

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Davies, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 6 members of the public.

16/75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Atherton, Elliot and Watkinson.

16/76. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 11 January 2016 were approved as a true record of events.

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

16/77. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

16/78. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Councillors are reminded to update their Registers of Interest. No interests were declared.

16/79. PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public were very upset that no progress has been made with the maintenance issues/speeding traffic in Station Road. Despite countless emails and contact through County Cllr Walsh nothing has been done. The work has been passed to the ECC Highway Rangers. It was agreed to write to the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways.

It was also agreed to write to the local schools asking them to contact parents for their co-operation in reducing their speed. Flashing speed signs were suggested with warning signs (slow down) for the bends. Costings to be obtained for the next meeting. Fritch Green Parish Council to be approached to see if they will contribute.

Members of the public asked the Council to write to UDC regarding conditions attached to the skip yard being breached; removal of trees and natural hedgerows and keeping the road clear of mud.

Parking opposite the Fritch of Bacon – the landowner has been contacted by the planning enforcement officers at UDC. The public layby has also been taken over by staff and as access to the car park. Cllr Thomas will speak to the pub manager.

Bramble Lane (protected lane) – rubbish dumped at the end of the lane, UDC Environmental Health have been out to inspect the bags but the rubbish has not been cleared away. The pond is also in a bad state.

16/80. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Walsh – an emailed report to be circulated.

16/81. RECREATION GROUND – FOOTBALL.

To consider a request from Dunmow Rhodes Football Club to use the Recreation Ground to play football. It was unanimously agreed to allow the club to use the Recreation Ground on Sundays for a season, September through to April, and then to review it. The club will provide portable toilets and will pay for any additional grass cutting, therefore there will be no cost to the Council.

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

16/82. STREETLIGHTING – ST MARY’S PLACE.

The light at No.13 will be inspected and the necessary action taken.

The light attached to the property of No 6 is not repairable and therefore needs to be replaced. Access is required via the residents drive. The resident has asked the contractor to cover any cost to potential damage from their vehicle mounted access platform to his drive way, this has been agreed by the contractor but he needs to be assured that that the drive is suitable and in sound condition before they carry out the work.

16/83. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100779 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (February Salaries)

100780 £306.12 A Balcombe (£268.10 Salary & Expenses, £26.02 Stationery, Phone £12.00)

D/D £53.24 E-on (Meeting Room – Electricity)

D/D £89.02 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

100781 £268.10 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)

D/D £83,28 E-on (Street-lighting)

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

16/84. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC – Replacement Waste Local Plan – Public Engagement 3 March to 14 April 2016

Residents email: concern regarding mud on the road outside the skip yard in Station Road.

Residents email: Fritch Way kissing gate and complaint about dogs by the travellers site. The gate was installed by ECC.

UDC – Hire of the Meeting Room – Police and Crime Commissioner Election and the EU Referendum Thursday 23 June 2016.

16/85. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No further matters were raised.

16/86. MEETING DATES 2016.

9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: