

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT
THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, RECREATION GROUND, BROOK STREET,
LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Corr, French & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr French.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also Present: County Cllr Foley & District Cllr Criscione

23/90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Craig, Cllr Pratt and Cllr Thomas.

23/91. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 11 September 2023 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Westbrook. Seconded: Cllr Corr. All agreed.

23/92. PROGRESS CHECK.

Neighbourhood Watch - a group has now been set up but needs more volunteers.

23/93. 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.

23/94. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

23/95. REPORTS.

County Council - Cllr Foley updated the Council on UDC's Local Plan. Speeding issues in Station Road were being looked at, better signage was being considered. Feedback is being asked for regarding the new booking system at the recycling centres. The Parish Council asked for ECC's support when it comes to the provision of the new Community Building, a business plan is needed.

District Council - Cllr Criscione also mentioned the Local Plan, specifically Regulation 18. A stock survey of UDC's council housing is being carried out.

Little Blossom - unlikely to be demolished if the owners can't pay for demolition. UDC would pay for the demolition and re-coup the costs if they thought the owners could pay.

23/96. RCCE VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE.

Report received and circulated.

23/97. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/23/2136/FUL. Proposed installation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, access tracks, fencing, pole mounted CCTV cameras.

Location: Land west of the A120, Chelmsford Road.

The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed solar farm however, it does have very strong objections to the proposed access which is via Grange Lane which

is in a Conservation Area. The site could be accessed from the B1256 as it is believed that there is already a hard-core road/track in place leading from the B1256 to the site.

The Parish Council would need to see a Construction Management Plan before any decision is made regarding this application.

Flitch of Bacon Name Change - the name/postal address has been changed to the Pig and Truffle. The Parish Council was not consulted on the change of name. To decide whether to ask that the Flitch of Bacon sign by the bus shelter, and on the side of the building itself are kept in perpetuity. Cllrs French and Westbrook will talk to the owners.

23/98. GRASS/HEDGE/VERGE CUTTING.

It was agreed to arrange for the Parish Councils contractor to cut areas that are not cut by ECC. The Street needs weeding all the way up to the Braintree Road (B1256).

23/99. FINANCE.

101124 £626.10 A Balcombe (Salary/PAYE/Expenses)
101125 £39.60 James Todd & Co Ltd (Payroll)
101126 £318.00 V Westbrook (Tree/Pansies/JCM Services Verge Cutting)
D/D £59.66 npower Business Solutions (Streetlighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

23/00. UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL SPENDING PRIORITIES 2024/25.

Consultation runs from 25 September to 5 November 2023.

23/01. WASTE STRATEGY FOR ESSEX.

Waste Strategy for Essex, launched on 13 September and runs for 10 weeks (closes 22 November). <https://www.essex.gov.uk/wastestrategy>

23/02. CORRESPONDENCE.

UDC - Local Plan News (circulated).
UDC - alleged breach of planning control (confidential)

23/03. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Organisation for Management of Community Building - next agenda.
- Cllr Westbrook will buy salt ready for winter.

23/04. MEETING DATES 2023.

13 November (Budget Meeting), 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 21.00 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: