



LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council held on
Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Community Meeting Room,
Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Present: Cllrs: Clark, Corr, French, Pratt & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: 3 members of the public.

25/29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Richardson.

25/30. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 February 2025 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Corr. Seconded: Cllr Clark. All agreed.

25/31. PROGRESS CHECK.

PCSO's - additional funding has been received therefore the PCSO's will remain.

25/32. 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.

25/33. PUBLIC FORUM.

Cancellation of the 133 bus route affects Little Dunmow and the surrounding villages. Agreed that public transport should be encouraged and that it was vital for many residents. District and County Councillors have already been contacted about trying to subsidise the route. Cllrs French and Corr to attend a meeting with Felsted Parish Council. Cllr French will continue to liaise with the relevant authorities. Agreed that there should not be a reduction in service as a compromise as the service was needed more in a rural area.

The drug issue reported last month seems to have calmed down a bit which may be due to the recent police patrols.

25/34. REPORTS.

County Council - apologies were received from Cllr Foley.

District Council - apologies were received from Cllr Criscione.

25/35. CANCELLATION OF THE 133 BUS ROUTE.

Arriva have decided to terminate the 133 bus service in June. Discussed in the Public Forum. County Cllr Foley is looking into this and has asked for a copy of the petition residents had organised to keep the service.

25/36. RECREATION GROUND.

A request has been received asking to rent or buy a section of the Recreation Ground. Cllr French met with the applicant who indicated an area they were interested in for a cross country training course and their proposals to fence it prefer to buy rather than rent. **The Council voted unanimously against this proposal.**

25/37. LITTLE DUNMOW COMMUNITY BUILDING.

To receive an update on progress so far. Full planning permission has been submitted, the design is slightly smaller by 3 metres.

25/38. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/25/0454/LB & UTT/25/0470/HHF. (Retrospective) Retention of replacement boiler flue to a listed building.

Location: The Ivy House, Brook Street, Little Dunmow CM6 3HU. No objections.

Application No: UTT/25/0081/HHF. Introduction of 2 no. permeable construction parking spaces to frontage of No 14. Realignment of existing private footpath with local widening via bod pave permeable grass grid system construction to provide min 2.5m width to allow access for vehicles. Additional 1 ½ drop kerbs to exiting turning head (amended application to UTT/24/0883/HHF).

Location: 14 St Mary's Place, Little Dunmow CM6 3HX. **Approved with conditions.**

Two new houses are proposed at Throws Corner, Cllr Corr declared an interest as his neighbour is the applicant.

25/39. CLOSURE OF LITTLE DUNMOW FOOTPATH 4.

Essex Highways have met with the contractors to discuss the PRoW and agree a way forward. The contractors had apologised and have agreed to implement additional safeguards on site and the PRoW should now be open to the public. Highways will visit the site a couple of times before the end of May to make sure the agreed actions remain in place.

25/40. BAYNARD AVENUE/FLITCH WAY.

To discuss this pathway and the possibility of it becoming a Public Right of Way (PRoW). There are plans now to make it a permanent path.

25/41. FINANCE.

101202 £594.20 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)

101203 £43.20 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

101204 £100.00 VCS Websites Ltd. (6 Months Web Hosting)

101205 £312.00 EALC (Village Hall/Allotment Training)

D/D £7.14 Castle Water (Meeting Room)

D/D £78.41 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

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

25/42. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Fol Request - information requested on licenses to keep wild, dangerous or exotic pets, how many, what species and how many are primates.

133 Bus Service - correspondence received from both Cllr Criscione and Cllr Cunningham (circulated).

25/43. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Ketamine addiction and the damage it causes. Cllr Corr explained the potential danger to everyone in the Parish as well as nationally.
- VE Day 8 May - a Street Party was suggested.
- A broken piece of play equipment was reported - next agenda.

25/44. MEETING DATES 2025.

14 April, 12 May (Annual Meetings), 9 June, 14 July, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November (Budget Meeting), 8 December.

The meeting closed at 20:35pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: