

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 March 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Brocki, Davies, Pratt, Thomas, Watkinson & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Councillor Simon Walsh.

17/55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Elliot.

17/56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 January 2017 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

17/57. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Noted that letters had been sent to residents of Pound Hill to let them know what the Parish Council is doing regarding speed reduction measures.
- The Council continues to send updates on accidents in Station Road to ECC.
- A response was received regarding car parking opposite the Flitch of Bacon.

17/58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

17/59. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

17/60. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Cllr Walsh gave a report on County Council matters including information on secondary school places, the Essex Energy Switch, a new 'leaky dam' project to reduce the risk of surface water flooding in Thaxted and the Essex Book Festival.

17/61. ECC MANAGEMENT OF THE TRAVELLERS SITE.

The Parish Council is aware of the various issues regarding the travellers site and continues to report them to the relevant authorities. It was agreed that due to the amount of rubbish that has accumulated another big clean-up is required. Cllr Walsh agreed to liaise with the relevant officer at ECC.

17/62. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE / SPEED SURVEY RESULTS.

The results of the speed survey from ECC have been received and although they show a very high volume of traffic, the average speeds are within the current speed limits. It was agreed to ask ECC again if the Parish Council could install a sign to advise motorists of the bends and to slow down. This would be paid for by the Parish Council. The existing 40mph signs need cleaning and vegetation cut back.

17/63. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100820 £2,496.00 Anglian Land Drainage (Grass Cutting, 13 cuts)

100821 £456.00 M J Walsh (New Posts – Recreation Ground)

100822 £82.68 TBS Hygiene Ltd (Dog Waste Collection)
100823 £267.90 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses – February)
100824 £24.00 Acumen Wages Service (January Salaries)
D/D £83.44 E-on (Electricity Supply – Meeting Room)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £103.37 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £20.91 Affinity Water (Meeting Room)
100825 £328.09 A Balcombe (£268.10 Salary & Expenses March, £59.99 Norton)
100826 £24.00 Acumen Wages Service (February Salaries)
100827 £18.00 EALC (Good Councillor Guide)
D/D £93.38 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

17/64. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC – copies of the Orders for the footpath diversions – Footpath 41 Little Dunmow and Footpath 26 Stebbing.

Curtin & Co – letter on behalf of Chater Homes offering to meet to discuss proposals to deliver 3,000 homes between Flitch Green and Little Dunmow. A reply to be sent declining a meeting and giving reasons why the Parish Council is against their proposals.

Neighbourhood Watch – email asking about co-ordinators within Little Dunmow.

17/65. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Cromwell Place (Persimmon Homes), the Clerk will ask the developer if they could provide a notice board for this area if the Parish Council agree to maintain it. Various issues such as parking, trees being cut down and cleaning the paths are still being reported, however UDC have said they can't enforce them.

17/66. MEETING DATES 2017.

8 May (Annual Meeting), 10 July, 11 September, 13 November (Budget meeting).

Annual Assembly – to be held prior to the Annual Meeting in May, 7.15 – 7.45pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: