

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2008 AT 7.15 PM AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, FELSTED.

Present: Cllrs: Bennett, Brown, D Crome, Y Crome, Davies,
Robertson, Shepherd, & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr D Crome
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 11 members of the public and District Cllr Sherer.
Apologies were received from Angela Greneski (PCSO),
Fiona Gardiner (UDC) and District Cllr Bellingham-Smith.

08/59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chalklen & Reid

08/60. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

08/61. PUBLIC FORUM.

- A resident wished to have his thanks to the Parish Council recorded for not supporting the proposal to part fund an additional PCSO. Thanks were also given to the Council for the oak table and chairs for the Church.
- Speeding issues – to be raised at the next Area Panel meeting. The Clerk will contact ECC to chase up various highways issues.
- Stop Little Dunmow Expansion Campaign – a report was presented to the Parish Council on what campaign members had done so far. The Council thanked residents for all their work on the campaign. There were some concerns with the online consultation process – some comments have been wrongly recorded. District Cllr Sherer agreed to look into this. The Clerk to contact UDC to see if they have received any further applications.

08/62. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 December 2007 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

08/63. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Brief progress check only.

07/44. Faulty streetlights – the Clerk to circulate a contact number for ECC.

Dog bin still needs replacing

Trees – Cllr Thomas has it in hand, volunteers needed to plant them.

08/64. REVIEW OF THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

To receive a report from Fiona Gardiner (UDC) – no report received, the Clerk to chase a report in time for Friday's meeting.

08/65. REPORTS. District / County Councillors Reports.

A brief written report was received from Cllr Bellingham-Smith, Cllr Sherer gave a brief verbal report.

08/66. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/2249/07/FUL. Proposed Youth Shelter.

Location: Corner Baynard Avenue & Station Road, Little Dunmow.

Application No: UTT/2193/07/FUL. Conversion of garage into living accommodation.

Location: 47 Worrin Road, Little Dunmow. The Council were unanimous in their objections to this application. Parking is already a problem in Worrin Road and if this application were granted it may set a precedent leading to an increase in vehicles parking on the roads and verges.

Application No: UTT/2155/07/FUL. Re-alignment of main drive.

Location: The Brick House, Brook Street, Little Dunmow. No objections.

08/67. UDC CORE STRATEGY – PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION.

An update on the Core Strategy and Chater Homes proposals for a fifth option – 'Chelmer Mead'. The Parish Council has already submitted its response objecting to this proposal.

08/68. PARKING ISSUES – OAKWOOD PARK.

Verges are being damaged by vehicles parking on them – the PCSO is patrolling the area. Parking restrictions were suggested for certain areas. A site meeting to be arranged with representatives from ECC.

08/69. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100339 £995.00 J Thomas (Table & Chairs for the Church)

100340 £37.60 Just Lamps (Lighting Maintenance)

100341 £312.63 A Balcombe (Salary £284.48, Office £22.53, Postage £5.62).

D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – December)

100342 £30.00 British Legion Club (Hall Hire x 2)

08/70. CORRESPONDENCE.

UDC – Development Control Committee – 16 January at 2pm. The play area on the former bus turning circle is on the agenda with recommendations that it is retained as it is rather than enlarged to a full size local equipped area of play (LEAP).

Skip Yard – complaints about mud on the road again.

08/71. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- Creation of the new parish of Flitch Green.

- Enodis Annual Report – can be discussed at the next meeting with UDC.
- Bus shelters – to be chased again.
- Flitch Way – installation of the gates has been delayed.
- Construction entrance at Oakwood Park needs a general tidy up.
- Areas of unidentified land to be adopted – next agenda
- Baynard Avenue play area – see-saw has damaged the safety surface.

08/72. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council has been arranged for 4.30pm on Friday 18 January 2008.

The next ordinary meeting will be held on the 11 February 2008 at the British Legion Hall, Felsted at 7.15 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.21 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: