

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council held on Monday 13 October 2025 at 7.30pm at the Community Meeting Room, Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Present: Cllrs: Clark, Corr, French, Pratt & Richardson.

In the Chair: Cllr French.

Clerk: Angela Balcombe.

Also Present: 1 member of the public.

25/14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas and Cllr Westbrook.

25/15. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 8 September 2025 were approved as a correct record of events. **Proposed: Clir French. Seconded: Clir Clark. All agreed.**

25/16. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters raised.

25/17. 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.

25/18. PUBLIC FORUM.

It was reported that the grass area in front of Barley Barn needs cutting, the Council will arrange for their contractor to cut it. The resident was thanked for bringing it to the Councils attention.

25/19. REPORTS.

- County Council apologies were received from Cllr Foley, his report was circulated.
- **District Council –** no report received.

25/20. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/25/2378/FUL. Creation of bund and attenuation pond linked to the Outline Permission UTT/23/2986/OP for two agricultural barns.

Location: Land south of B1256, Braintree Road, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Application No: UTT/25/2377/DFO. Details following outline application UTT/23/2986/OP (approved under appeal ref APP/C1570/W/24/3345615) for the erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings and associated hard standing to provide a grain, fertiliser, machinery store, workshop and office - details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Location: Land south of B1256, Braintree Road, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Application No: UTT/25/2509/DFO. Details following outline application UTT/22/2290/OP - details of appearance, landscape, layout and scale for the erection of 8 no. dwellings.

Location: Station House, Station Road, Little Dunmow CM6 3HG.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would support this application on the proviso that a safe solution for pedestrians to cross Station Road is provided, such as a pelican crossing. It was also agreed to ask about any s.106 money from this development that could be put towards the new Community Building.

Decisions:

Application No: UTT/25/2558/TCA. 1 no. Willow, 1 no. Oak – crown lift by 3m and reduce the overhang by 1m. Walnut – has been reduced before but is still in close proximity to the house. Reduce by 1 – 2 m adhering by BS3998.

Location: Corner House, The Street, Little Dunmow CM6 3HS. Approved.

Application No: UTT/25/1553/DOC. Application to discharge condition 6 (play area) attached to UTT/23/1848/PINS.

Location: Moors Fields Station Road Little Dunmow. **Discharge conditions in full.**

Application No: UTT/25/1869/HHF. Proposed cartlodge.

Location: Butterfly Barn, Braintree Road, Little Dunmow CM6 3AH. Refused.

Application No: UTT/25/1636/HHF. Proposed extensions and alterations. **Location:** Creedy, The Street, Little Dunmow CM6 3HT. **Approved with conditions.**

25/21. DUNMOW CRICKET CLUB

It was agreed that Dunmow Cricket Club could use the Recreation Ground.

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

A written agreement with the Cricket Club, Football Club and Parish Council to be drawn up.

25/22. LAND OFFERED BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council to vote on acceptance of land offered by Essex County Council. Following a discussion around the pros and cons it was agreed to defer this decision. Cllr Pratt and Cllr Corr to submit any questions Councillors have to ECC.

25/23. FINANCE.

300390 £569.50 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)

300391 £45.36 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)

300392 £276.00 JCM Services (Hedge Cutting)

300393 £35.00 RCCE (Nature/Biodiversity Training)

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

25/24. QUIET LANES.

An application for Quiet Lane status for Brook Street and Grange Lane was submitted in April 2024. Cllr Foley has agreed to look into this. Suspicious vehicles seen in the area have been reported to the police.

25/25. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Once the maps and appendices are finished the Plan should be ready for examination.

25/26. COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Planning permission has been granted; a quiz night has been arranged at Dunmow Sports Club on 17 December to raise funds.

25/27. REVIEW OF CAR BOOT SALE.

The Boot Sales was very successful with very few negative comments, another is to be arranged for the spring. It was suggested holding them at regular advertised dates so people get to know when they are being held.

25/28. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

Community Initiatives Fund - closing date 28 November 2025.

25/29. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

• Litter Bins

25/30. MEETING DATES 2025.

10 November (Budget Meeting), 8 December.

The meeting closed at 20:42 pm.

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