MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7th January 2026 7.30PM The Litton Village hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT
Sandra Sephton (SS) Chair
Nikki Ashley (NA) Vice Chair
Richard Gennery (RG)
Jo Abbott (JA)
Heather King (HK)
Neil Woodman (NW)
Hannah Gennery (HG) Parish Clerk

1 APOLOGIES - None

2 VISITORS -

- John Baylis
- Richard Clayton

2.1 - Public discussion (Item 6 brought forward)
Meeting adjourned to welcome visitors
John Baylis gave an update on Chicken Farm development at Back Lane, Greendown. LPC has received communication from Sam Grant and Tessa Munt regarding planning enforcement. The matter is ongoing.
Richard Clayton - Would be interested to hear more regarding the planning application received for the reservoir at Ashels Batch, Chewton Mendip and the impact it will have. LPC will invite Ed Brimble to the next council meeting so that he can answer the parishioners questions.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Minutes from last meetings held on Wednesday 5th November were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

5 MATTERS ARISING -

5.1 Speed Limit within Litton, discuss collated information from questionnaire - LPC received back 40 responses out of the 91 questionnaires sent out resulting in a 44% response rate. As you can see from the table on page 3, the majority of the response, with over half of our 40 responses ticked both options 1 and 3. The LPC will write to SCC with the results from the questionnaire and request information regarding costs involved.

5.2 - Precept - The precept will increase by 5% resulting in a total of £7350 for 26/27 compared to prior year of a 0% increase and £7000.

5.3 - PCC burial Grant - LPC have agreed that we will increase our contribution for the Burial grant to £250 per annum.

5.4 - PCC church maintenance monetary contribution - The LPC has received a request for an additional contribution towards churchyard maintenance. After careful consideration, the LPC has concluded that it is not in a position to provide further funding at this time. The burial grant is intended to support these maintenance costs, and this has now been increased to £250. We trust that this

continued contribution will assist with the necessary upkeep. As noted in the previous minutes the offer still stands for the LPC to seek volunteers to help maintain the church grounds.

5.5 Removing and renovating the hazardous bench on main road and relocating to the church yard - The LPC had hoped to take advantage of the road closure and remove the bench without needing traffic management; however after further discussion concerns were raised over the integrity of the grass verge/bank once the bench had been removed. HG to email highways and SCC to come and inspect the bank and find a suitable solution.

5.6 - Adopting new standing order - The new standing order were agreed and adopted by the LPC.

5.7 Finger post signs - SS to contact Mr A Booker regarding painting the remaining finger post signs.

6 Planning -

6.1 Proposed extension to existing workshop - Amc engineering Greendown Lane, Chewton Mendip - No objections from the LPC.

6.2 Prior notification of agricultural development: The construction of the reservoir - Ashels Batch, Chewton Mendip- This application was for notification purposes only and no comments could be made by LPC.

6.3 Installation of door and windows into existing barn - Barn coordinates 357863/153665 Greendown Lane, Chewton Mendip, Wells, Somerset - No objections from the LPC

7 Finance - None.

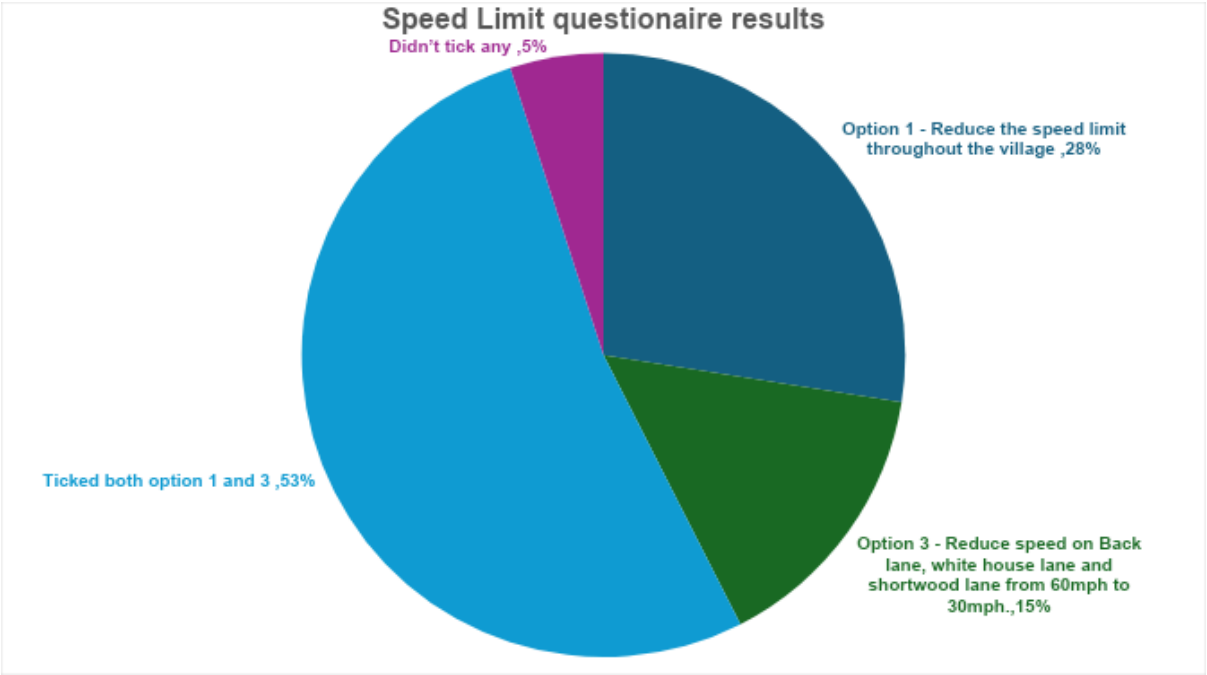
8 Correspondence - None

9 Matters for discussion (AOB) -

9.1 RG Poo bins - The LPC has been made aware that there are ongoing issues with emptying of the dog waste bins. LPC will contact SCC to enquire about the frequency in which the dog bins should be emptied and the repair needed on Shortwood Lane.

Meeting Closed at 8:42PM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 4th March 2026 - LITTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM


Speed Limit questionaire results
Didn't tick any ,5%
Option 1 - Reduce the speed limit throughout the village ,28%
Ticked both option 1 and 3 ,53%
Option 3 - Reduce speed on Back lane, white house lane and shortwood lane from 60mph to 30mph.,15%