

MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5th March 2025 7.30PM The Litton Village hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Sandy Sephton (SS) Chair

Nicola Ashley (NA) Vice Chair

Richard Gennery (RG)

Neil Woodman (NW)

Jo Abbott (JA)

Hannah Gennery (HG) Parish Clerk

1 APOLOGIES - None

2 VISITORS - None

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Minutes from last meetings held on Wednesday 8th January were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

5 MATTERS ARISING -

5.1 Update on finger post sign - Ongoing - SS to have further discussions about painting remaining finger post signs.

5.2 Cherry Tree - NA has been in contact with someone to prune and shape the cherry tree. NA to liaise with the company when best for pruning to be carried out. The cost, estimated to be £260, approved by the council.

5.3 LPC website - After discussion we have decided to have the domain changed for the LPC website to allow for us to update/edit the website internally. HG to compose an email to Matt Wire to get the domain changed over. NW to liaise with a company to carry out the domain change.

5.4 Dog waste bins - The Parish Council (PC) has been notified by Somerset Council (SC) that the charge for each dog and litter bin per collection will be £6.50 + vat. Therefore, a single bin emptied once a week will be charged at £338.00 + vat per year. For the three dog waste bins within Litton this will cost the PC £1216.80 including tax per year. HG to write to SC and ask for further information querying the location of 2 out of the 3 bins as we believe we are not liable for bin emptying charges on those two bins. Also discuss if on the remaining bin we can extend the length of time between emptying to reduce cost. HG will update the council with more information.

5.5 Somerset devolution of highways - Currently this is an option that is proposed by Somerset council and not mandatory. Some councils have opted out of this so LPC will await further information.

5.6 Internal auditor - HG has been in contact with Joanna Bryant to see if she would take on the internal audit for the year 2024/25. Cost agreed by LPC of £75.00. HG will organise.

5.7 80th Anniversary VE/VJ day village plans - Agreed at the meeting we will have a commemorative bench for the 80th Anniversary. The bench will be located under the Cherry tree. NA to get quotes.

5.8 Tractor/ Contractor complaints - Received email back from Mr Gay. Mr Gay acknowledges our concerns and has put in place for himself to be present on site to monitor and will also inform us of when the tanking will next take place which he believes to be at the end of March but will let us know exact dates closer to the

time. Concerns of damaged banks that require addressing, HG to contact Somerset council to recommend inspection.

- 5.9 - Village Hall decarbonisation audit - The village hall has recently had a free decarbonisation audit carried out to look for ways in which they can save costs with gas, electricity, water etc. Village hall have carried out some of the recommendations but others come with a large cost. SS to draft an email on behalf of the LPC about what the hall means to us and how important it is to our community in hope that the village hall can obtain a grant to help reduce upkeep costs.

6 Planning - none

7 Finance -

7.1 Bank Cheque Signatures

HG, NW and SS now bank cheque signatories.

8 Correspondence - None

9 Matters for discussion (AOB) -

9.1 New councillor - Unanimous vote to co-opt Heather King onto the Parish Council.

9.2 20mph speed limit - It has been noted that Chewton Mendip have had their speed limits dropped to 20mph. RG to look into this for Litton and what cost implications are involved.

Meeting Closed at 8.46PM

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY - LITTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM