

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr N Gregory in the Chair
Cllrs R Rennie, K Oscroft, J McMillan, G Rooke

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

1982 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Robinson – family commitments

1983 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

1984 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 3 members of the public present at the meeting.

Two members of public wished to talk about item 1981HGVs using Litton as a short cut to the A6.

The Chair agreed to move this item to the first on the agenda.

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

Jeanie Mycock stated that any discussion/proposed action around vehicles travelling through Litton should not focus purely on HGVs and that it should include all types of vehicle and the speeds at which they travel.

She went on to request that if the Parish Council does decide to intervene with regard to vehicles travelling through Litton, would they consider holding a public meeting so that everyone can have a say.

It was noted that The Traffic and Safety Team at DCC have requested some speed and classification surveys be carried out in Litton village, but these are only done in neutral months. DCC will inform the Council once they have the data.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Rennie will speak with PCSO Ian Phipps regarding the possibility of getting a temporary speed camera to check how fast vehicles are travelling through Litton Village.

Keith Wright wished to raise awareness of the fact that the A619 will be closed on the 13 bends from 24th September for 4 weeks. His concern is that HGVs will divert through Litton village. He has contacted the Highways Department of DCC who, although do not anticipate that this will be a problem, have suggested that residents contact them if they notice an unacceptable increase in the volume of HGVs using Litton during this period.

1985 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2018

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

1986 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1935 Retaining wall opposite Lower Wood

RESOLVED: That the council will approach the owner of property where the wall has collapsed to discuss a mutual resolution.

RESOLVED: That although ownership of the wall and therefore responsibility for the repairs has still not been established, Councillor Rennie will obtain 3 quotes for the repair of the wall.

-1947 Playground and land transfer

It was noted that the purchase of the playground land from DDDC was progressing and the Council's solicitor was now in communication with DDDC.

IT WAS AGREED THAT: Councillors Oscroft and Robinson would contact Mr & Mrs N Burrows with a view to moving the Sunnybank land exchange forward.

-1948 Councillor Gregory informed the meeting that the re-tarmacking of the cemetery drive will start on Monday 24th September and will take 2 – 4 day. The Contractors have also agreed to remove the Berberis.

- 1961 Councillor Rennie stated that the Market Cross repairs will start imminently.

RESOLVED: That the plinth of the Market Cross should also be repaired at an additional cost of c£100 plus materials.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the cost of the Market Cross and Plinth repairs will be partially funded by a £250 donation given to the Council for the benefit of Litton residents.

-1962 Councillor Gregory reported that Phase 3 of the Tree Maintenance Programme will start 11th October and that he will be available on the day to supervise the distribution of the wood.

-1974 It was noted that Stagecoach who have taken over bus route 65 (now rebranded as 'Your65') have reinstated the majority of the buses.

-1978 Complaint against ex-councillor and Council

Councillors Gregory and McMillan updated Councillors following a meeting they had held with Mr J Burrows to discuss his concerns.

1987 WORK PROGRAMME GANTT CHART

IT WAS AGREED: That Councillor McMillan and the Clerk will prepare a Gantt chart to track progress on the work programme.

1988 WIDENING OF JUNCTION AT MIRES LANE LITTON TO MAKE IT EASIER TO TURN OFF THE MAIN ROAD

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to DCC requesting that the junction is widened.

1989 REPAIRS TO STOCKS ON VILLAGE GREEN IN FRONT OF THE RED LION

Councillor Rennie reported that Robin Broadbent, James Warriner and Matt Willis have agreed to supply their labour free of charge to repair the stocks.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Oscroft will approach Friends of Litton for a donation towards the cost of the materials.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the old stocks will be removed as soon as possible as they are now in a dangerous state of repair.

1990 CHANGES TO ROUTE 65 BUXTON – SHEFFIELD BUS SERVICE

Stagecoach have requested that they work in partnership with local councillors from parishes along the route in to promote the rebranded 'your65' route and make it a success for the long term to ensure that the service can be retained for local communities in the future.

RESOLVED: To put this item on the October agenda for an update.

1991 QUARTERLY CRESSBROOK COMMUNITY MEETINGS

It was noted that these meetings are ad hoc and dates are set only a few weeks in advance, the next meeting is due to take place in October.

RESOLVED: That Councillors McMillan and Rennie will attend the October meeting.

1992 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Council's current risk assessment was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the risk assessment be approved for the next 12 months.

1993 ROSPA REPORT

A report prepared by ROSPA following their inspection of Litton Playground in May 2018 was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the handy-person will clean the dirt and algae from the slide.

1994 PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

Consideration was given to whether the pod swing could be moved so that it could be seen from the road.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rooke will obtain quotes for moving the netball hoop to the Memorial Playing Field and the pod swing to the area where the netball hoop is currently.

1995 HANDY PERSON'S QUARTERLY REPORT

The Handyperson's report for Quarter 2 of the contract was circulated to members.

It was noted that the Handyperson had put forward a plan for redeveloping the garden of remembrance, with an estimated cost of £1,500.

IT WAS AGREED: That as the Council would be spending £1,500, a further quote would be required. Councillor Rennie will therefore ask James Warriner if he would be prepared to quote for the work.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: That the installation of the sign in the Memorial Playing Field should be to be taken from the hours in the current contract.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED: That the Council would give approval for the Cressbrook Community Group to remove and replace the existing overgrown shrubs at Cressbrook car park but not to plant fruit trees as it deems the location to be unsuitable.

1996 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that 2 planning applications had been received over the summer recess both of which the Council had supported.

NP/DDD/0718/0615 – The Farm, Mires Lane, Litton. Proposed demolition of the existing structures, the siting of one shepherd hut for holiday accommodation purposes, the erection of a new storage building, works of hard and soft landscaping, installation of package treatment plant and other associated works.

NP/DDD/0718/0650 – Lower Anchor Farm, A623. Proposed agricultural storage building extension and proposed agricultural livestock and storage lean to building

1997 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1593 to 1596 in the sum of £1,040.87 had been drawn.

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

The Clerk also submitted an invoice for which Debit Card payment was necessary totalling £196.60.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the use of the Council's debit card to settle the account was approved.

1998 CHRISTMAS TREES

It was noted that the cost of the Christmas trees had increased slightly this year.

RESOLVED: That the Litton Christmas tree will be delivered on the 23rd November, as requested by Friends of Litton School and that the Litton Mill and Cressbrook trees will be delivered on the 30th November.

1999 SNOW WARDEN APPOINTMENT

It was noted that Nicky Loveday has moved out of the parish and therefore a new Volunteer Snow Warden is urgently needed for the coming winter.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rennie will advertise the volunteer vacancy on Facebook, Litton village shop and the Village Voice.

2000 CORRESPONDENCE

An email from a representative of Litton Mill's community group was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the Council will cover all reasonable expenditure incurred by the group in planting the new raised bed.

Councillor McMillan updated members on the preparations for the WW1 weekend of remembrance in Litton.

RESOLVED: That Councillors McMillan and Rennie will put together a programme highlighting the events.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.14pm.