

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Merritt, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: District Cllr Criscione.

20/67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Guild and Watkinson.

20/68. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 11 December 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Westbrook. All agreed.

20/69. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on matters arising from the last meeting.

- Tree Planting Project – the ECC scheme is hoping to work with the parishes sometime this year.

20/70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

20/71. PUBLIC FORUM.

No members of the public were present.

20/72. REPORTS.

County Council – an emailed report has been circulated.

District Council – Cllr Criscione gave a report which included an update on the Local Plan which is awaiting a decision from the inspector. Cllr Criscione suggested that the Parish Council might want to consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

20/73. UPDATE FROM CLLR CRISCIONE.

To receive an update from Cllr Criscione following meetings with the Police, ECTU, ECC & UDC regarding:

- The existing problem with crime and disorder at the site.
- Environmental issues with regard to regular fires, loose dogs, goats and horses. It was explained that there was no dog warden at UDC and that the site is the sole responsibility of ECC.
- The future of the site where alternatives may be available; the appropriateness of the site is being looked into.

20/74. PLANNING.

Appeal Ref: APP/C1570/W/19/3228069. Land at Pound Hill. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for 18 dwellings, vehicular access, public open space, sustainable drainage systems, structural landscaping and infrastructure Ref: UTT/18/0440/OP, dated 6 February 2018.

- An update on the demolition of the Moors bungalows – the contractors are still removing asbestos, work is progressing. Agreed that the green must be restored and bollards installed so the Parish Council can take over the future maintenance.

20/75. STREET-LIGHTS.

As no other quotes have yet been received it was agreed to replace the one faulty streetlight with an LED lamp.

Proposed Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Westbrook. All agreed.

- **Next agenda** – to consider upgrading all of the street-lights to LED lights or to upgrade them individually as required.

20/76. RECREATION GROUND.

The Football Club and ECC Rangers now have a key to the bollards. Cllr Westbrook will get a quote to repair the play equipment.

20/77. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

100948 £59.98 D Guild (Weed-killer)
 100949 £100.00 J Thomas (Chairman's Allowance)
 100950 £376.61 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
 D/D £153.53 E-on (Street-lighting)
 D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
 100951 £108.00 James Todd & Co. (Payroll)
 100952 £361.37 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
 100954 £50.70 TBS Hygiene Ltd. (Dog Waste Emptying)
 100955 £45.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subs)
 D/D £158.66 E-on (Street-lighting)
 D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

Income

UDC £500.00 Grant (Bollards)
 UDC £150.00 (Hire Meeting Room)

Precept 2020/21 – the precept demand was signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO. It was agreed in November to set the Precept for 2020/21 at £15,000.00 which is an increase of £1,000.00 on last year (total expenditure is £16,543) £1,543.00 will be taken from reserves to keep the Precept at an acceptable level. The Band D amount will show on the Council Tax bill as £70.39 a decrease of 1.6% on last year due to the new housing within the Parish

20/78. CORRESPONDENCE.

UDC - CIL Viability Assessment – Stakeholder Consultation – Parish Councils.

20/79. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No matters were raised.

20/80. MEETING DATES 2020.

9 March, 11 May (Annual Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting), 13 July, 14 September, 9 November (Budget Meeting).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.46 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: