



LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council held on
Monday 13 July 2026 at 7pm at the Community Meeting Room,
Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Present: Cllrs: Corr, French, Pratt, Richardson & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: 7 members of the public

26/46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas.

26/47. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

The Parish Council to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the casual vacancy. Kelly Druce received a majority of votes and was therefore co-opted.

- **Cllr Druce will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor for Little Dunmow prior to the next meeting.**

26/48. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 8 June 2026 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

26/49. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

26/50. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests, or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Pratt declared an interest in agenda item 26/54 as she lives opposite the site for proposed parking signs.

26/51. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Speeding – a resident reported that the police have said no speeding issues have been reported to them. Reports have been sent to ECC, the Parish Council have been pursuing this matter for years. Speedwatch does nearby locations which must be agreed by ECC. The Parish Council was asked to challenge policy and pursue the issue. The Council will lobby again and copy in residents. The Parish Council has offered to install its own speed indicator device but this was refused by ECC.
- Bus stop – due to new development more people using the bus stop and seeing into residents houses. The Parish Council will write again to ECC.
- Community Building – was there any trade off and have the authorities, including the Parish Council, considered the extra traffic that will be generated as the building will also be a nursery? This is looked at by Highways as part of the planning process. There should be a balance against need/use.
- Pathway at back of Pound Hill – the developer has said they won't put up a fence at the back of residents properties.

26/52. REPORTS.

County Council – apologies were received from Cllr Mordrick, an emailed report was received and noted.

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Criscione.

26/53. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/26/1619/DOC. Application to discharge condition 8 (highway and transport details) attached to UTT/23/1848/PINS (S62A/2023/0021).

Location: Moors Field, Station Road, Little Dunmow.

Decisions

Application No: UTT/25/0310/FUL. Full planning application for a community centre, day nursery, community orchard / gardens and associated infrastructure.

Location: Moors Field, Station Road, Little Dunmow. **Approved with conditions.**

Application No: UTT/25/0308/FUL. S73 application to remove conditions 5 and 23 and vary conditions 4 and 25 of UTT/21/3596/OP and remove condition 7 and vary condition 2, 5, 9 10, 11, 13 and 14 of UTT/23/1848/PINS (S62A/2023/0021) - changes to the red line area, changes to approved layout plans to remove community centre/nursery area, change area for office hub to residential area, alteration to footpath connection location, change of materials to some plots, engineering and landscape plans updated to reflect layout changes, amend the wording of conditions to reflect the updated plans.

Location: Moors Field, Station Road, Little Dunmow. **Approved with conditions.**

Application No: UTT/25/1604/DOV. Request to vary section 106 agreement dated 28th February 2023 between Uttlesford District Council (1) Essex County Council (2) Alice Hawkes, Benjamin Hawkes, William Hawkes (3) and Catesby Land and Planning Ltd (4) for UTT/21/3596/OP.

Location: Moors Field, Station Road, Little Dunmow. **S.106 Varied – 9 June 1016.**

26/54. PARKING IN THE STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW.

To consider no parking signage on the road by the pond. Agreed wording 'Please so not park on this side of the road – bus route'. Cllr Pratt to organise. It was suggested asking for double yellow lines down one side of The Street.

Cllr Pratt left the meeting.

26/55. FINANCE.

300438 £589.24 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)

101207 £2,043.00 JCM Services Ltd (Grounds Maintenance)

101208 £45.30 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

101209 £529.19 V Westbrook (Wicksteed Play Equipment Repair)

101210 £104.40 Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection)

101211 £36.00 CPRE (Annual Subscription)

D/D £8.06 Castle Water (Meeting Room)

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

D/D £47.32 Npower Business Solutions (Supply – June)

Income

£150.00 UDC (Hire of Meeting Room)

26/56. PLAY AREA.

To consider the recent safety inspection and any actions needed. Quotes for the work to be obtained. Agreed to get the hedges cut by our current contractor. A rota to be arranged for visual inspections of the Play Area.

26/57. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

None.

26/58. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Missing dog bin – chase up with UDC.

26/59. MEETING DATES 2026.

14 September, 12 October, 9 November (Budget Meeting), 14 December.

The meeting closed at 20.02 pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: