

# LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 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, Johnston, Pratt & Thomas.  
*In the Chair:* Cllr Thomas.  
*Clerk:* Angela Balcombe.  
*Also present:* 1 member of the public.

### **10/06. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies.

### **10/07. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The minutes of 13 September 2010 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

### **10/08. PROGRESS CHECK.**

**Village Gateway/sign** – ECC are considering the request to install village gateways and a village sign, which will be dependant on available funding.

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

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Pratt declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 10/11 as she is a member of the Church Council.

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

- Rent of the Community Meeting Room (re emptying of septic tank), it was suggested either installing a larger septic tank or connecting into the mains drainage. It was agreed that this should be investigated and quotes obtained.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Bellingham-Smith and County Cllr Walsh. E-mailed reports were received and noted.

### **10/11. SHARED NOTICE BOARD – PARISH COUNCIL / CHURCH.**

Following a discussion on whether or not the board should be shared and what design should be chosen, the following was agreed:

The board will be shared with the Church.

**Proposed: Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Atherton. Agreed.**

The design will be frosted metal finish in dark green to be sited at the original site. Agreed to spend up to £1,500. Also agreed that the Council will pay two thirds of the cost and to ask the Church to pay a third of the cost. Future maintenance of the board to be agreed.

**Proposed: Cllr Atherton. Seconded: Cllr Thomas. Agreed.**

**10/12. ECC SALT BAG PILOT SCHEME.**

ECC will not be installing any new salt bins, irrelevant of where they were in the ordering process. Parishes are being encouraged to participate in the salt bag pilot scheme. Mr Roger Carlton offered to store a salt bag and to co-ordinate its use. The Council thanked Mr Carlton for his kind offer to help.

**10/13. BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE THE FLITCH OF BACON.**

The shelter is being used as a smoking area, the Council to consider what action needs to be taken. It was agreed to purchase two metal no smoking signs, one for each shelter.

A request had been received from a member of the public to install a bus shelter on the pub side of the road, however this will not be possible due to lack of room on the footway.

**1014. FINANCE.**

**Accounts paid and cheques signed:**

100512 £345.02 A Balcombe (October - Salary £267.00, Office Expenses £23.75 , Postage £5.27, Printer £49.00)

100513 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £21.93 E-on (Electricity – Meeting Room)

100514 £158.63 Audit Commission (Audit Fee 2010)

100515 £290.75 A Balcombe (November - Salary £267.00, Office Expenses £23.75)

100516 £781.38 Anglian Land Drainage Ltd. (Goals/nets)

100517 £43.12 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

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

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D/D £17.62 E-on (Electricity – Meeting Room)

**10/15. BUDGET/PRECEPT 2011/12.**

To set the budget for 2011/12 and agreed the precept demand. The budget was agreed at £13,556, however as reserves are relatively high following the split from Flich Green, it was agreed to keep the precept the same as last year - £10,500 and to absorb the difference from reserves.

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

**10/16. FOOTPATH 24 – CLEARANCE.**

Posts have been installed, the remaining two posts still to be installed. It was agreed to ask ECC to add the area of path that Cllrs Dodkins and Thomas usually cleared to their regular clearance programme. Cllrs Dodkins and Thomas were thanked for all their hard work in looking after FP 24.

**10/17. EALC TRAINING COURSES.**

Chairman's Day 2 – 16 November, cost £60

Employment Issues – 10 November, cost £60

**10/18. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.**

**ECC** – Parish Transport Meeting, 16 November at Great Dunmow at 10.30 am.

**ECC** – Waste Development Documents. Consultation dates: 7 October – 2 December.

**Braintree Rivers Rotary Club** – will be running a Christmas float on the 8 December in Little Dunmow between 6 – 8pm collecting on behalf of Headway Essex.

**10/19. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

- Noted that the Friends of Flitch Way have done an excellent job on clearance work along the Flitch Way.
- Cllr Atherton drew attention to Geo Caching.
- Cllr Thomas mentioned that Wiclopedia was being updated regarding Little Dunmow and he and his daughter had been involved in helping with this.
- The siting of the containers at the Travellers site to be checked.
- An update on the S.106 works to be followed up in time to include on the next agenda.
- Dunmow Skip Yard – the Environment Agency are aware of the problem with mud on the road and will be visiting the site.

**10/20. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of Little Dunmow Parish Council will be held on Monday 10 January 2011 at 7.15pm at the Recreation Ground Meeting Room.

***THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM.***

**SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):**

**DATE:**