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MINUTES OF LITTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 6th March 2024: 7:30 LITTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present: David Broadway(Chair), Sandra Sephton (Vice Chair), Sue Fry, Richard Gennery, Nikki Ashley.

1. Apologies: None

2. Visitors: Kay Fountain

3. Declaration of Interest: None

4. Minutes Last Meeting: January and November minutes have been agreed and will be signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising:

Kay Fountain has offered to become a councillor. DB proposed that she be co-opted to the role, seconded by RG. All in favour.

Community speed watch – Sufficient volunteers have been identified and Sandra will proceed to arrange training.

NA will investigate how to update addresses and names via the online banking – which is now in place..

Discussion held on finger posts. Excess vegetation will be cleared by councillors. 'Alex' needs to be identified and contacted to see if he is still interested in repainting the posts in Litton and Ford Litton if the council provides paint and materials.

6. Planning:

The council had no objection to planning applications for Church Cottage and Tudor House.

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7. Finance: Cheques were raised for Litton PCC Burial Grant (£175), David Speed - grass cutting and village maintenance (£570), Richard Gennery – Defib Pads and Defib Lamps (£150.31). An online payment was requested and agreed to D Broadway – LPC Insurance (£214).

8. Correspondence: Bank letters regarding online banking.

9. Matters for Discussion (Any other business):

New councillors – the council now has 6 councillors, leaving one vacancy. Councillors will identify and approach suitable individuals to find one more volunteer to be co-opted.

A discussion was held on issues for the parish, including footpaths and encouraging tree planting by land owners. It was agreed that LPC might play an advisory role to land owners regarding tree planting, and that we needed to identify owners of local fields in order to protect footpaths. DB will obtain a large scale OS map to facilitate this.

The Clerk's position was discussed. It was pointed out that the Chair should not perform the role of the clerk nor should another councillor other than on a short term basis. It was agreed that the new Chewton Mendip clerk would be approached by DB to see if she would take on the same role for LPC.

Meeting closed 8:28 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 1st May – Litton Village Hall at 7:30