

# **LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW**

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*Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Brown, Davies, Dodkins & Thomas.  
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.  
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.  
Also present: District Cllr Bellingham-Smith and County Cllr Walsh.*

### **10/22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mayne and Johnston.

### **10/23. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

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

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

### **10/24. PROGRESS CHECK.**

09/09. Street-light in Pound Hill – EDF Energy have been out twice to try to connect the light unsuccessfully, they will be meeting with the Councils contractors to reconnect the light providing it is considered safe, as the column is leaning at an angle.

09/15. Play Area – awaiting news of funding.

### **10/25. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

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

### **10/26. PUBLIC FORUM.**

No matters were raised.

### **10/27. REPORTS.**

**County Councillor's Report** – Cllr Walsh gave an update on the winter gritting situation and the 1.9% proposed increase on Council tax which has been kept the same as last year. Road repairs will be expensive due to the winter conditions, however the Council was asked to continue to report pot-holes. Cllr Walsh also informed the Council that the decision to cut P3 funding for ROW cutting has been reversed and that the recent news reports that the police are reducing front line officers is not correct.

Travellers site – Cllr Walsh to keep the Council informed about the rubbish, some has been cleared but it is an ongoing problem. It has been reported that there are gas cylinders (propane) amongst the rubbish and it was suggested that a fire hydrant was essential in the interests of safety.

**District Councillor's Report** – Cllr Bellingham-Smith gave a brief report including information on sheltered housing.

**Police / Neighbourhood Watch Report** – two Neighbourhood Watch signs are now ready to be put up – the Council to agree the positions for the signs and get

the necessary permissions, and to find out if ECC would install them. Next agenda.

**10/28. BUS SHELTERS.**

To consider a residents request for an additional bus shelter – Pound Hill (school bus) / The Moors on the side towards Dunmow/Stansted. ECC can arrange a site meeting with Highways to see whether or not it is practical and depending on space the type of shelter available. There are two possibilities; the 133 and 16 are both on the ECC Quality Bus route which will depend on budget availability, failing that there is a grant scheme available.

Agreed to arrange site meeting with ECC, Cllrs Dodkins and Thomas to attend.

**10/29. FLITCH WAY ACCESS.**

The gate has been damaged further, Essex County Council are aware of the damage. The original agreement when access was obtained (March 2004) was that ECC would maintain the gate. As this has been going for so long it was agreed to write to ECC requesting that the gate must be repaired/replaced within 28 days.

**10/30. PLANNING.**

**UTT/1375/09/FUL.** Revised scheme for conversion of barn (previously approved under UTT/0836/09/FUL.

**Location:** Rookwoods Barn, Braintree Road. No objections.

**UTT/0554/09/FUL.** Extension of existing roof (revised plans).

**Location:** Creedy, The Street. No objections.

**10/31. PROPOSED NEW DOG BIN AT THE MOORS.**

Uttlesford District Council do not have the resources to empty any new dog bins within the District, therefore a new bin has not been ordered. Agreed that UDC to a good job emptying existing bins.

**10/32. FINANCE.**

**Accounts paid and cheques signed:**

100469 £287.25 A Balcombe (Salary £264.33, Office Expenses £22.92 December)

100470 £42.21 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

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

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100472 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

100473 £828.00 H R Jaggard (Grass Cutting Recreation Ground)

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

**10/33. SALT BIN.**

To consider sponsoring a salt bin for self-help use at Brook Street Bridge – one off cost £350 includes installation and filling when necessary by ECC.

Proposed: Cllr Dodkins and unanimously agreed.

**10/34. ST MARY'S PLACE STREET-LIGHTING.**

BT have refused permission to install a lamp on their BT pole. EDF Energy are to send a map showing where the mains cables are situated in St Mary's Place.

**10/35. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**ECC** – Footpath 32 – Modification Order.

**Residents e-mail** – Braintree Road traffic calming.

**Residents letter** – St Mary's Place street-lighting.

**10/36. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Saturday Football – next agenda.
- Goal Post / play equipment / grant funding – next agenda.
- No. 16 bus – coming the wrong way through Little Dunmow.

**10/37. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council will be held on Monday 8 March 2010 at 7.15pm at the Recreation Ground Meeting Room.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.27 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**