

LITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
held on 16th July 2018 at 7pm at Litton Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Turner, Clerk

The Chair welcomed Councillor Chris Robinson to her first meeting as a newly co-opted member of the Council.

1966 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor G Rooke – work commitments

1967 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for agenda items.

1968 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1969 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th June 2018

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

1970 ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

-1847 Councillor Gregory reported that he had spoken with the handy-person and she will install the new sign at the Memorial Playing Field once the ground is soft enough for the stake to be driven in.

-1895 Licence to erect a post and rail fence at the playground from DDDC
It was noted that DDDC had been contacted regarding obtaining a licence and the Council were awaiting a response.

-1930 Clerk's remuneration.
The Clerk left the meeting while this item was discussed by Councillors.

IT WAS AGREED: That in recognition of the extra work which will be required whilst the new Councillors settle into their roles, the Clerk will receive an honorarium of £100 per month for the next year with the last payment being July 2019.

-1935 Investigation into ownership of retaining wall opposite Lower Wood,
Cressbrook

It was reported that a search of the Land Registry records was inconclusive.

RESOLVED: To continue with the investigations.

-1947 A draft response to Neil & Kerry Burrows' email of 8th June was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That following minor amendment the letter can be sent.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: That Councillors Gregory and Oscroft will arrange to meet with Neil & Kerry Burrows.

AGREED: That the Clerk will contact DDDC regarding progress on the Playground land transfer.

-1948 It was reported that the firm contracted to undertake the resurfacing of the cemetery driveway had been in touch but the original contact within the firm had left and this had resulted in the delay.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will chase the contractors again to arrange a meeting between Councillor Gregory and the new contact.

-1960 Application for a gate in the corner of the village green at Litton Mill.

RESOLVED: That the Council will give permission for the gate access but an agreement will be drafted stating that if the property is sold then the boundary needs to be restored to original state.

-1961 Repairs to the Market Cross on Litton Village Green.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rennie will arrange for the repairs to be carried out at a cost of £200 plus materials.

-1962 Phase 3 of the Tree Maintenance Programme.

Councillor Gregory reported that it would cost £2,000 to complete all the work, outlined in the June minutes, for Phase 3 of the project.

It was noted that permission from PDNPA had already been received for the removal of the large Sycamore tree in front of Rose Cottage.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That Councillor Gregory will approach PDNPA regarding permission for the crown lift on the Lime tree on Hall Lane Corner.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: that once the necessary permissions are received from PDNPA, N&G Tomlinson be instructed to undertake the work at a cost of £1,220.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED: to ask the grass cutting contractor to tidy up the shoots sprouting around the bottom of all the Lime trees.

1971 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders adapted from the model document produced by NALC (National Association of Local Councils) were circulated to members together with Appendix 2.

RESOLVED: That the revised Standing Orders and Appendix 2 be adopted.

1972 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Amended Financial Regulations in line with NALC guidelines were circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the revised Financial Regulations be approved for the next 12 months.

1973 REVIEW OF THE FIXED ASSET REGISTER

The Fixed Asset Register updated for the current insurance values was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That the Fixed Asset Register be approved for the next 12 months.

1974 CHANGES TO ROUTE 65 BUXTON – SHEFFIELD BUS SERVICE

It was reported that significant changes to bus route 65 were proposed from July 2018.

RESOLVED: That Councillor McMillan will liaise with and assist where necessary, other Parish Councils whose residents are affected by the changes.

1975 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that no planning applications had been received during the month.

1976 PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE RECESS

IT WAS RESOVLED: That an EGM would be called should any planning applications be received during the August recess.

1977 FINANCE (SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS ATTACHED)

The Clerk submitted accounts for which cheques numbered 1590 to 1592 in the sum of £2,380.64 had been drawn.

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

The Clerk also submitted two invoices for which Debit Card payment was necessary totalling £137.19.

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

The Council's first quarter costs and a comparison with the budget were circulated to members.

IT WAS RESOVLED: That in future a reforecast of the Council's annual costs would be prepared after each quarter to give a more accurate yearly forecast.

IT WAS AGREED: To award a grant of £150 under S137 to the WW1 Centenary Celebrations community group towards their 100 years celebration event of Last Night of the Proms.

1978 COMPLAINT AGAINST EX-COUNCILLOR AND COUNCIL

A letter of complaint was circulated to members.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Gregory and McMillan will arrange a meeting with the complainant.

1979 REMEMBRANCE WREATH

IT WAS AGREED: That the Council will order a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal remembrance wreath with a donation of £25 and Councillor Gregory will arrange for it to be laid at the memorial gates.

1980 REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING & HANDY PERSON CONTRACTS

Councillor Gregory informed members that he was meeting with the Handy-Person for an appraisal next Tuesday (24th July).

IT was noted that the Council is pleased with the work undertaken by both contractors so far this year.

1981 CORRESPONDENCE

An email and letter were circulated to members regarding noise disturbance from heavy goods vehicles using Litton as a short cut to the A6.

It was also noted that a community group had been set up to deal with the issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That as the road is classed as a lane and not an A or B road, the Council will write to the Highways division of DCC regarding getting weight and speed restrictions in place through Litton.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED: That the Council will write to the community group requesting that they monitor the numbers, times and lorry types that are coming through the village so that this information can also be forward to DCC.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.