

## LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009 AT 7.15 PM AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, FELSTED.

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*Present:* Cllrs: Bennett, D Crome, Y Crome, Davies, Dodkins, Favell,  
Shepherd, Thomas & Westbrook.  
*In the Chair:* Cllr D Crome.  
*Clerk:* Angela Balcombe.  
*Also present:* 2 members of the public, PCSO Angela Greneski, District Cllr  
Bellingham-Smith and County Cllr Walsh

#### **09/08. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Robertson.

#### **09/09. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 9 February 2009 were approved as a correct record of events.

**Proposed: Cllr Westbrook. Seconded: Cllr Bennett. All agreed.**

#### **09/10. PROGRESS CHECK.**

A brief update on actions from the last meeting.

09/06. Storage of gas cylinders and logs behind travellers site was reported.

09/99. Chase up meeting with UDC re running of Community Hall.

#### **09/11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda.

#### **09/12. PUBLIC FORUM.**

- Dean West, Chairman Rayne Football Club, explained that the club currently has no space and was looking for alternative pitches when needed for their juniors.
- Neighbourhood Watch signs have not yet gone up as planning permission is needed.

#### **09/13. RECREATION GROUND.**

The Council to consider a request received from Rayne football club wishing to use the Recreation Ground for occasional junior matches. Councillors agreed in principle as long as an agreement is drawn up with hire charges. Details to be finalised in July by the new parish council.

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

#### **09/14. REPORTS.**

**Police / PCSO Report** – increase of anti-social behaviour and dog issues have been dealt with recently.

**District Councillors Report** – apologies were received from Cllr Sherer. A report was received which included details of the Council Tax increase, Enodis planning applications at Flitch Green, and the second runway inquiry at Stansted, which has been postponed.

**County Councillors Report** – Cllr Walsh gave a report which included details of the Council Tax rise of 1.9% and the budget for 2009/10. The County Council will be creating the Bank of Essex to support and assist local businesses. Audit Commission and Ofsted Inspections have been published and the County has been judged as a 'good' authority, one point short of 'excellent'. The inspection of Children's Services was an 'adequate' overall with 'inadequate' for child protection.

#### **09/15. OAKWOOD PARK.**

Update on the S.106 legal agreement – UDC has received three applications. One relates to the continuation of the soil storage at the rear of Station Road. There are also a pair of identical applications for playing fields on land south of Stebbing Brook. There are various requirements to be met before an application is accepted as complete. One of them is that the correct planning fee, defined nationally, must be submitted with each application. The combined fees submitted with the applications amounts to a few hundred pounds. The correct fees run into tens of thousands of pounds. UDC have notified Enodis but have yet to receive the required fees. Currently the applications remain invalid and held.

UDC's initial view on the proposals for the playing field is that there are some strong similarities between these proposals and the one which was included as part of the additional 162 dwellings which was found to be unacceptable by us, by a planning inspector and by the Secretary of State. It was agreed to write to the Secretary of State and Cllr Walsh offered to write to UDC asking them to enforce the S.106 agreement.

- Inconsiderate parking/obstruction of footways – the PCSO have written to offending people.

#### **09/16. FINANCE.**

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

100416 £23,319.00 Mac Container Company Ltd. (New Meeting Room)  
100417 £356.88 A Balcombe (Salary £316.92, Office Expenses £22.92, Phone £12.00, Postage £5.04)  
100418 £5,830.50 Mac Container Company Ltd (New Meeting Room)  
100419 £7,160.59 Anglian Land Drainage Ltd. (New Meeting Room)  
100420 £130.57 J Thomas (Pebbles, cups etc ~ Meeting Room)  
100421 £42.21 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)  
100422 £271.94 M J Walsh (Plumbing ~ Portacabin)  
100423 £360.00 Alfresia (3 x Bistro Sets ~ Portacabin) (Cheque cancelled)  
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – February)

#### **09/17. NEW MEETING ROOM.**

- An update on funding was given.
- Press Opening Event for the sponsors – some funding may be needed, it was agreed to allow up to £200.

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

#### **09/18. FLITCH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL.**

**Meeting dates and venue** ~ it was agreed to hold the first meeting of Flitch Green on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 7.15pm at Flitch Green Primary School. Councillors

are asked to attend at 7pm to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office prior to the start of the meeting.

**Banking arrangements** ~ agreed to open an account with Barclays.

**Appointment of a Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer** ~ Angela Balcombe will take on the role of Development Officer until a new clerk is appointed. The position to be advertised in April.

***The key dates are as follows:***

- Publication of notice of election is on Tuesday, 28 April.
- Close of nominations is at 4.00pm on Thursday, 7 May.
- Polling day is on Thursday, 4 June.
- The count (if required in either case) will probably take place at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre, Saffron Walden on Friday, 5 June.
- The new councillors will come into office, replacing those who retire, on Monday, 8 June.

Nomination papers can be obtained from either the Clerk or UDC and should be ready by 6 April 2009.

**09/19. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

- Sir Alan Haselhurst MP – re Oakwood Park S.106 agreement.
- UDC – Planning Workshop 18 March, 7.30pm at the Council Offices, Saffron Walden. Cllrs Bennett and one other to attend

**09/20. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Road markings outside Flitch Green Primary School need re-doing.

**09/21. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Future meeting dates were agreed including the date for the Annual Parish Meeting. Little Dunmow Parish Meeting will be held prior to the next Council meeting at 7pm on the 6 April. The Council meeting will follow at 7.30pm.

As a new council, Flitch Green will hold their Parish Meeting next year between 1 April and 1 June.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**