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## MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024: 7:30 LITTON VILLAGE HALL

**Councillors Present:** Sandra Sephton (Vice Chair), Sue Fry, Richard Gennery.

- 1. Apologies:** David Broadway, Nikki Ashley
- 2. Visitors:** Colston Gay, David Raynes, David Fry, Peter Court
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 4. Minutes Last Meeting:** Not Available. To be checked and signed at next meeting.

### **5. Matters Arising:**

Community speed watch - Sandra will post on village Whatsapp group to see who is interested, other than Sandra and Richard.

No update on online banking.

Liz not present to update on finger post.

### **6. Planning:**

Meeting attended by Mr Colston Gay to discuss his planning application for slurry store off Litt Hill.

This was lengthy and helpful discussion. Mr Gay told us that the new slurry store will contain treated slurry from his farm in Widcombe , (therefore should not be offensive odour). It will be spread on fields only outside the NVZ (nitrogen vulnerable zone) ,spread by means of long pipes which are overground and removed when slurry has been spread. The store will enable spreading to be done when weather

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conditions are favourable, which should help to reduce run off, rather than the 'rush' that occurs to spread currently.

Mr Gay was asked if this project was being part funded by a DEFRA grant. These grants have a clear environmental policies within them which include testing soil, water and air quality. He responded that they hadn't currently applied for a grant but didn't rule it out. If such a grant was obtained they would adhere to any conditions attached to it. He already carries out soil testing on his land but not on the local water course.

He is hoping not to have to use any contractors, only his own staff which we hope will reduce the speeding of some heavy tractors through the village. Also the tractors will be primarily using the B3114c and not coming through the village whenever possible. The precise location of the store is viewable on the planning portal, but will be partly submerged, wood clad and there will be some tree planting around it.

Mr Gay also offered when possible to let us know in advance when there will be significant tractor movements through the village so that we can forewarn residents, He is also looking into the possibility via GPS of controlling the speed of tractors but this is not necessarily going to happen. All of our questions were answered,

**7. Finance:** Precept. A vote was taken and passed to raise the precept to £7000 for the financial year 2024/2025

**8. Correspondence:** None.

**9. Matters for Discussion (Any other business):** None

Meeting closed 8:17 pm

**Next Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Litton Village Hall at 7:30**

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