

# LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

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*Present:* Cllrs: Atherton, Brown, Davies, Dodkins, Johnston, Mayne & Thomas.  
*In the Chair:* Cllr Thomas.  
*Clerk:* Angela Balcombe.  
*Also present:* 5 members of the public

### **09/07. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies.

### **09/08. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 14 September 2009 were approved as a correct record of events

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

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

09/92. Dog fouling signs have been ordered by UDC.

09/97. Pound Hill street-light – EDF have advised that there is no room for their equipment. Our contractor has been advised and will deal with it in the next day or two.

09/99. The fire brigade has advised that one water filled fire extinguisher will be sufficient for the Village Cabin.

### **09/10. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

### **09/11. PUBLIC FORUM.**

- Why are the Council to spending so much money to divert the footpath? It was explained that the decision has already been made and the reasons were made clear when it was decided.
- Streetlight in Pound Hill – will be repaired as soon as EDF Energy can access the equipment.
- Bus shelters on the Little Dunmow bus route (Pound Hill or The Moors) – next agenda.
- Dog bins – one required near The Moors.

### **09/12. REPORTS.**

**County Councillor's Report** – no report received.

**District Councillor's Report** – previously circulated.

**EERA meeting** – a report was received from Cllrs Thomas, Brown and Johnston who attended this meeting regarding growth areas for housing in the Uttlesford / Braintree area.

### **09/13. ST MARY'S PLACE STREET-LIGHTING.**

The nearest point of connection is approx 110 metres away. EDF would not be able to lay service cable this far because of the voltage drop. The only option

left is to lay in an electricity main. The Council to ask BT if a lamp can be fitted to their pole.

**09/14. RECREATION GROUND.**

Commercial use of the field for sport to be considered. Various issues were discussed including the fact that there are no facilities. It was unanimously agreed not to use the Recreation Ground for commercial use.

**09/15. PLAY AREA.**

Equipment to be agreed. An application has gone in to the Community Initiatives Fund for new equipment including new goal posts for the Recreation Ground for a total of £10,000. The Council will contribute £1,000 as match funding.

**09/16. FINANCE.**

**Accounts paid and cheques signed:**

100466 £287.25 A Balcombe (Salary £264.33, Office Expenses £22.92)

100467 £102.01 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £17.01 E-on (Portacabin)

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

**09/17. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2010/11.**

It was agreed to exclude the public for the following item (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

- Grass cutting contract.

The Parish Council considered the tenders received for the Grass Cutting of the recreation ground and decided to award the 2010 contract to the existing contractor Jaggards. This decision was made on the basis that the PC have been very satisfied with the reliable service provided by Jaggards and it is considered that they continue to offer good value.

Unanimously agreed to accept the quote from H R Jaggard at £128 per cut up to a total of 16 cuts in the season.

- Stop Stansted Expansion – request for financial support.
- Budget sheets and financial report to be circulated prior to the meeting.  
Agreed not to donate to SSE this year.

It was agreed to increase the total precept by £500 and to absorb other increases from reserves. Therefore the total precept for 2010/11 was unanimously agreed at £10,500.

**09/18. PORTACABIN.**

To consider a request to name the portacabin 'Little Dunmow Village Cabin'. After some discussion it was agreed to call it the Community Meeting Room.

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

**ECC** – Telecare Home Safety Systems (circulated)

**Two residents letters:**

- St Mary's Place street-lighting.
- Portacabin naming.

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

**Planning Applications:**

**UTT/1315/09/FUL & UTT/1316/09/LB.** Proposed single storey rear garden room.

**UTT/1317/09/FUL & UTT/1318/09/LB.** Conversion and extension of cart lodge.

**Location:** Bayleys, Brook Street, Little Dunmow.

As the above applications are not on the agenda they will be dealt with using delegated power.

**Flitch Way gates** – new ones have been ordered by ECC, stronger fences are needed either side of the gates. A representative from ECC to be invited to the next meeting.

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

The next meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council will be held on the 11 January 2010 at 7.15pm at the Recreation Ground Community Meeting Room.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.58 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**