

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Elliot, French, Guild, Merritt, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Guild.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: Five members of the public.

22/27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

22/28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 January 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

22/29. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

22/30. 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.

22/31. PUBLIC FORUM.

Residents were concerned about the amount of rubbish from the red bins belonging to the Flitch of Bacon which are sited on the land opposite which could attract rats. There are also two dumped fridges. Residents have complained to UDC Environmental Services. It was suggested that the bins could be hidden from view and that they should be regularly emptied. Cllr Guild agreed to contact the restaurant owner. It was also questioned whether planning permission should have been sought to use the land opposite as a car park and do they have permission to site the bins on that land.

Other matters raised; the pond opposite the Flitch of Bacon, although the Parish Council would like to maintain this area the owner has refused permission. The lights on the new houses at the Moors were considered very bright, the Housing Association to be contacted regarding this.

Agenda Item 22/40. Footpath between nos. 2 and 3 Brook Street. Agreed to contact the ECC Ranger to see if the French drain could be extended so that any water running off the Flitch Way could then run into the nearby stream. The path is currently unusable due to flooding.

22/32. REPORTS.

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

District Council – apologies were received from Cllr Criscione.

22/33. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Results of the Housing Needs Survey will be available at the end of March. The Landscape Survey is currently underway and there will be a need to employ a planning officer soon. A spring event to be held for the Queens Jubilee.

22/34. PLANNING.

UTT/22/0290/HHF. Proposed horse stabling.

Location: Priory Place, Grange Lane, Little Dunmow.

Deadline for comments has passed, no objections have been received.

Application No: UTT/21/3596/OP. Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for means of access from Station Road) for residential development of up to 160 dwellings (REDUCED FROM 180 dwellings) , a countryside park, up to 100sqm of office hub floorspace, sustainable urban drainage system and associated infrastructure (AMENDED PLANS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING reduction in units, increased open space & additional highway measures)

Location: Moors Fields, Station Road, Little Dunmow.

The Parish Councils objections remain the same and are to be re-submitted.

22/35. NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OVER MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Government has written to UDC advising that it will be taking charge of making decisions on major planning applications in the district (includes development of more than 10 houses or over 1 hectare. To consider the implications for Uttlesford parish councils as statutory consultees.

Cllrs French and Pratt to attend the Parish Forum on 29 March.

22/36. DIFIBRILLATOR.

It was agreed to purchase a defibrillator that doesn't require electricity and to install it on the outside of the bus shelter opposite the Flitch of Bacon.

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

22/37. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

Contact details are needed for ten volunteers to arrange training.

22/38. FINANCE.

101045 £372.90 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses)

101046 £38.40 TBS Hygiene Ltd. (Dog Waste Collection)

101047 £72.00 James Todd & Co. Ltd. (Payroll)

101048 £50.00 VCS Websites Ltd. (3 months hosting)

101049 £64.94 J Thomas (Printer Ink)

101050 £45.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subs.)

101051 £1,156.24 V Westbrook (Bench £695.94, Oak Tree £414.00, No Dogs Sign £30.30, Tape £16.00)

101052 £680.20 RCCE (Housing Needs Survey)

101053 £386.44 A Balcombe (Salary/Expenses)

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

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101054 £1,882.37 A Balcombe (Salary/Backpay/PAYE/NI)

Income £330.00 Tree Donations

22/39. THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE.

It was agreed to hold an event on Sunday 5 June at 3pm. Funding of up to £700.00 is available from UDC, the closing date for applications is midday on Friday 22 April. The Clerk to invite Cllr Criscione and Cllr Foley to the event. Cllrs Pratt, French and Westbrook will take this forward as a working party.

22/40. FOOTPATH FROM THE FLITCH WAY TO BROOK STREET.

Part of the footpath between nos. 2 and 3 is currently unusable as it is water logged. Dealt with under the Public Forum.

22/41. CORRESPONDENCE.

Citizens Advice Bureau – thank you letter for the donation of £100.00.

Essex Air Ambulance – thank you letter for the donation of £50.00.

22/42. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

A fence was down in St Mary's Place, Cllr Westbrook will offer the resident fence panels to help repair it.

22/43. MEETING DATES 2022.

9 May (Annual Parish Meeting 7pm, Annual Council Meeting 7.30pm), 11 July, 12 September, 4 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.51 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: