

# LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION  
GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

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*Present:* Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Pratt, Thomas, Watkinson & Westbrook.  
*In the Chair:* Cllr Thomas.  
*Clerk:* Angela Balcombe.  
*Also present:* 4 members of the public.

## **14/55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies.

## **14/56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 15 September 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Atherton. Seconded: Cllr Davies. All agreed.**

## **14/57. PROGRESS CHECK.**

**Replacement Gate (Play Area)** – in hand.

**Village Sign** – the Parish Council has been successful in its application to ECC Community Initiatives Fund and has been awarded £2,000.00.

## **14/58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

## **14/59. PUBLIC FORUM.**

- **Streetlights** – two lights in Pound Hill are still not working.
- **Speeding issues** – an ongoing problem.
- **Skip-yard** – still an eyesore although it should have been cleared by now, the Parish Council to follow this up with the relevant authority.
- **Registering land as a Community Asset** – it was suggested that the piece of land opposite the Flitch of Bacon could be registered, this will be looked into.

The Chairman thanked all residents who wrote to the Planning Authority to object to the outline planning permission for the 750 homes.

## **14/60. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Felton and Cllr Walsh. An emailed report from Cllr Walsh highlighted the public transport consultation to be launched subject to Cabinet agreement on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **14/61. FINANCE.**

### **Accounts paid and cheques signed:**

100715 £253.23 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses £253.03)

100716 £120.00 PKF Littlejohn LLP (Audit Fee)

100717 £170.00 M J Canning (Re-painting play equipment)

D/D £144.00 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £63.91 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

D/D £32.13 E-on (Electric Supply Meeting Room)

D/D £202.14 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)  
100718 £307.03 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses £253.03, Phone £12.00,  
Stationery £42.00)  
100719 £37.44 TBS Hygiene Ltd (Collection Dog Waste)  
100720 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (Monthly Salary)  
D/D £66.05 E-on (Street-lighting)  
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)  
**Income** £750.00 UDC (Village Sign)

**14/62. COMPLETION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT YEAR-ENDING 31 MARCH 2014.**

The accounts have been audited by the external auditors and on the basis of their review, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

**14/63. REPLACEMENT OF THE FLITCH WAY GATE.**

ECC Country Parks do not have the funds to pay for a replacement gate. Two concrete blocks have been placed there by ECC, suggested another concrete block at the other entrance. Agreed that the Parish Council will not contribute to a new gate at this moment in time but may re-visit the decision in the future.

**14/64. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2015/16.**

The draft budget and precept for 2015/16 was agreed, this will be finalised at the next meeting once UDC has confirmed the Local Council Tax Scheme figure.

**14/65. MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS 2015.**

The Magna Carta rose has arrived, the tapestry is progressing well. Merchandise was discussed and a selection will be purchased for sale to residents.

**14/66. PLANNING.**

**Ref: UTT/14/2756/OP** Outline application with all matters reserved for a new mixed-use development.

**Location:** Chelmer Mead - Land East Of Little Dunmow And North Of Flitch Green. The Parish Councils objections have been submitted.

**14/67. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

None.

**14/68. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Footpath diversion near Church – the Clerk to check with ECC that it complies with the planning permission.
- Bus shelters – next agenda.

**14/69. MEETING DATES 2015.**

12 January, 9 March, 11 May, 13 July, 14 September, 9 November.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.52 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**