

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 JUNE 2008 AT 7.15 PM AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, FELSTED.

Present: Cllrs: Bennett, D Crome, Y Crome, Davies, Dodkins,
Favell, Robertson, Shepherd & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr D Crome
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 1 member of the public present. Apologies received from
Cllr Bellingham-Smith.

08/53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Reid. Cllr Brown has offered her resignation, therefore a casual vacancy has arisen, the District Council to be notified.

08/54. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 12 May 2008 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

08/55. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on actions from the last meeting.

Temporary football pitch – no further news.

Newsletter – has now been delivered to all homes.

Residents Association donation – one suggestion received to purchase and plant more trees.

08/56. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllrs Shepherd and Crome declared a personal interest in item 08/62 as residents of Baynard Avenue. Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in item 08/66 as he will be using the brush cutter on behalf of the Council.

08/57. PUBLIC FORUM.

A member of the public asked what was happening with the shops and the doctors surgery. It was explained that they are awaiting full planning permission.

08/58. REPORTS. District / County Councillors Reports.

An e-mailed report from Cllr Bellingham-Smith was received and noted.

08/59. PROPOSED REPLACEMENT PORTACABIN.

Cllr Thomas gave a comprehensive report in support of proceeding with the replacement portacabin. He asked the Council to consider

holding the budgeted £10,000 towards it until further details have been obtained and consultation has been completed. Funding can be applied for from the Community Initiatives Fund, Essex Environment Trust and other sources. Not all councillors were in agreement of the replacement portacabin.

Cllr Thomas proposed that the £10,000 is kept in the budget for the replacement portacabin and funding be applied for, if successful then to proceed. To be reviewed at the end October. Seconded: Cllr Dodkins.

A vote was taken with 7 in favour and 2 against, therefore the proposal was carried.

08/60. EMERGENCY PLAN

To consider the production of a Parish Emergency Plan. Agreed to go ahead with a plan and to start collating the necessary information.

08/61. YOUTH SHELTER.

An update on the use of the shelter. As graffiti was becoming more of a problem it was agreed to clean the shelter and paint it with dark green anti-graffiti paint. It was also agreed to allow up to £600 to cover the cost of paint and labour.

Proposed: Cllr Y Crome. Seconded: Cllr Bennett. Unanimously agreed.

08/62. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – OAKWOOD PARK.

Next agenda.

08/63. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.

It was agreed to sign up to the five year agreement with A & J Lighting Solutions at an annual cost: of £440.40.

08/64. PLANNING.

The Council has received notification of two alleged breaches of planning control. Both allegations have been investigated by UDC, no evidence of a breach of planning control has been found therefore the files are now closed.

Application No: UTT/0918/08/FUL. Change of use of annexe to Priory Barn to separate dwelling.

Location: Bluebell Cottage, Priory Barn, The Street, Little Dunmow. Agreed that the Clerk will return comments to UDC in consultation with the planning representatives using delegated power from the Council.

An update on the Village Hall and NEAP was received. Cllr Reid will take the place of Cllr Brown in liaising with the developers. It was agreed to write to the District Council and Enodis again regarding the provision of community facilities and to copy in the ward members and MP.

08/65. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100367 £339.84 A Balcombe (Salary £316.92, Office Expenses £22.92)
100368 £37.60 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100369 £100.00 I Shaw (Internal Audit Fee)
100370 £456.66 Allianz Insurance plc (Annual Premium)
100371 £45.00 Royal British Legion (Hall Hire: April – June)
100372 £200.00 DJ Press (Newsletter Printing)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – May)

Income £500.00 Enodis Property Developments Ltd. (Outreach Programme)

08/66. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A BRUSH CUTTER.

Agreed to buy a brush cutter – cost £320

08/67. EALC TRAINING COURSES.

Advanced Councillor Training Day – 15 July, cost £52.00.

08/68. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

UDC – Community Forum – 10 June, Helena Romanes School, Gt Dunmow at 7.15pm.

Casual Vacancy – thanks were noted to Cllr Brown.

08/69. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Replacement trees - LEAP.
- Station Road / Baynard Avenue bus layby – next agenda,
- Play Area by Fitzwalter Place – grass needs cutting.
- Update on the creation of the new parish – next agenda.
- OPRA Funds – next agenda.

08/70. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on the 14 July 2008 at the British Legion Hall, Felsted at 7.15 pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.06 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): D Crome

DATE: 14 July 2008