

## **LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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*Present:* Cllrs: Bennett, Davies, Dodkins, Favell, Robertson,  
Shepherd & Thomas.  
*In the Chair:* Cllr A Bennett  
*Clerk:* Angela Balcombe.  
*Also present:* 17 members of the public present and District Cllr  
Bellingham-Smith

#### **08/87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Crome.

#### **08/88. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Dodkins. Seconded: Cllr Shepherd. All agreed.**

#### **08/89. PROGRESS CHECK.**

A brief update on actions from the last meeting.

08/61. Youth Shelter – has been painted with anti-graffiti paint but it has been damaged again and the paint peeled off. Next agenda.

- Playing fields – UDC has indicated that a decision can be expected by the end of the month and they could be in place by the end of the year. The temporary kick-about area should be completed in the very near future.

#### **08/90. CASUAL VACANCY.**

There are currently two casual vacancies which the Council can now fill by co-option as soon as is practicable.

#### **08/91. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

#### **08/92. PUBLIC FORUM.**

**Parking Restrictions, Oakwood Park.** The following questions were asked: what are the purpose of the restrictions? The objectives – who will loose and who will gain? Who decided on the proposed parking restrictions? The viability of a bus route through a residential area, have alternative schemes been considered? The extent of the road adoption in relation to the area in question?

Members of the public present were unanimous in their objections to the proposed temporary experimental parking restrictions and questioned the need for a bus route through the estate.

It was suggested that data be provided by ECC to show that buses cannot get through the estate without restrictions being put in place and a trial bus service provided to see what demand there is before any further action is taken.

Agreed to invite County Councillor Simon Walsh to the next meeting and to put the proposed parking restrictions back on the agenda for revision at the September meeting.

**Vandalism / anti-social behaviour, Oakwood Park**

The Parish Council were asked about what dialogue they had with the police regarding this issue. It was explained that the Parish Council has been working with the police, UDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Enodis to try to find solutions to the problems. As the police were not in attendance, it was agreed to formally invite them to the next meeting.

**Quota of houses sold/occupied prior the A120 going ahead?**

Information to be obtained for the next meeting.

**Temporary Football Pitch** – concern regarding the height in relation to nearby homes.

**08/93. REPORTS.**

**Police / PCSO Report** – there was no report.

**District / County Councillors Reports** – Cllr Bellingham-Smith gave a brief verbal report and mentioned that the school will be opening two weeks later than planned.

**08/94. REPLACEMENT FOOTBALL GOALS**

To consider purchasing replacement goals for the Recreation Ground. Cllr Bennett will check if there are any old goals available from developers before any further action is taken.

**08/95. NEW BENCHES**

Various sites were suggested for benches, due to the timescales involved it was agreed to look at this again in the spring.

**08/96. PLANNING.**

**Application No: UTT/1211/08/FUL.** Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe accommodation.

**Location:** Priory Place, Grange Lane, Little Dunmow. No objections.

**08/97. RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ESSEX (RCCE).**

Agreed to join membership of the RCCE – subscription cost £40.00

**Proposed: Cllr Dodkins. Seconded: Cllr Favell. All agreed.**

**08/98. OFFER OF REWARD.**

The Council to consider offering a reward (in partnership with Essex Police) for information that leads to the prosecution of person(s) responsible for graffiti. It was agreed to allow up to £200.00.

**Proposed: Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Bennett. Agreed.**

Before this is advertised the legalities are to be checked with the police.

#### **08/99. FINANCE.**

##### **Accounts paid and cheques signed:**

100380 £342.42 A Balcombe (Salary £316.92, Office Expenses £22.92, Postage £2.58)  
100381 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)  
100382 £25.00 Uttlesford Association of Local Councils (Annual Subs.)  
100383 £40.00 RCCE (Annual Subs.)  
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – July)

#### **08/00. FELSTED ALLOTMENTS.**

Request received from Felsted Parish Council for a financial contribution towards the cost of allotments. Of 57 plots available, 20 are currently rented by Little Dunmow residents. Felsted Parish Council has suggested a contribution of £699.72 spread over three years (£233.24 a year).

It was unanimously agreed not to make a financial contribution towards the cost of allotments but suggested that allotment holders pay an increased amount of rent to cover the costs.

#### **08/01. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**Community Facilities, Oakwood Park** – reply from Sir Alan Haselhurst MP and response from UDC.

**Parking Restrictions, Oakwood Park** – two residents emails received, one in favour and one against the proposals.

#### **08/02. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Youth Shelter – next agenda.
- Parking Restrictions, Oakwood Park – next agenda.
- Missing/stolen drain covers – Barley Barn and Bramble Lane.
- Grass Cutting contract – next agenda.
- Outreach Programme Update – next agenda.
- Christmas Community Event.
- Newsletter – next agenda.

#### **08/03. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting will be held on the 8 September 2008 at the British Legion Hall, Felsted at 7.15 pm.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.52 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):** *D Crome*    **DATE:** *8 September 2008*