

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Elliott, Guild, Pratt, Merritt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Guild.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: There was no one else present.

20/21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkinson.

20/22. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 14 September 2020 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

20/23. PROGRESS CHECK.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllrs Merritt and Pratt will represent Little Dunmow on the Steering Group.

Community Suggestion Box – no one knows who is responsible for the suggestion box.

20/24. 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.

20/25. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

20/26. REPORTS.

County Council – apologies were received from Cllr Walsh. Cllr Walsh has funds available which the Council can apply for, it was agreed to ask for funding towards new swings.

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Criscione.

20/27. PLANNING.

Appeal A: ref. APP/C1570/C/20/3246859 & Appeal B: ref. APP/C1570/C/20/3246798

Location: Little Blossom, Little Dunmow. **Appeals dismissed.**

Application No: UTT/20/2740/HHF. Replace an existing wooden fence with a brick wall of the same height and on the same building line.

Location: Corders Cottage, The Street, Little Dunmow.

Application No: UTT/20/2813/HHF & UTT/20/2814/LB. Extend and modify existing timber frame building connected to listed house.

Location: Priory Place, Grange Lane, Little Dunmow. No objections.

20/28. MEETING ROOM MAINTENANCE.

Agreed to accept the quote for £2,200 to paint the meeting room including the roof.

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

20/29. FINANCE.

The following cheques to be approved for payment and signed:

October

100986 £38.40 TBS Hygiene Ltd (Dog Waste Collection)

100987 £108.00 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

100988 £234.00 JCM Services (Hedge Cutting)

100989 £372.16 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses/PAYE)

D/D £153.53 E-on (Street-lighting)

D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £46.65 E-on (Electric Supply, Meeting Room)

D/D £21.72 Castle Water (Meeting Room)

November

100990 £365.23 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses)

100991 £39.30 V Westbrook (22.34 Keys/16.96 Compost)

100993 £3,948.00 Anglian Land Drainage (Grass Cutting)

D/D £158.66 E-on (Street-lighting)

D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

Income

Dunmow Football Club £300.00 (donation).

20/30. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2021/2022.

The budget for 2021/22 will be £17,819.00. It was agreed to take £819 from reserves, therefore the Precept for 2021/2022 will be £17,000.00.

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

20/31. TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE.

The General Power of Competence is a statutory power that allows the Council to do anything that an individual can do (Localism Act 2011).

The Council meets the two criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence (The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012); it has 7 elected members (the requirement is to have two thirds of the number of seats on the council filled by elected councillors) and it has a qualified clerk.

Cllr Guild proposed that Little Dunmow Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence, seconded by Cllr Westbrook and unanimously agreed.

20/32. PARKING ISSUES – THE STREET.

It was agreed to contact Cllr Walsh (Safer Parking Partnership) about the parking issues. The Flitch of Bacon have been asked to encourage their patrons to park elsewhere.

20/33. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

20/34. MEETING DATES 2020.

9 November (Budget Meeting).

Meeting dates for 2021:

11 January, 8 March, 10 May (Annual Assembly & Annual Council Meeting),

12 July, 13 September, 8 November (Budget Meeting).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.19 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: