook are looking scruffy. The Clerk will ask the Handyperson to trim/spray the edges and also the side of the road along the memorial land boundary, as well as the flagstones under the bench at the orchard.

3182 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no agenda items that required the exclusion of members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

3183 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th May 2026

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 18th May, as being a true and correct record.

ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

- **2990 Update on War Memorial and Land at Cressbrook & 3083 Tree Maintenance at the War Memorial Land Cressbrook** – Councillor Brunt stated that there are some trees to the left of the war memorial that still require coppicing. **IT WAS AGREED:** to ask Precision Tree Care if it can be included in the quote for work on the leaning tree at Litton Dale.

Councillor Brunt also stated that she would like to get the metal railings at the war memorial repaired as soon as possible. **IT WAS AGREED:** That Councillor Howe will ask Chris Burns at Peak Forest if he would provide a quote for the works.

- **3128 Update on the incursion onto the Village Greens**
- A draft agreement between the owners of The Cottage, Litton Dale and the Parish Council, relating to proposed improvements to the area of Village Green adjacent to the property, was circulated to members for approval. Following minor amendment, **IT WAS AGREED** to approve the agreement and to send it to the owners of The Cottage for signature.
- **3169 To consider the leaning tree on the Village Green in Litton Dale** – no update.
- **3176 To consider signage on the village green in front of the green asking cars not to block the lane or park on the village green** – no update.

3184 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/0526/0496 - Alstonfield Cottage, The Green, Litton

Proposal: S.19 application for the variation of condition 2 on Listed Building Consent NP/DDD/0622/0813 to - Fit new chimney pot, replace all existing modern windows and external doors, rebuild short masonry boundary wall and gate, replace existing modern staircase and internal doors, form new loft access and insulate bedroom ceilings, fit new bathroom and kitchen fixtures and units, install two mechanical air extraction vents, install gas fired boiler and new radiators, remove modern fireplace to expose historic fireplace opening and install new cast iron multi-fuel appliance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

NP/DDD/0526/0505 – The Gables, Cressbrook

Proposal: Erection of a single storey timber gazebo (retrospective)

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

FINANCE

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £2,501.97 for approval together with a bank reconciliation as at 15th June 2026.

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

The current account balance as at 15th June 2026 was £19,345.80 and the reserve account balance was £8,063.81.

3185 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATION SCHEME

A copy of the Parish Council's Publication Scheme was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED to increase the cost per sheet of printing to 25 pence and approve the Publication Scheme for the next 12 months.

3186 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

A copy of the Parish Council's Dignity at Work Policy was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED that no amendments are required to the Dignity at Work Policy and it be approved until the next review scheduled in 2 years.

3187 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S EQUITY & DIVERSITY POLICY

A copy of the Parish Council's Equity & Diversity Policy was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED that no amendments were required to the Equity & Diversity Policy and it be approved until the next review scheduled in 2 years.

3188 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LITTON VILLAGE SHOP TO RELOCATE THE GRIT BIN OUTSIDE THE SHOP TO MAKE ROOM FOR A BIN STORE

Councillor Rooke reported that since placing this item on the agenda the Village Shop Manager is reconsidering whether it is appropriate to move the grit bin as the grit is used to aid access to the shop during icy conditions. **IT WAS THEREFORE** agreed to defer this item to the July agenda.

3189 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL PLAYGROUND REPORT AND REPLACEMENT SLIDE UPDATE

The Annual ROSPA Report was circulated to members.

IT WAS AGREED: To seek advice on the safety of the group swing.

It was noted that the Clerk had contacted various local playground companies about the slide repairs/refurbishment but had yet to receive a response.

3190 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received by Clerk since the last Council Meeting:

- Email from DCC turning down the Parish Council's request for a dog bin on Conjoint Lane as they are not currently installing new bins and also they never get any reports of dog fouling reported online so there is no data for issues if they were able to install a bin. **IT WAS AGREED** to purchase a can of chalk spray to be used to highlight the issue in the parish.
- It's About Me, Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme is back again this Summer. More information on the website [Home - It's About Me](#).
- Email: Unclaimed Service Pensions Campaign to raise awareness and signpost eligible Veterans to unite them with their pension benefits. For further information see the following link: Veterans' Unclaimed Armed Forces Pensions Campaign. Further advice can be found through the Veterans UK site. Veterans UK - GOV.UK - Armed forces pensions - GOV.UK

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.48pm.