

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Brown, Davies, Dodkins, Johnston & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 3 members of the public and District Councillor Bellingham-Smith.

10/90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

10/91. CASUAL VACANCY – CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Three candidates had applied for the vacancy. Joanna Pratt had sent apologies as she was on annual leave. Ballot papers were handed to all councillors for them to vote for the person they wished to be co-opted. Joanna Pratt received a clear majority of votes and was therefore co-opted as a parish councillor.

As Joanna was unable to be at the meeting the Council agreed she could sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a later date.

10/92. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 12 July 2010 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

10/93. PROGRESS CHECK.

A brief update on actions from the last meeting.

10/60. FP24, Cllr Thomas explained the final bits of work that needed doing, including the installation of the posts. It was suggested that a contractor could be hired to do this work.

Cllr Thomas had attended the training for the changing of the battery for the VAS sign.

10/86. Roles and Responsibilities Course – Cllrs Atherton and Davies gave a report of the course which they agreed was worthwhile attending.

Parish Maintenance visit – Cllr Dodkins gave a brief report on work completed.

The travellers site still hasn't been cleared, however the money is ring fenced for the work to be done.

10/94. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

10/95. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no matters raised.

County Councillors Report. Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh along with a brief e-mail to say that financial issues dominate and more will be known

in October. Flitch Green School has been given the OK to proceed to Academy Status, which will detach it from the County Council.
District Councillors Report. Previously circulated.

10/96. SHARED NOTICE BOARD – PARISH COUNCIL / CHURCH.

Costs to be obtained – next agenda.

10/97. HIRE OF MEETING ROOM AND SUITABLE EVENTS.

It was agreed to revise the hiring policy due to the cost involved in emptying the effluent tank which costs £40 per time.

Cllr Dodkins proposed that £5 - £50 be charged depending on the number of people using the facility. It was also agreed that no large scale parties which include any outside structures such as marquees would be allowed.

Unanimously agreed.

10/98. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/1330/10/FUL. Proposed reconstruction of pitched roof with two dormers and front porch.

Location: Corders Corner, The Street, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Enodis Planning Applications – Flitch Green.

- Sports pitches, multi-use games area (MUGA) and nature reserve.
- Village Centre

The Council was unanimous in its objection to this application, the main concerns being the impact on the infrastructure, traffic and congestion in Felsted.

10/99. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100497 £902.40 H R Jaggard (6 cuts Recreation Ground)
100498 £25.00 UALC (Annual Subs)
100499 £178.52 Banner Business Services (stationery/printer ink)
100500 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100501 £307.13 A Balcombe (August - Salary £267.00, Office Expenses £23.75, Postage £4.38, Phone £12.00)
100502 £55.04 J Thomas (Footpath Posts plus sign for car park)
100503 £27.18 J Thomas (Printer Ink)
D/D £21.93 E-on (Electricity – Meeting Room)
100504 £290.75 A Balcombe (September - Salary £267.00, Office Expenses £23.75)
100505 £94.00 Euro Loo (Meeting Room Toilet)
100506 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100507 £12.22 Veolia Water (Meeting Room)
100508 £29.00 CPRE (Annual Subs)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – July)
100509 £20.80 J Thomas (Mileage – SID Training)
100510 £72.00 EALC (Training x 2 places)
100511 £40.00 Open Spaces Society (Annual Subs)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – August)

10/00. FINANCIAL REPORT.

A financial report was circulated for consideration for the November Budget Meeting.

10/01. PARISH PUMP.

To agree the insurance value for the pump.

It was unanimously agreed to insure the pump for £2,000.00.

10/02. EALC TRAINING COURSES.

Chairman's Day 1 – 19 October, cost £60

Law and Procedures – 12 October, cost £60

Election Day – 3 November, cost £60

10/03. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

UDC – Community Governance Review.

EALC / ECC – Annual Making the Links Event and EALC AGM – 29 September.

UDC – Multi-Agency Forum Dates: 12 or 14 October 2010, 1 or 3 March 2011, meetings start at 7.30pm.

10/04. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Creedy – an enforcement notice has been served.
- Church/Parish Council notice board – next agenda.
- FP 24 footpath clearance – next agenda.

10/05. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.37 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: