

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023 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: District Cllr Criscione.

23/06. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

23/07. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 14 November 2022 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Guild. Seconded: Cllr Westbrook. All agreed.

23/08. PROGRESS CHECK.

22/97. The developer has accepted the Parish Councils suggestion of Bramble Close for the new development to the east of Station Road.
Salt Bin - needs filling, 6 bags of salt to be ordered.

23/09. 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.

23/10. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

23/11. REPORTS.

County Council - no report received.

District Council - Cllr Criscione gave an update on the Local Plan and other District Council matters including the Councils discussions around Devolution (shared services). Cllr Criscione informed the Council that he would be standing again in the local elections in May.

23/12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.

The draft Landscape Survey has just come through. Fritch Green are not going to do a Neighbourhood Plan. It is possible that a referendum could be held within the next year.

23/13. CATESBY (MOORS FIELD) 'HOME WORKING HUB'.

To discuss the possibility of the Parish Council taking ownership of the facility. There was discussion around whether the Parish Council could afford to take on the facility, which will be offered to the Parish Council first. Design of the building will take a while, a legal agreement would need to be drawn up. A 'sinking fund' could be set up by the developer to cover operational costs/ongoing maintenance costs. Surrounding land could be put forward as Green Space to protect it from further development. Cllr Criscione agreed to arrange a site visit to a similar facility (Walpole in Stansted) so Councillors could see how it was run.

23/14. FINANCE.

101084 £976.85 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)
101085 £72.00 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
101086 £100.00 VCS Websites Ltd (6 months hosting)
101087 £2,811.60 Anglian Land Drainage Ltd (Grass Cutting)
101088 £44.97 D Guild (Chairman's Allowance)
101089 £120.00 V Westbrook (Plaque)
101090 £43.20 A Balcombe (TBS Hygiene)
101091 £26.99 RCCE (Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Survey)
101092 £151.05 K French (Neighbourhood Plan Expenses)
101093 £14.50 C Merritt (Neighbourhood Plan Expenses)
D/D £28.64 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting October)
D/D £31.97 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting November)
D/D £37.20 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting December)
D/D £26.29 e-on Next (Electricity, Meeting Room)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
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Credit Note: £45.90 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)
Credit Note: 26.29 e-on Next (Electricity, Meeting Room)

Income £140.55 UDC (Neighbourhood Plan)

23/15. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2023/24.

The Chairman and Clerk to sign the Precept Request Form. The Precept was agreed at £23,000.00 which equates to 120.43 for a Band D property (Increase £13.24). This is an annual increase of £2,000.00 for 2023/24.

23/16. CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.

To consider celebrations for the Kings Coronation. It was agreed to have a low key community event.

23/17. 20'S PLENTY FOR ESSEX.

Invitation for the Parish Council to join the '20's Plenty for Essex Campaign'. It was agreed to support the Campaign for suitable areas.

22/18. CORRESPONDENCE.

Highways - notice of road closure, The Street, Little Dunmow, due to commence on 16th January 2023 for 19 days.

Highways - notice of road closure, Station Road, Little Dunmow, due to commence on 25th January 2023 for 6 days while Affinity Water undertakes new connection.

UDC - information regarding the new Code of Conduct.

Residents email - Little Blossom (UTT/21/1355/FUL), a year has gone by and the building has still not been taken down.

UDC - Uttlesford Parish & Town Council Survey – Services and Facilities

23/19. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No matters were raised.

23/20. MEETING DATES 2023.

13 March, 8 May (Annual Assembly & Annual Council Meetings), 10 July, 11 September, 13 November (Budget Meeting).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.43 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: