**MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
**WEDNESDAY 5th November 2025 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** -

**2 VISITORS** -

- Judy Barratt
- John Baylis
- Christine Baylis
- Mike Goulding

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - Minutes from last meetings held on Wednesday 3rd September were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

**5 MATTERS ARISING** -

5.1 LPC website - NW in discussion. Awaiting to hear back from Matt Wire.

5.2 80th Anniversary VE/VJ day village plans - David Speed has now put the concrete base in place. The next step is to apply brackets to the bench so that it can be fixed in place.

5.3 Speed limit on back lane - The Council would like to gauge parishioners' views on reducing the speed limit throughout the village, including Back Lane.
A letter and questionnaire will be delivered to all residents. Completed questionnaires can be returned to any councillor or placed in the collection box at The Litton pub. Responses will be reviewed at the next meeting. If the majority do not support a village-wide speed reduction, the Council will focus efforts solely on Back Lane.

5.4 Removing and renovating the hazardous bench on main road and relocating to the church yard - The PCC has agreed to the relocation of the bench to the churchyard. LPC will arrange for its removal and restoration.

5.5 Acquisition of flashing speed reminder vs auto speed watch - Awaiting feedback from letter in 5.3.

5.6 Chicken farm development on Back Lane Greendown - Caravans have now moved onto the site. East Harptree continues to update SCC and B&NES on any developments. LPC will continue to support neighbouring parishes.

**6 Planning** -

6.1 T1 - Lason Cypress, T2 - Lawson Cypress, T3 - Whitebeam - Fell and grind stump - Received planning application for notification only

6.2 Certificate of lawfulness of proposed development to build an extension in the location of existing conservatory - Received planning application for notification only.

**7 Finance** - None.

**8 Correspondence** -

8.1 James Orme Poppy donation - £50 cheque to be raised and given from LPC towards poppy donation.

8.2 - Village hall donation - Agreed to give the annual £500 - RG to pay via BACS

8.3 - Chris Pointon - PCC has received a quote for maintaining the church yard grounds of £840. Chris has asked if the LPC would be willing to help fund this. LPC will discuss this at greater length in the next meeting however we did discuss putting a message out to our fellow parishioners to see if we could get a rota for everyone to help cut the grass. LPC will be happy to help organise this/ send out a message on their behalf to ask for help and support. If people were able to help then this could reduce the cost for the PCC. Will discuss this further with Chris Pointon.

**9 Matters for discussion (AOB) -**

9.1 Mike Goulding - The Burial Grant has not yet been paid this year. Normally the PCC submits an annual request, which has not been received.
LPC is happy to continue the £175 payment.
Mike noted that the amount has remained unchanged since 2019 and suggested it should be increased, particularly in light of the additional funding request in item 8.3.

Meeting Closed at 8:36PM

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 7TH January 2026 - LITTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**