

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th November 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr Oscroft in the Chair
Cllrs J Mason, R Rennie, C Robinson, G Rooke & C Saxby

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk
District Cllr C Gamble

2295 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2296 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2297 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The link to enable members of the public to join the monthly meeting via Zoom was included in the agenda, which was posted on the Parish Council website.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

District Councillor Gamble informed members that DDDC were looking for communities who were interested in developing wildflower areas, to take part in a bio diversity project. DDDC will be working with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Tideswell & District Environmental Group to manage these areas.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That although the Council are interested in having wildflower areas, they would need to be managed carefully so that verges near junctions do not become overgrown and interfere with vehicles visibility.

2298 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 items 5, Actions from the Minutes 2268, 2281 and 2282 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. A separate confidential link was given to Councillors to facilitate this.

2299 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th October 2020

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

2300 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-2174 Litton telephone kiosk adoption contract

IT WAS AGREED: To ask Mark Cox to quote for the cost of a light, motion sensor, fitting RCD protection and performing an Electrical Inspection (ECR).

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: to investigate whether a grant towards the cost could be obtained.

-2221 Seating area of Cressbrook Village Green

Councillor Oscroft reported that he will put a notice on Cressbrook's Facebook Group stating that the bench is unsafe and will be removed by the Council, if it remains unclaimed.

-2250 PARKING, SIGNAGE AND OVERGROWN VERGES AT CRESSBROOK

A response from DCC stating that any signs that are placed on the highway have to be contained in the 'Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016' document, in order to ensure consistency across the country and avoid confusion, was circulated to members.

It was noted that Councillor Gamble has chased DCC regarding the reinstatement of the white lines in Cressbrook, in order to deter parking on the narrow sections of road and blocking the route for emergency vehicles.

-2251 RENEWAL OF PLAY CHIP AT THE PLAYGROUND

The Clerk informed members that she had applied to Councillor Gamble for monies from the Local Projects Fund towards the cost of renewing the play chip at the playground.

-2252 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor Rooke informed members that he and Councillor Rennie had now met with 3 playground equipment providers to discuss refurbishments to the playground and that they were awaiting quotes.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Oscroft will investigate the costs for repairing the infant swings.

-2274 TREE GUARDS

Councillor Rennie reported that Robin Broadbent is able to make wooden tree guards to

-2275 EXTENSION OF WHITE LINE OPPOSITE HALL LANE TO ENABLE THE SERVICE BUS SPACE TO TURN ROUND

protect the two saplings once they are ready to be planted on the village green.

It was noted that the Council is still waiting for a response from DCC on this item.

IT WAS AGREED: That District Councillor Gamble will also request the extension of the white lines, via DCC's website.

-2778 REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH NEAR NEW HOUSES AT LITTON DALE

It was noted that the Clerk had written to DCC requesting a new stretch of pavement along Litton Dale to join up with the two stretches of pavement already in place.

IT WAS AGREED: That District Councillor Gamble will also request a new pavement

along Litton Dale, via DCC's website.

FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

-2268 RETENDERING OF HANDY PERSON AND GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 2021

Revised copies of the grass cutting and handy-person contracts were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the amendments to the handy-person contract be approved.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the strimming of Barratt's Lane in the grass cutting contract be amended in the manner discussed.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: To advertise the contracts in January 2021 in the Village Voice, Peak Advertiser and various Facebook sites.

-2281 VEHICULAR ACCESS ACROSS THE VILLAGE GREENS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To send a chase letter to the new owners of the Hillock asking them to sign and return the Vehicular Licence Agreement previous sent.

-2282 SUNNYBANK

It was noted that Councillors Mason and Rooke along with the Clerk met with the owner of Sunnybank to discuss possible solutions to this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That further exploration of the possible outcomes was needed before a decision could be made.

2301 PROPOSED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE OPEN SPACE SOCIETY

IT WAS AGREED: To join the Open Space Society at a cost of £45 per annum.

2302 REVIEW OF CEMETERY AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE FEES

IT WAS AGREED: To increase the fees at the cemetery and garden of remembrance by 2% rounded up to the nearest £1.

2303 HANDY-PERSON'S QUARTER 2 REPORT

A progress report from the handy-person, with additional tasks identified, was circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the following additional tasks identified in the handy-person's report be approved:

(1) Replace rotting post to raised beds in Sensory Garden using surplus hours in the current contract to cover labour and material costs.

(2) Repair loose downpipe and joints to water butt in cemetery at a cost of £37.

2304 GRANT APPLICATION FROM CRESSBROOK BAND

An application for a grant of £100 was circulated to members from Cressbrook Band. The Band's ability to raise funds has been severely restricted during the continuing

Covid 19 pandemic and the Band has therefore requested a grant towards the Bands fixed costs.

IT WAS AGREED: That due to the exceptional circumstances of this year, the award of a grant of £100 to Cressbrook Band, under S137, Local Government Act 1972, was appropriate, given it supports many parish events such as wakes and Remembrance Sunday services.

2305 PLANNING

Application Number - NP/DDD/1020/0965

Site address –Lydgate, 3 Church Lane, Litton,

Development Description - Extension and alterations to dwelling

IT WAS RESOLVED: To support the application.

2306 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

(a) Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts in the sum of £581.26 for approval.

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

It was noted that the Council had received a grass cutting grant from DDDC during the month, totalling £2,797 and that the current account balance as at 16th November 2020 was £4,616.79. Reserve account balances were £10,155.64.

2307 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) It was noted that the next Tideswell & District Environmental Group meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 9 December with guest speaker Dave Savage from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Please contact T&DEG if you would like to attend.

(2) That the Christmas trees for each of the villages would be delivered on Thursday 3rd December.

(3) An email from DDDC was received promoting www.ShopAppy.com a one stop, local, online support platform which enables customers to see what local shops and services have to offer, all in one place. £64,000 has been set aside by Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP) to pay for free unlimited use of the website for local groups and businesses for 12 months. Please see the [parish council website](#) for further details.