



LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council held on Monday 9 March 2026 at 7pm at the Community Meeting Room, Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Present: Cllrs: Clark, Corr, French, Pratt, Richardson & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: County Cllr Foley.

26/88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Thomas.

26/89. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 February 2026 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

26/90. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Quiet Lane signs – have been ordered.
- Cars parking in the field opposite Little Monsters - Great Dunmow Town Council has been contacted but no reply has been received.
- Barley Barn – letter to be approved.

26/91. 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.

26/92. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

26/93. REPORTS.

County Council – with regard to the speeding issues in Station Road, it was suggested that the Parish Council write to Cllr Foley and copy in Cllr Pratt (Cabinet Member Highways). Cllr Foley has a meeting arranged with the Cabinet member and will raise the speeding issue. The UDC Local Plan has now been adopted.

District Council – no report received.

26/94. JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

To receive a report of the meeting held on 18 February. It was explained that these meetings were for information sharing and not decision making. The Parish Council is happy to be represented at these meetings. Terms of reference are to be agreed.

26/95. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/26/0279/NMA. Non-Material Amendment to UTT/23/1848/PINS (S62A/2023/0021) - remove the chimneys from plots 19 and 38 (Gosford Housetype)

Location: Moors Fields, Station Road, Little Dunmow. **Approved.**

Application No: UTT/25/3362/FUL. Installation of 1 no. 30m x 2.74m woven cricket-weave non-turf pitch.

Location: Recreation Ground, Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

Approved with conditions.

26/96. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF).

The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation (Question 18) policy PM13 (PM13 – Setting Standards) proposes to restrict the ability of local authorities from setting policies in their local plans, the restrictions will also apply to Town and Parish Councils preparing Neighbourhood Plans. Deadline for responses 10 March 2026.

26/97. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

- To adopt an IT Policy (attached). **Agreed.**
- To consider other policies to adopt (list attached). Agreed to adopt/update the necessary core policies.

26/98. FINANCE.

300411 £72.00 J Pratt (Parish Online)
300412 £22.00 K French (Padlock, Recreation Ground)
300413 £570.21 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses/TBS Hygiene)
300414 £45.36 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
300415 £300.00 EALC (Advanced Councillor Training Day 1 & 2)
300416 £107.40 RCCE (Dual Membership)
300417 £45.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subscription)
300418 £50.00 Essex Air Ambulance (Donation)
300419 Citizens Advice Bureau (Donation)
D/D £6.86 Castle Water (Meeting Room)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £80.10 Npower Business Solutions

26/99. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

None.

26/00. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Bus Stops – ECC Highways have agreed to shorten the stop obstructing a residents property, the bus stop opposite is a hazard due to the speed of vehicles.
- Neighbourhood Plan; paying someone to help with IT work – next agenda.

26/01. MEETING DATES 2026.

13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December.

The meeting closed at 20:09 pm.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: