

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION
GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Elliot, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Councillor Simon Walsh, District Councillor Marie Felton
and 20 members of the public.

14/41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkinson.

14/42. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 14 July 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

14/43. PROGRESS CHECK.

Quotes to be obtained for a new gate for the play area to replace the stolen gate.

14/44. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. No interests were declared.

14/45. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Replacement gate to the play area, a member of the public offered to provide the mesh for the new gate.
- Village sign – a resident thought that the location for the sign was dangerous, there was also concern that the sign might be stolen.
- Pound Hill street-lighting/traffic calming measures
- Horse riders using the park

The main topic of concern was the recent unacceptable activity affecting the village. A number of letters were received from residents regarding thefts, anti-social behaviour, arson, criminal damage and killing of pets by aggressive dogs..

The following points were raised:

- Access gate to/from the Flich Way – ECC have asked if the Parish Council could contribute to a stronger replacement gate.
- Request for the Parish Council to make stronger representation to Essex Police.
- A multi-agency meeting was requested (ECC/Police/UDC) or ask the police to attend a Parish Council meeting.
- CCTV was suggested
- Contact the MP
- The Parish Council could collate evidence anonymously
- Approach it as a social landlord matter

A member of the public asked that a vote of thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work be recorded.

14/46. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUCILLORS REPORTS.

- County Cllr Walsh explained the recent changes to the Cabinet. With regard to speeding through the village, Cllr Walsh will request some speed monitoring.
- District Cllr Felton gave a brief update of UDC matters.

14/47. RECREATION GROUND.

- **Junior Football** – the Council considered a request from Dunmow United Eagles Under 13's to play football on the Recreation ground. There was some discussion around any costs that may be incurred – the Club would have transportable goals, pay for the lining of the pitch and additional grass cutting if required.

It was unanimously agreed in principle a trial period for one season with an approx. cost of £30 per session, to be confirmed.

Proposed: Cllr Davies. Seconded: Cllr westbrook

- **Play Area** – the gate has been stolen and reported to the police.

14/48. VILLAGE SIGN.

A total of £800.00 has now been donated from villagers towards the cost of the sign, £750.00 from UDC New Homes Bonus can be applied for and the remainder will be applied for from the ECC Community Initiatives Fund.

14/49. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100707 £253.03 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses £253.03)

D/D £41.57 E-on (Electric Supply Meeting Room)

D/D £66.05 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

100708 £253.03 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses £253.03)

100709 £44.40 Acumen Wages Service (Salaries July/August)

100710 £176.40 HMRC (PAYE)

100711 £19.44 Affinity Water (Meeting Room)

100712 £36.00 CPRE (Annual Subs)

100713 £45.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subs)

100714 £75.71 J Thomas (Printer Ink £56.72, Padlock £18.99)

D/D £66.05 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

Income

Donations (Village Sign) - £800.00

14/50. MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS 2015.

Cllr Atherton gave an update on the bid that the Barons Association have submitted to the Eight Hundred Committee. The tapestry is going ahead with lots of ideas and materials being donated.

14/51. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/14/1177/OP. Outline application for the demolition of outbuilding and the erection of 1 no. dwelling with all matters reserved.

Location: The Old Farm House, Brookend.

14/52. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

EALC/ECC Making the Links – AGM and conference, 18 September, 1.30pm at Great Dunmow.

- Copy of a letter sent to the High Sherriff of Essex and the Police Commissioner by a resident regarding recent local issues
- **14/53. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**
- Outline Planning permission may come in soon for the additional 750 homes.
- Land opposite Flich of Bacon – Register as a Community Asset

14/54. MEETING DATES 2014.

The next meeting will be held on the 10 November.

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: