

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.15 PM AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, FELSTED.

Present: Cllrs: Bennett, D Crome, Y Crome, Davies, Reid,
Robertson & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr D Crome
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 3 members of the public and District Cllr Bellingham-Smith

08/78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Chalklen & Shepherd.

08/79. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

08/80. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Suggested that the Parish Council part fund permanent speed signs. Road safety - next agenda.
- The footpath in Station Road (Pit Cottage) has large holes/uneven surface.
- Litter / dog bins are now installed.
- UDC Liaison Meeting – representation from the Residents Association was queried, it was explained that the Association was now winding up, therefore remains dormant until this has been done.

08/81. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 14 January 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 18 January 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

08/82. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

08/63. Two streetlights in Station Road, either side of Baynard Avenue are still not working.

08/63. Trees are now planted at the recreation ground.

08/68. A site meeting has been arranged for 12 February at 4pm with representatives from ECC Highways. Cllrs Bennett and Robertson to attend.

08/76. The new parish of Flitch Green will now go ahead next year.

08/83. REPORTS. District / County Councillors Reports.

Cllr Bellingham-Smith updated the Council on the LDF Core Strategy and the financial situation at the District Council.

08/84. UDC CORE STRATEGY – PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION.

- Sir Alan Haselhurst MP has convened a meeting on 13 March, 8pm at the Council Offices to explore an agreeable solution on the provision of a further 4,200 homes as required by Government. Either Cllr Thomas or the Chairman will attend.
- Green Issues – letter re Chelmer Mead proposals.
- Fairfield Partnership's Master Plan vision for land north east of Elsenham.
- The Chelmer Mead proposals to be copied to CPRE.

08/85. STOP LITTLE DUNMOW EXPANSION.

Request for financial assistance from the Parish Council towards out of pocket expenses incurred by the campaign group and £56.37 cost of purchasing a domain name and 2 year web hosting agreement. Agreed to donate £150.00 (S. 137 expenditure) to the Stop Little Dunmow Expansion Campaign.

Proposed: Cllr Reid. Seconded: Cllr Bennett. All agreed.

08/86. NHS – APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY CONSENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE WEST ESSEX PHARMACEUTICAL LIST.

Applicant: ABC Pharmacies, 18 Landsdowne Road, London.

Proposed Premises: Proposed new Doctors Surgery, Oakwood Park.

Agreed that clarification of whether it is to be a separate facility or within the new surgery was needed. If the proposal were to be detrimental in any way to the surgery then the Council will object to the application.

08/87. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT.

To agree the contract for 2008 for the Recreation Ground.

Agreed to accept the quote from S J Garwood & Son.

Proposed: Cllr Y Crome. Seconded: Cllr Robertson. All agreed.

08/88. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/0058/08/DFO. Details following outline application allowed under appeal ref: APP/C1570/A/96/273656 for erection of multi-purpose community hall.

Location: Oakwood Park, Little Dunmow. Noted.

Application No: UTT/0029/08/FUL. Proposed drop kerb to front.

Location: 1 Pound Hill Villas, Little Dunmow. No objections.

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

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

Granted.

08/89. EALC - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES COURSE.

11 March, 9.30 – 12.30pm. Cost £30 per delegate.

08/90. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100343 £293.75 J Thomas (Trees – Recreation Ground)

100344 £80.00 J Thomas (M S Phillips - Repair Notice Board)
100345 £307.01 A Balcombe (Salary £284.48, Office £22.53)
100346 £375.82 Glasdon UK Ltd (5 x posts for litter bins)
100347 £37.60 Just Lamps (Street lighting maintenance)
100348 £50.00 EALC (Chairman's Day Training)
100349 £1,517.23 Uttlesford District Council (Contested Election Costs)
100350 £185.00 M Mason (Installation of litter bins)
100351 Royal British Legion (Hall Hire February & March)
100352 T Brown (Stop Little Dunmow Expansion – S.137)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – January)

Internal Auditor – the Council still needs to appoint an Internal Auditor.

08/91. AREAS OF UNADOPTED LAND.

To map out any odd areas of land that may be missed when areas are ready to be transferred to either the District (open spaces) or County Council (highway verge). A map of the area to be obtained.

08/92. CORRESPONDENCE.

UALC – Next meeting 21 February 7.30pm.

Dunmow Priory Church – thank you letter for the oak table and chairs.

ECC – Invitation from Chairman Cllr McEwen to a Service for Local Government at Chelmsford Cathedral on 17 April at 7.30pm.

Communities & Local Government – Consultation document – Orders and Regulations to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.

Audit Commission – appointment of External Auditor.

EALC – Through Making the Links, EALC and ECC have negotiated a discount of 15% on insurance premiums.

08/93. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Information exchange / next agenda items only.

- Complaints regarding mud on the road by the Skip Yard – contact skip yard and copy in District / County Councils.

08/94. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on the 10 March 2008 at the British Legion Hall, Felsted at 7.15 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: