

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Dodkins & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 15 members of the public.

09/84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Brown, Johnston and Mayne.

09/85. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

09/86. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

An update on the situation regarding the public right of way that runs from the Flitch Way to Priory Place was given by Cllr Thomas.

09/87. PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public raised the following issues/comments regarding the possible application for a diversion of Footpath 24.

- There is a private water main that runs along the original path serving 8 households, although the exact location of the pipe is yet to be confirmed. The stop-cock cannot be accessed by residents at present. There was concern about maintenance of the water main if the original path is not cleared.
- One resident stated that he wished to walk the original path for personal reasons and would oppose the request to divert the path.
- The question was asked 'why divert the path if it is Essex County Councils responsibility to clear it?' It was confirmed that ECC would be responsible for the cost of clearing the original path.
- It was suggested that ecological issues should be given due consideration (rare yellow Bullace tree) and that maybe a compromise could be reached by inviting the opinion of the Essex Wildlife Trust to see if it can be cleared sympathetically.

09/88. FLITCH WAY TO PRIORY PLACE FOOTPATH.

To consider applying for a diversion of the footpath to run along the west side of the Recreation Ground, parallel to the original path. Approximate cost: £1,300.00.

As this was the first time the Council had heard about the water main, the decision on whether or not to request the diversion had become complicated and councillors did not feel comfortable in making a decision without further information.

Cllr Dodkins proposed that the decision be put on hold until more information had been obtained, this was seconded by Cllr Atherton and unanimously agreed.

The Council to contact both Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council to explain the situation and ensure that no action is taken until after the next meeting on the 14 September.

09/89. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council will be held on the 14 September, 7.15pm at the Recreation Ground Meeting Room.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.07 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

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