

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th September 2024 at 7pm in Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Saxby in the Chair
Cllrs, Gregory, Howe & Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2927 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Brunt who was unable to attend due to holiday, Councillor Rennie who was unable to attend due to illness and also from Councillors Gamble.

District Councillor Buttle also sent his apologies.

2928 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

2929 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2930 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.

2931 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2024

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

2932 ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES

-2904 REVIEW OF PARISH BENCHES

An updated list of benches and their condition in the parish was circulated to members.

It was noted that Sarah's Bench opposite Hall Lane is in need of some refurbishment and that the bench in the cemetery requires repainting.

IT WAS AGREED: That it is now too late in the year to undertake bench maintenance and that the condition of the benches should be reviewed next March and then annually thereafter.

-2923 PARKING IN CRESSBROOK

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Rooke will ask Eyam Parish Council about how they manage their car park.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the Clerk will look at NALC's legal topic notes to determine the regulations surrounding the provision of car parking on Parish Council land.

2933 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/DDD/0824/0881 - Clergy House, The Green, Litton,

Development Description - New roof and external alterations to 20th Century side extension and installation of new window to existing rear dormer.

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

2934 FINANCE

(i) Accounts for payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £4,021.64 for approval.

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 16th September 2024 was £2,991.37 and the reserve account balance was £10,669.41.

(ii) Quarter 2 comparison between budgeted and actual income and expenditure

The Clerk presented the actual income and expenditure for July to September compared with that budgeted to members together with a full year forecast. It was noted that due to the unexpected tree maintenance carried out this year, that was necessary due to safety concerns, the Council is looking at an excess of expenditure over income in this financial year.

IT WAS AGREED: That the Clerk will arrange for a transfer of £3,000 from the reserve account to the current account to cover the shortfall.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To ask the villages if they would be prepared to provide funds towards the cost of the Christmas trees this year.

2935 MONTHLY PLAYGROUND REPORT

Councillor Rooke reported that he had inspected the playground this month and there were no new issues to report.

IT WAS AGREED: That the wildflower meadow at the playground now needs cutting along with Barratt Lane and the Clerk will ask the Grass Cutting contractor to do this.

It was noted that there is ivy hanging over the pedestrian gate at the Memorial Playing Field.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to the landowners and ask them to cut back the ivy.

It was also noted that part of a wall at the Memorial Playing Field requires rebuilding.

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor Howe will ask Rebecca Newsom of the Peak District National Park Authority, whether there are any grants available for wall repairs.

2936 FUNDING FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Clerk circulated a grant application, requesting funding for new infant swings and roundabout.

IT WAS AGREED: to add a new circular bench for the tree on Litton Village Green to the funding request.

2937 DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OWNERS OF LAND ADJOINING CRESSBROOK VILLAGE GREEN AND THE PARISH COUNCIL

A draft agreement was circulated to members.

Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED:** to include a timeframe for when the work needs to be completed.

2938 SNOW WARDEN SCHEME 2024/25

Following discussion **IT WAS RESOLVED:** To ask Chris and Pip Robinson if they are willing to continue as Snow Wardens for 2024/25.

2939 CORRESPONDENCE

The annual Edinburgh Trial takes place on Saturday 28th September and will pass through the Parish between 1pm and 7pm.

Peak Park Parishes Day invite 12th October - noted

An email was received from PCSO Anthony Boswell regarding the issues with parking on the clearway near Litton Mill.

Residents are encouraged to report obstructing vehicles via the following contact methods:

- Website – There is a crime reporting tools on the website: use the online contact form
- Facebook – send a private message to the Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page
- X (otherwise known as twitter) – direct message the contact centre via @DerPolContact
- Phone 101

If reporting the matter via either Facebook or X, you can provide a photo showing how bad the parking is.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9pm.