

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JULY 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Elliot, French, Guild, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Guild.
Clerk: Cllr Westbrook took the minutes.
Also present: District Cllr Criscione and one member of the public.

22/61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Angela Balcombe due to illness.

22/62. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 May 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Guild. Seconded: Cllr French. All agreed.

22/63. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Cllr Pratt is trying to ensure we have a VAT receipt for the defibrillator before placing the order. The location and type of defibrillator have been decided.
- Cllr French will send an email to residents asking for volunteers for a speed watch on Station Road. Cllr Westbrook will post the message on both Fritch Green and Little Dunmow Facebook pages.

22/64. 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.

22/65. PUBLIC FORUM.

A Resident from Pound Hill asked the Council for help to try and get something done about the speed of traffic on Station Road. He has spoken to Rissa Long at Essex Highways and Cllr Fowley who both came to his house to see the problem. He has also contacted the local MP. He finds it very difficult and dangerous to exit his home. It was agreed the Council would do all it could and a formal letter to be sent to Highways expressing our concern about the danger to all who live there.

22/66. REPORTS.

County Council – apologies were received from Cllr Foley.

District Council - Cllr Criscione talked about planning and the vulnerable state all parish councils are in after the failures of UDC to form an acceptable Local Plan. A site has been identified near Saffron Walden for 2,000 homes which will be disclosed in November, however this is only a fraction of the homes needed in the district .

22/67. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Cllr Pratt and Cllr French have met Rachael Hogger who has been helpful with advice. A landscape survey would carry weight with planning decisions, although it would be expensive. It was agreed we should liaise with Fritch Green regarding the latest applications for development of 160 and 75 houses. Although the land is in Little Dunmow Parish it would affect Fritch Green residents more than the majority of Little Dunmow residents.

22/68. USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND/CAR PARK.

It was agreed the Council will ask for £125 from the footballers which is half the cost of repairing the bollards (they have already offered to pay half).
Cllr Westbrook to email them asking that they ensure the bollards are used correctly in future to avoid the expense and inconvenience the Parish Council has experienced. Any further problems and the Council would have to reconsider their use of the field.

22/69. NEW SALT BIN.

To consider purchasing a salt bin to be placed out of the conservation area, by the bus stop near The Moors (approx. cost from between £88.00 - £196).
It was agreed we need a salt bin but that the site near the bus stop would not be appropriate. A bin will be purchased and put it where it is most needed. There are bags of salt in the store which are causing corrosion of the floor and need to be removed.

22/70. PLAY EQUIPMENT SAFETY REPORT.

To consider any actions required as recommended in the RoSPA Report.
It was agreed that the goal needs painting. The damage to the bench appears to have been caused by a strimmer, members of the Council can rectify this.
No other action necessary at this time.

22/71. FINANCE.

101062 £170.00 M & B Printers (Jubilee Flyer)
101063 £540.53 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses £467.16, TBS Hygiene £19.20, Printer Ink £54.17)
101064 £50.00 VCS Websites (Web Hosting June – August 2022)
101065 £88.20 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection)
101066 £72.00 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
101067 £486.36 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses £467.16, TBS Hygiene £19.20)
101068 £52.80 RCCE (Annual Subs.)
101069 £2,916.00 Community Heartbeat Trust (Defibrillator)
101070 £1,163.54 V Westbrook (£228.00 JCM Services, £36.43 Keys/Chain/Plants, £228.00 Mylyn Security Bollard Service, £601.11 Jubilee Costs, £20.00 Emergency Locksmith, £50.00 Arthur Crow Bench)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £46.39 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)
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D/D £44.82 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

22/72. ASTCO CLOTHING BANK FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY.

Alford Storage and Textile Company (ASTCO) are offering to place a clothing bank in Little Dunmow in return for a monthly payment (email circulated).
It was unanimously agreed that it is not appropriate to have a clothing bank in Little Dunmow due to it being a very small hamlet. There are clothing banks in nearby Great Dunmow.

22/73. CORRESPONDENCE.

Residents email – request to include Station Road/Pound Hill traffic hazard and bus stop (re overgrown bushes on the agenda. Reply from ECC to say a speed survey will be carried out and the bus stop issue has been forwarded to Passenger Transport.

EALC - AGM 22 September, 9.45am at Hylands House, Chelmsford.

UDC – revised Local Plan timetable (circulated).

ECC/EALC – launch of the Community Initiatives Fund (deadline for applications 19 August 2022).

22/74. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- The Village Pump needs repainting.
- Weeds in the pavement need spraying.

22/75. MEETING DATES 2022.

12 September, 4 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: