

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Elliot, Guild, Merritt, Pratt, Thomas, Watkinson & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: County Cllr Walsh, District Cllr Criscione and approx. 40 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed those present and explained that this was a Parish Council meeting and members of the public would be able to speak during the Public Forum.

19/32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

19/33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 13 May 2019 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

19/34. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

19/35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

19/36. PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public were present to discuss the recent situation regarding travellers on the Recreation Ground. Various methods to make the entrance more secure were discussed and the Council will take action to do this straight away.

Cllr Westbrook and the Clerk were thanked for their efforts in getting the situation resolved as quickly as it was. Villagers were also thanked for their help in clearing up the Recreation Ground after the travellers had left.

Communication within the Parish was also discussed and it was agreed to put together a village contact list for any future issues.

The Clerk will also put together a protocol for Councillors in case she is not available should any future incident or emergency should happen.

19/37. REPORTS.

County Council – Cllr Walsh explained that the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit (ECTU) now have a better, more streamlined process for moving the travellers on, the Police also have the Gypsy, Traveller and Rural Engagement Team who are better informed about legal acts and what powers they have regarding travellers.

District Council – Cllr Criscione introduced himself to the Council as the new District Councillor for the Little Dunmow Ward. Cllr Criscione explained that his background is in planning and that he is on the Governing Board for new garden

communities, he went on to give an update on the Local Plan and also mentioned that UDC are to progress with the demolition of The Moors bungalows soon.

19/38. FINANCE.

The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100927 £346.20 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
100928 £86.40 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £158.66 E-on (Street-lighting)
100929 £369.60 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses inc. £10.00 to HMRC PAYE)
100930 £108.00 James Todd & Co (Payroll)
100931 £50.70 TBS Hygiene Ltd (Dog Waste Collection)
100932 £52.80 RCCE (Annual Subscription)
100933 £30.85 V Westbrook (Compost & Plants)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £153.53 E-on (Street-lighting)

19/39. CORRESPONDENCE.

Residents calls & emails: a number of calls and emails received regarding the travellers on the Recreation Ground.

UALC – AGM Wednesday 21 August, 7.30pm at Great Hallingbury Village Hall.

Planning – phone call received regarding unauthorised ground excavation at a property in Braintree Road. UDC are investigating it.

19/40. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- The Parish Council will arrange for grass cutting and weed killing around the village.

19/41. MEETING DATES 2019.

9 September, 11 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: