

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION
GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Brocki, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public

16/13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davies, Elliot and Watkinson.

16/14. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 11 July 2016 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Westbrook. All agreed.

16/15. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Rubbish at Bramble Lane has been cleared.
- The well under the Village Pump has now been capped.

16/16. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Vanda Brocki was co-opted as Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy left by Kate Atherton.

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

Cllr Brocki signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council.

16/17. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

16/18. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Parking in the lay-by opposite the Flich of Bacon by staff (2 parking spaces have been lost by the entrance to car park cutting across the layby). A letter to be sent to the Manager of the restaurant.
- Residents were angry that that had not been notified of the road closure in Station Road. A letter of complaint to be sent to Highways.
- Skip-yard site – trees and shrubs have been cut down that shouldn't have been. Following a letter of complaint to UDC, the Council have said that all shrubs will be replanted like for like.
- Bungalows at the Moors – it was agreed that the sheds and gardens which have become run down and overgrown should be tidied up until the area is developed to minimise the risk of vandalism and squatters.

16/19. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Reports were circulated.

16/20. CHANGES TO RECYCLING CENTRES.

The new arrangements were discussed and it was agreed they seemed sensible.

16/21. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/16/2145/FUL. Change of use from Lawful Agricultural Building (interim use as domestic storage) to Holiday Accommodation.

Location: Roosters, The Street, Little Dunmow. Opinion on this application was divided therefore no comments will be submitted.

Application No: UTT/16/2436/FUL. Variation of condition 2 (Landscaping) of UTT/15/1651/DFO.

Location: Former Dunmow Skips Site, Station Road, Little Dunmow.

As discussed in the Public Forum a letter to be sent to UDC containing the following points:

- Having previously complained to UDC about the removal of the hedges and trees we were assured that that they would be replanted like for like. Nearby residents are extremely frustrated and angry that this has been allowed to happen.
- Erection of a fence is NOT an acceptable alternative to the mature mixed native hedging, which has been deliberately removed prior to seeking the variation.
- The Parish Council supports its residents in demanding that the replanting is done now to give the best chance of re-establishing a sympathetic screen.

Application No: UTT/16/2479/HHF. Formation of double garage (alternative scheme to that approved on appeal as part of planning permission UTT/14/1010/FUL for conversion of cart lodge to dwelling with garage).

Location: The Cartlodge, Brookend Road, Stebbing. No objections.

Alleged Breaches of Planning Control

The following allegations have been investigated by UDC Enforcement and no further action will be taken on them:

Skip-yard development – parking of contractors vehicles; this is not a breach of planning control. Working outside conditioned hours; it was considered not to be expedient to take any action regarding the hours of working on site

2 Burgess Close – change of use from residential to business; planning permission has been granted on the site for business use.

1 Burgess Close – footpath blocked by the installation of gates; the gates are on private land, not on a highway.

- **UDC Local Plan Residential Allocations in Towns & Villages** (see attached)
- **UTT/16/2425/SO (14715) Chelmer Mead - Land Near Little Dunmow Highways Consultation response**
Request for a Scoping Opinion for Environmental Impact Assessment for a mixed use development including up to 3,000 dwellings, neighbourhood centre, primary school, business park, health and retail park, pitches for gypsies and travellers, public open spaces and associated infrastructure

It was agreed that although comments weren't required at this stage the Council should be pro-active and send their objections to any future Chelmer Mead development proposals to UDC.

16/22. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES.

Still awaiting permission from ECC – next agenda.

16/23. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

D/D £38.40 E-on (Electric Supply Meeting Room)
100798 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (July Salaries)
100799 £307.98 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses £267.99, Ink £39.99)
100800 £187.20 HMRC (PAYE)
D/D £89.02 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £19.86 Affinity Water (Meeting Room)
100801 £25.44 TBS Hygiene Ltd. (Dog Waste Collection)
100802 £267.90 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
100803 £48.00 Acumen Wages Service (August & September Salaries)
100804 £120.00 PKF Littlejohn LLP (Audit Fee)
100805 £36.00 CPRE (Annual Subs)
100806 £45.00 Open Spaces (Annual Subs)
100807 £25.00 UALC (Annual Subs)
D/D £89.02 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
Income £25.00 Meeting Room Hire

16/24. NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT.

The audit of accounts for Little Dunmow Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2016 has been concluded and the accounts have been published.

16/25. RECREATION GROUND – BOLLARDS.

To consider putting in two bollards to replace the post that has rotted.
Quotes to be obtained.

16/26. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

None.

16/27. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Shared speed sign with Felsted – agreed to ask for it to be brought back to Little Dunmow again.
- Superfast Broadband – check with Essex County Council what the status of Little Dunmow is.

16/28. MEETING DATES 2016.

14 November (Budget Meeting).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: