

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, RECREATION GROUND, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Clark, French, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: 2 members of the public.

23/05. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Corr and Cllr Elliot.

23/06. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 October 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

23/07. PROGRESS CHECK.

- The hedge cutting has now been done.
- Flicht of Bacon Sign - still to talk to the owners about keeping the sign at the bus stop.

23/08. 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.

23/09. PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public voiced their objections regarding the alternative proposed access for construction traffic (Application No: UTT/22/3470/OP). The Parish Council will collate residents objections and put forward the Councils formal objection to the proposals. Residents and Parish Councillors will attend the relevant UDC Planning Committee to reiterate these objections.

23/10. REPORTS.

County Council - no report received.

District Council - apologies were received from Cllr Criscione. Cllr Criscione is willing to organise a zoom meeting with Parish Councillors regarding the Local Plan Consultation reg. 18. To be arranged.

23/11. PLANNING.

Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) Consultation is available to view between 03/11/23 - 15/12/23 at <https://uttlesford-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/37646>

Cllrs French, Pratt and Westbrook will attend the drop in event.

23/12. FINANCE.

101127 £14.95 V Westbrook (Printer Ink £14.95)

101128 £39.60 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

101129 £548.16 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)

D/D £49.89 Castle Water (Meeting Room)

D/D £68.41 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)

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

Income

Groundwork UK £8,530.00 (Neighbourhood Plan)

UDC £11,500.00 (2nd Instalment Precept)

HMRC £1,783.38 (VAT Reclaim)

23/13. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2024/25.

The budget was agreed at £26,446.00. Taking into account general and earmarked reserves, the Precept for 2024/25 was set at £25,000.00.

Proposed: Cllr Westbrook. Seconded: Cllr Clark. Unanimously agreed.

23/14. MOORSFIELD - NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING.

The organisation of the management of the new Community Building was discussed. Cllr French gave a report of the meeting held with the RCCE, their advice was to take legal advice before proceeding. A lot more information was needed before any formal decisions could be made but it was agreed to go ahead and investigate further.

It was unanimously agreed to put £5,000.00 into the budget for 2024/25 towards the new building.

Proposed: Cllr Westbrook. Seconded: Cllr Clark.

23/15. CORRESPONDENCE.

- Copy of email sent to Flich Green Parish Council from Cllr Criscione re Local Plan.
- Highways response to the Dandara Moors Field application.

23/16. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- New Play Equipment - January agenda
- Notice Boards - next agenda.

23/17. MEETING DATES 2023.

11 December.

Meeting Dates 2024.

8 January, 12 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May (Annual Meetings), 10 June, 8 July, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.51 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: