

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs: Bennett, Brown, D Crome, Y Crome, Davies,
Dodkins, Robertson, Shepherd & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr D Crome
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public & District Cllr Bellingham-Smith.

08/12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received.

08/13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 March 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

08/14. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

08/06. Liaison Meeting – a date to be chased for the next meeting.

08/09. Dog mess – ask about signage around play areas / village centre.

08/15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

08/16. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Outreach Programme – leaflets that were initially promised were never produced.
- Yellow lines – will there be consultation with residents? It was explained that yes, there would be formal consultation with the Parish Council and residents.
- Pharmacy Application – it was reiterated that the Council objects to the proposal
- Anti-social behaviour – some discussion on what is actually being done about the problem.

08/17. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Two candidates had applied for the vacancy:

Mr Rodney Dodkins – Proposed: Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Brown.

Stephanie Favell – Proposed: Cllr Robertson. Seconded: Cllr Y Crome.

A vote was taken with the majority of votes for Rodney Dodkins

- A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Dodkins was welcomed to the Parish Council.

08/18. CASUAL VACANCY.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Peter Chalklen, a casual vacancy has arisen for Parish Councillor. Notices have been posted on the boards and the website. If there is no call for an election by 24 April 2008 the Council must co-opt to fill the vacancy as soon as is practicable after this date.

08/19. REPORTS. District / County Councillors Reports.

Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh who was attending another parish meeting. Cllr Bellingham-Smith gave a brief report, reiterating the District Councils objection to the expansion of Stansted.

08/20. YOUTH SHELTER – MANAGEMENT.

The shelter is being used but not as much as expected – it cannot be moved for safety reasons. It was decided not to plant shrubs as a wind break as the site was only temporary, therefore not good use of public money.

A site was put forward by the developers for a temporary football pitch (fenced), Uttlesford District Council has raised no objection to the proposed site and the Parish Council unanimously agreed that this was a good idea and would be a positive step towards discouraging anti-social behaviour.

08/21. EMPLOYMENT OF A HANDYMAN.

To consider the possibility of employing a part-time handyman. It was suggested that on a temporary basis councillors and volunteers clear up any litter on a rota basis (to be agreed). Builders rubbish is adding to the problem and it was agreed to write to the builders insisting they clear up their rubbish.

It was agreed that employment of a handyman was a good idea to be considered in the future, once building work is finished and a budget agreed.

08/22. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/0290/08/FUL. Erection of rear conservatory.

Location: 48 Tyler Avenue, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Application No: UTT/0342/08/FUL. Loft conversion with 3 no. dormers to front and roof lights to rear.

Location: 35 Hallett Road, Little Dunmow. No objections.

08/23. NEWSLETTER.

Agreed to produce a newsletter twice a year, June and December.

08/24. PARKING RESTRICTIONS / SPEED LIMIT – OAKWOOD PARK.

A report of the site meeting held on 28 March at the school. Until proposals are put forward for consultation, the Council cannot make any decision. The Clerk to contact ECC to find out if there is any further news on the bus route.

08/25. EALC – TRAINING COURSES.

- Planning for the Future of your Community, 12 June, cost £32.00
- Chairman's Day 2, 3 June, cost £52.00

08/26. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100357 £35.00 J Thomas (Notice Board Repair)
100358 £90.48 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100359 £342.40 A Balcombe (Salary £316.92, Office Expenses £22.92, Postage £2.56)
100360 £124.71 EALC (Annual Subscription)
100361 £499.38 Uttlesford District Council (5 x Dog Bins)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – March)

08/27. ECC PLANNED PARISH VISIT.

A list of minor highway defects required in time for the visit.

08/28. CORRESPONDENCE.

ECC – West Area Forum Meeting – 15 April, 10am, Ongar.

Residents letter – traffic calming measures – Pound Hill.

08/29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Information exchange / next agenda items only.

- Youth Shelter.
- Temporary football pitch.
- Newsletter
- Outreach Programme – a formal written report to be obtained.

08/30. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The Annual Council Meeting will be held on the 12 May 2008 at the British Legion Hall, Felsted preceded by the Annual Assembly at 7pm. Written reports to be obtained, to be circulated prior to the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: