



LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council held on Monday 11 March 2024 at 7.30pm at the Community Meeting Room, Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Present: Cllrs: Clark, Corr, French, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: There was no one else present.

24/64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

A resignation has been received from Cllr Mike Elliot. The vacancy will be formally advertised.

24/65. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 12 February 2024 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

24/66. PROGRESS CHECK.

Quiet Lane - maps required.

24/67. 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.

24/68. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

24/69. REPORTS.

County Council - apologies were received from Cllr Foley, an emailed report was received and noted.

District Council - no report received.

24/70. FINANCE.

101143 £561.87 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)

101144 £39.60 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

101145 £60.00 V Westbrook (Notice Board Works)

101146 £80.20 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (Cradle Seat)

101147 £45.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subs)

D/D £74.99 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

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

24/71. MOORS FIELD DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Report of the meeting held on Friday 8 March with Dandara.

Cllr French gave a report of the meeting. A Fundraising Strategy to be put in place, it was estimated that around £1m would need to be raised.

Marketing for Moors Field has been circulated in the name of The Orchards, this wasn't popular with members and Cllr French will write to Dandara with the alternative suggestion of Moors Field.

Initial funding of the Little Dunmow Community Building Charitable Trust. A separate bank account to be opened, £5,000 is in the budget for 2024/25. Cllrs French and Clark are in the process of becoming trustees for the Trust along with residents that have come forward. A Management Committee will need to be formed and a Business Plan will also be needed.

It was agreed to contact nearby parish councils to learn from their experiences, and also in finding a solicitor.

24/72. STATION ROAD TRAFFIC SURVEY.

The joint meeting with Flitch Green and Felsted plus Highways representatives went well. A traffic survey needs to cover the entire length of Station Road, a hazard/safety survey is also needed. Although it is not possible to reduce the number of vehicles, Community Speed Watch data can be used as supporting evidence to help reduce the current speed limit. An independent survey will be pursued.

24/73. FOOTPATH BETWEEN THE FLITCH WAY AND BAYNARDS AVENUE.

No progress so far, a survey would be useful.

24/74. LITTER BINS.

To consider the purchase of new litter bin(s). It was agreed to put this on hold for now.

24/75. TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS.

To discuss and agree any action regarding Information Technology Support for residents that might need it. Cllr Corr will continue to look into this.

24/76. CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

24/77. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Solar Farm (Dunmow Solar) - Community Benefit?
- A Work Party to be arranged to clear vegetation on top of Brook Street bridge - next agenda.

24/78. MEETING DATES 2024.

8 April, 13 May (Annual Meetings), 10 June, 8 July, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.31 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: