

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, RECREATION GROUND, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: *Corr, Craig, Elliot, Thomas & Westbrook.*
In the Chair: Cllr *Westbrook*
Clerk: Angela *Balcombe.*
Also Present: *There was no one else present.*

23/74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs French and Pratt.

23/75. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 July 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

23/76. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

To co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy following the death of David Guild. Cllr Westbrook proposed Liz Craig as Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr Thomas and unanimously agreed.

- Cllr Craig signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor and was welcomed to the Council.

23/77. PROGRESS CHECK.

23/62 Public Forum - anti-social behavior in the Village is ongoing, however, confidentiality will be respected. A Neighbourhood Watch group for Little Dunmow has been registered, which should help with residents feeling safer. More members are needed and it was suggested that a leaflet drop might help. It could also be put on the Little Dunmow Facebook page.

23/67 Bench on the Flich Way - this has now been paid for and delivered and is awaiting installation.

23/78. 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.

23/79. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

23/80. REPORTS.

County Council - apologies were received from Cllr Foley.

District Council - no report received.

23/81. REPORT OF A SITE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST WITH TROY HOMES.

A report of the meeting has been circulated. (circulate the notes)

23/82. REPORT OF A MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER WITH DANDARA.

A brief verbal report was given, notes to be circulated.

23/83. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/22/3470/OP (Re-consultation)

Proposal: Hybrid Planning Application - Outline application for up to 72 dwellings.

Location: Land North of Baynard Avenue.

Application deferred at UDC Committee Meeting awaiting further information.

Application No: UTT/23/1322/FUL. S73A part retrospective application for the retention, partial demolition and alterations to an existing unauthorised building to form an agricultural barn for poultry production and storage.

Location: Little Blossom, 3 Stebbingford Cottages. **Refused.**

Notification of file closure INV/23/0094/C - breach of planning control. An anonymous complaint about running a business from a residential property within a Conservation Area.

Location: Priory Barn, The Street, Little Dunmow.

No evidence of a breach was found.

23/84. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.

To approve renewal of streetlighting contract August 2023 to 12 August 2028.

The five-year agreement came to an end in August, if renewed for another five years the prices will be frozen for the term of the contract.

It was unanimously agreed to renew the streetlighting contract.

23/85. TROY HOMES STREETLIGHTING.

One Parish Council owned light (approx. halfway along the Troy Homes street frontage) will be remounted on to a new column (no cost to the Council). The existing electric pole with streetlight adjacent to Burgess Cottages remains in situ, a new cable stay will be required which goes into the new site (no cost to the Council).

23/86. FINANCE.

August/September

101116 £516.16 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)

101117 £441.60 Branson Street Furniture (Bench with plaque Flich Way)

D/D £40.86 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

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

101118 £224.63 V Westbrook (Dog Signs £24.63, Village Pump £200.00)

101119 £79.20 James Todd & Co Ltd. (Payroll)

101120 £597.76 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene £38.40)

101121 £252.00 PKF Littlejohn (Audit Fee)

101122 £400.00 Abbie Miladinovic (Neighbourhood Plan Consultant)

101123 £30.00 RCCE (Village Hall Conference)

D/D £40.35 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

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

Closure of Audit 2022/23.

The audit has been closed with not matters raised for concern.

23/87. CORRESPONDENCE.

RCCE - Village Halls Conference, Saturday 23 September at East Hanningfield Village Hall.

Home-Start Essex (Supporting Children and Families in need in Little Dunmow), request for a donation. It was agreed to re-consider next year.

UDC - Re-address of Flitch of Bacon, the official postal address is now Pig and Truffle, The Street, Little Dunmow.

23/88. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- The paving outside the Meeting Room has raised up and needs looking at.
- Community Speed Watch (CSW) - has been going for a couple of months and is very successful.

23/89. MEETING DATES 2023.

9 October, 13 November (Budget Meeting), 11 December.

Cllr Craig gave her apologies for the next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.15 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: