

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 17th December 2018 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr N Gregory in the Chair
Cllrs K Oscroft, G Rooke & C Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

2029 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor N Gregory proposed and Councillor G Rooke seconded that Councillor K Oscroft be elected as Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations it was therefore

RESOLVED: That Councillor K Oscroft be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

2030 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rachel Rennie - illness

2031 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

2032 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2033 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2018

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

2034 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1935 Retaining wall opposite Lower Wood

Two quotes for the repair of a 5 metre section of the retaining wall opposite Lower Wood, Cressbrook were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: Councillor Rooke will ask Mr Marsden to undertake the repair of the wall at a total cost of £400.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That although it had been previously agreed between the Council and the owners of the property affected by the collapsed wall, that the cost of the repairs would be split 50/50, the Council will in this instance pay the full cost as a larger section of wall is to be repaired and to identify costs specifically relating to that

property would be difficult.

-1947 Playground and land transfer

A letter and HM Land Registry TR1 form, from the Council's solicitors Emmet & Taylor LLP were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Council is content to proceed with the transfer of ownership of the land at the Playground from DDDC to itself and that Councillors Gregory and Oscroft are authorised to sign the TR1 form.

Sunnybank Land Swap

It was noted that the Council's solicitors are investigating whether the land involved in the swap is in fact registered Village Green.

-1962 Phase 3 Tree Maintenance

Councillor Gregory reported that the large sycamore tree outside Rose Cottage had now been removed and that he had predominately supervised the distribution of the wood.

Councillor Gregory also reported that it had been suggested by a number of residents that some new smaller trees should be planted.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will look into the types of smaller colourful/flowering trees that could be planted.

-1981 HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6

It was noted that the Council has yet to hear from the Highways Agency regarding the monitoring that it was going to undertake.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the February meeting.

-1988 Widening of junction at Mires Lane Litton

It was noted that DCC had undertaken a site visit of the junction but determined that no further action should be taken.

-1989 Repairs to the stocks on the village green in front of the Red Lion.

It was reported that it is anticipated that the stocks will be rebuilt in the New Year.

-1994 PLAYGROUND/MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Rooke informed members that he was still awaiting quotes from Proludic UK, but that he had received quotes from Ellesmere Playground Products Limited regarding moving some of the play equipment in the Playground to the Memorial Playing Field.

Discussions took place around:

(a) moving the ball court equipment from its current location at the Playground to the top left section of the Memorial Playing Field at a cost of £1,900 plus VAT.

(b) moving the pod swing from the Playground to the Memorial Playing Field at a cost of £1,800 plus VAT.

(c) moving one of the picnic benches currently situated in the Memorial Playing Field, to the tarmac area in the Playground, which would be left following the removal of the ball court equipment.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will ask Ellesmere Playground Products Limited if they could also quote for the installation of goal posts at the Memorial Playing Field.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will draft a note for Facebook asking for feedback on the Council's proposal to move the play equipment from the Playground to the Memorial Playing Field.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That Councillor Oscroft will approach Friends of Litton Village to see if they would be willing to offer a grant towards the costs of moving the play equipment.

-2006 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Councillor Gregory stated that he intends to organise a working party of volunteers to clear the beds towards the end of January with a view to replanting in the Spring.

-2008 Village Greens

IT WAS RESOLVED: to revisit this item towards the middle of next year.

-2022 Speeding in Litton

Councillor Robinson reported that she had written a piece to post on Facebook requesting volunteers to come forward to train on how to use the speed gun.

2035 HANDY-PERSON QUARTERLY REPORT

The Handy-Person's report covering quarter 3 of the 2018/19 contract was circulated to members.

The Council discussed the tasks at the cemetery identified in the report and

RESOLVED:

(a) That the barge boards on the shed do not need to be sanded and repainted at the current time.

(b) That repairs to the plinth of the water butt do need undertaking at a cost of £40.

(c) That it does not wish to remove the overgrown turf at this present time as it might reveal that the path is uneven and a trip hazard.

It was noted that some of the tubs in Litton look a bit neglected.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillors will try to find out which tubs have been adopted by residents and ask the handy-person, as part of a new 2019/20 contract, to replant those that have not.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That tub 1 will be moved to outside Litton View Farm in attempt to stop the green on that corner being damaged further by vehicles reversing over it.

2036 REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

It was noted that feedback from residents regarding the mowing of the village greens this year had been favourable. It was however noted that disposal of the grass clippings needs to be rethought to stop the pile at the cemetery getting too large.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To meet with the current contractor, Phil Riley in February with a view to offering a new 2 year contract to cover April 2019 to November 2020.

2037 REVISED CONTRACT FOR PREVIOUSLUY ADOPTED PHONE KIOSK AT CRESSBROOK

A revised contract from BT was circulated to the meeting.

Councillor Oscroft state that he did not think that the defibrillator cabinet meets the requirements in para 5.5(iii) of the contract, although it does have an earth and an RCD.

RESOLVED: To check with BT whether the current defibrillator cabinet is acceptable given that the phone box is now earthed and has an RCD.

2038 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Proposed monthly council meetings for 2019 were circulated to members.

It was also noted that February's meeting will take place on Monday 25th rather than the usual 3rd Monday of the month and will also be held in Cressbrook.

IT WAS AGREED: that in future the Council will meet in December and take its recess in January.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately before the April monthly meeting next year.

2039 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1603 to 1608 in the sum of £2,455.19 had been drawn.

Year to date actual costs together with forecast costs for the 3 months to 31st March 2019 were also circulated to members.

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

2040 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2019/20

A copy of the draft budget and precept requirement was circulated to members.

Councillors were asked to consider a 3% increase in the precept for 2019/20 to allow more work to be undertaken at the cemetery and allow the tree maintenance programme to continue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the budget and a 3% increase in the precept to £8,162 for 2019/20 be approved.

2041 PLANNING APPLICATION NP/DDD/1218/1156 2 RIVER VIEW, LITTON MILL

Proposed single-storey extension to rear of house and installation of rooflights to main roof.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support the planning application.

2042 PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECESS

IT WAS RESOLVED: That any planning applications arriving during the recess period would be dealt with via email unless Councillors agreed that an Extraordinary General Meeting was necessary.

2043 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter sent to DCC from a resident concerning the winter gritting service in Cressbrook was circulated to members for information.

A Peak District National Park (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2018 was circulated to member and it was noted that penalty notices will now be issued to cars parked without a valid parking ticket in PDNPA car parks.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.