MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3rd September 2025 7.30PM The Litton Village hall

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

1 APOLOGIES - Nikki Ashley (NA)

2 VISITORS -

- Louise Cox
- Jon Cameron Smith
- Celia Smith
- Jo Baylis
- John Baylis
- Christine Baylis
- Joanna Bryant (JB) Clerk to Stowey Sutton Parish Council

2.1 - Public discussion (Item 5.9 brought forward)
Meeting adjourned to welcome visitors
Discussion regarding recent development on Back Lane (Greendown)
A proposed chicken breeding business with potential for living accommodation is being established on a plot of land sold at auction in March. Works have already commenced with hedges removed to gain access to land and hardcore being used for foundations.
Visitors expressed serious concerns about:

- Lack of a planning application
- Environmental impact
- Water pollution
- Impact on local wildlife
- Pollution caused by chicken faeces affecting nearby properties
- Highways unsuitable for vehicles accessing the site now and in the future

It was requested that LPC make BANES and SCC aware. LPC have agreed to write a letter to SCC, BANES, Highways and the environment agency regarding the problem, we have requested that the visitors write a letter to accompany ours to ensure that all concerns are met so we can forward to the appropriate places.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - RG declared an interest in item 5.8.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Minutes from last meetings held on Wednesday 2nd July were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

5 MATTERS ARISING -

5.1 LPC website - NW in process of organising
5.2 80th Anniversary VE/VJ day village plans - David Speed is happy to install the bench now the cherry tree has been pruned. Next steps to install the base and then secure the bench.

5.3 Speed limit on back lane - Back Lane is currently 60mph which is inappropriate and causing concern for residents living there. SS to draft a letter regarding the current speed limit. Residents will receive this letter accompanied by a survey which will be sent in the post. Once your survey is complete please return to the letter box which will be in the Litton Pub for easy access for all.

5.4 Hedge trimming around the village - Several overgrown hedges in the village are reducing road visibility, especially on bends.

5.5 Village notice board - Residents have reported that the village notice board has become difficult to push pins in. NW will organise getting some new cork to replace the current to improve its use.

5.6 Discussion on removing the hazardous bench on the main road - We would like to remove, reposition and repair the bench. The proposed new location would be in the church. HG to communicate with the PCC to see if that would be something they would be happy to do.

5.7 Acquisition of flashing speed reminder - JB suggested we could get an auto speed watch which would be cheaper than the flashing speed reminder. This equipment will register anyone driving past over the recommended speed limit and allow for their data to be passed to the police.

5.8 Village hall funding - LPC to continue contributions. Village Hall Committee encouraged to submit specific funding requests for consideration.

5.9 Discussion regarding email received concerning development on Back Lane Greendown - Discussed in 2.1.

6 Planning - None

7 Finance - Agreed cost of cherry tree pruning of £500.

8 Correspondence - None

9 Matters for discussion (AOB) -

Meeting Closed at 9PM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER - LITTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM