

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JULY 2009 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Brown, Davies, Dodkins, Johnston, Mayne & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public and County Councillor Walsh

09/67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

09/68. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 22 June 2009 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

09/69. PROGRESS CHECK.

09/60. Street-lights, St Mary's Place – suitable replacement lights are being sought and a quote for connection to a new light is also being sought from EDF Energy. The approximate cost for re-connection to the light in Pound hill is £450, the Council is awaiting a formal quote.

09/70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

09/71. PUBLIC FORUM.

No matters were raised.

09/72. REPORTS.

- **District Councillor** – apologies were received from Cllr Bellingham-Smith.
- **County Councillor** – the next round of the CIF was launched on the 6 July, deadline for applications – 6 November. Cllr Walsh has been in communication with the Cabinet Member responsible for the travellers site. Cllr Dodkins gave a report of the Multi-Agency meeting he had attended and asked Cllr Walsh to emphasise that a fire hydrant should be on or near the site and also asked about the clearing of the rubbish on site. Cllr Walsh explained that the Environment Agency are also involved in the removal of the rubbish.
- **Police/Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Mayne gave a brief report which included details of the recent spate of cash machines that have been tampered with. The advice is if a card is taken by a machine to call the bank and cancel the card and then call the police.

09/73. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/0781/09/FUL. Construction of 2 no. bay windows to front elevation.

Location: Michaelmas, Brook Street, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Application No: UTT/0702/09/FUL. Erection of two stable blocks, fencing and five bar gate.

Location: Rookwoods, Braintree Road. No objections.

09/74. PORTACABIN.

The details of the Essex Environment Trust deed were explained along with the Notice of Completion of Building Work. Future arrangements were discussed and the following was agreed:

- Hire charge - £5.00 per hour, hirer's should clean up and leave the portacabin as found.
- The Parish Council will cover the cost of hire for the Vintage Club.
- Hire of the portacabin will be for villagers and village groups only.
- Maximum number of those using the facility – 30 seated.
- Cllrs: Davies, Mayne and Thomas will be responsible for running the portacabin.
- Up to £30 on to be spent on cutlery.
- A notice to be displayed giving details of how often the effluent tank is emptied and by whom.

Conditions of hire are to be drawn up ready for the next meeting and health and safety issues (food hygiene, use of kitchen, fire extinguishers) are to be checked.

09/75. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100446 £299.25 A Balcombe (Salary £264.33, Office Expenses £22.92, Phone £12.00)

100447 £210.00 M Johnson (Picnic Tables)

100448 £42.21 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

100449 £84.19 Banner Business Services Ltd (Stationery)

100451 £29.00 CPRE (Annual Subs)

100450 £828.00 H Jaggard (Grass Cutting).

D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – May)

09/76. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CPRE.

It was unanimously agreed to join the Council to Protect Rural Essex at an annual cost of £29.00.

09/77. VILLAGE SIGN.

To discuss moving the money earmarked for the sign into general reserves.

It was agreed to move the £3,000 budgeted for the village sign to general reserves. The provision of a village sign could be looked again in the future if need be.

09/78. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID).

The joint purchase of a SID was discussed. It was agreed to get a definite commitment from Felsted and Flitch Green Parish Councils before going any further. It may be possible to obtain funding for the device from the Highways Community Initiative Fund.

Proposed Cllr Thomas. Seconded Cllr Dodkins. All agreed.

09/79. PLAY AREA.

It was agreed to look at the various play equipment available with the possibility of applying to the Community Initiatives Fund to part fund it.

09/80. DOG FOULING.

Agreed to ask Uttlesford District Council for three dog fouling notices for the Recreation Ground area.

09/81. FLITCH WAY TO PRIORY PLACE FOOTPATH.

The Council were still awaiting a response from Essex County Council regarding the footpath. A site meeting to be arranged before any work is done as there are a number of rare and mature trees growing along the path. It was suggested that the Parish Council could ask Essex County Council for an easement of the path to run along the Recreation Ground where people currently walk, after consultation with the residents of Priory Place.

09/82. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Flitch Way to Priory Place Footpath

09/83. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council will be held on 14 September.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: