

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2015 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: District Cllr Felton

15/85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkinson.

15/86. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 12 January 2015 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

15/87. PROGRESS CHECK.

Skip Yard – the rubbish has been cleared but there are still some earth bunds to be cleared which is now in hand.

15/88. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

- **UDC Code of Conduct Training** – Wednesday 20 and Thursday 28 May, 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Saffron Walden.

15/89. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no matters raised.

15/90. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Both district and county council reports had been previously circulated.
Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh.

15/91. COMBINED PARLIAMENTARY / LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – 7 MAY 2015.

The Clerk will send information to all councillors regarding timescales and deliver the nomination packs to Cllr Thomas.

15/92. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/15/0353/HHF. Create new vehicular access.
Location: Station House, Station Road, Little Dunmow. No objections.

15/93. 2015 ESSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Deadline for entries Friday 10 April 2015. It was unanimously agreed not to enter this year.

15/94. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:
100729 £268.10 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)

100730 £18.24 Affinity Water (Meeting Room)
D/D £54.11 E-on (Electric Supply Meeting Room)
D/D £66.05 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £84.60 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £103.20 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100731 £268.10 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
100732 £44.40 Acumen Wages Service (Feb/March Salaries)
100733 £277. K Atherton (Magna Carta Book)
100734 £24.98 Magna Carta Barons Association (Magna Carta Book)
D/D £59.65 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

15/95. BUS SHELTERS.

Costings to be available for the next meeting.

15/96. MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS 2015.

Cllr Atherton gave an update on the activities and arrangements for the Magna Carta celebrations. The tapestry is nearly finished and Great Dunmow Library are keen to have it displayed in their window. Saffron Walden Museum would also like to borrow all of the artwork items. An invitation has been received from the Lord Mayor of London to attend a reception in May. Work is continuing with Pleshey and Stansted Mountfitchet. A free parchment has been received which must be framed to a museum standard.

It was agreed to pay for the framing at a cost of £190.00 plus other framing for the smaller pictures. Total cost £257.90.

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

It was also agreed that a nominal sum of £100 should be allocated towards other items that may come up.

Proposed: Cllr Thomas and unanimously agreed.

Other activities suggested:

- Walk to Pleshey – is being planned.
- Hand bell could be sourced
- Treasure Hunt for the children
- Scarecrow day on the theme of Magna Carta

15/97. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

None

15/98. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

It was noted that the application for the 750 homes in Little Dunmow had been refused for the following reasons:

- The proposed development represents an inappropriate form of development within a rural area.
- The proposals would result in substantial harm to the setting of the Little Dunmow conservation area and listed buildings.
- The proposals fail to adequately consider the potential impacts in respect of ecology.
- The scale of the proposals is not compatible with the surrounding area.

- The proposals have not adequately demonstrated that they are acceptable in terms of their impact on highway safety and the highway network.
- The residential development of this site would increase the pressure on local infrastructure including education, healthcare and recreational facilities within the district.

15/99. MEETING DATES 2015.

Due to the elections the Annual Council meeting will be held a week later than usual on the 18 May 2015.

Annual Parish Meeting – will be held prior to the Annual Council Meeting.

13 July, 14 September, 9 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: