

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2012 AT 7.45 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Dodkins, Kerr & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: 2 members of the public.

12/44. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Atherton nominated Cllr Thomas as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Dodkins

There being no other nominations, Cllr Thomas was elected Chairman for 2012/13.

- The Chairman, Cllr Thomas signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

12/45. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Thomas nominated Cllr Dodkins as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Davies.

There being no other nominations, Cllr Dodkins was elected Vice-Chairman for 2012/13.

12/46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pratt and Watkinson.

12/47. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 12 March 2012 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

12/48. PROGRESS CHECK.

12/33. S.106 update – the scheme is programmed for this financial year and it is expected that initial works will be ordered prior to July 2012.

12/49. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

- Councillors were reminded to ensure that their Registers of Interests are updated within 28 days of any changes.

12/50. PUBLIC FORUM.

The main issue discussed was the continuing problems with the skip yard. Other matters raised was the noise from a bird scarer, Cllr Dodkins will speak to the land owner and Community Speed Watch (CSW). The Clerk will contact CSW to add the Parish Council to the waiting list.

12/51. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

District and County Councillors reports circulated. Apologies were received from Cllrs Crome and Favell.

12/52. DUNMOW SKIPYARD.

Cllr Kerr gave an update on the current situation, the main issue seems to be that Dunmow Skips do not comply with anything they are required to do. The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and Cllr Kerr liaises with the various authorities to ensure that any planning requirements are enforced. No interim meeting was held as communication with residents had sufficed.

12/53. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100577 £88.43 Essex Association of Local Councils (Annual Subs)
100578 £311.58 A Balcombe (April - Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – March)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £51.00 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £36.45 E-on (Electric Supply – Meeting Room)
100579 £323.58 A Balcombe (May - Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75, Phone £12.00)
100580 £65.00 Elektratech (Meeting Room)
100581 £155.73 Mrs S Jewell-Young (Meeting Room)
100582 £607.62 Aon Ltd (Annual Insurance Premium)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – April)

Income

£5,250.00 UDC – first instalment Precept
£1,000.00 UDC Community Fund

12/54. TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012.

The year-end accounts were approved by the Council. The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

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

12/55. INSURANCE PREMIUM 2012/13.

The annual insurance premium was renewed with Aon for the year 2012/13.

12/56. COMMUNITY FUNDING.

Replacement effluent tank for the Community Meeting Room – there was some discussion around buying a large tank costing in the region of £3,000 however it was agreed that this was a large amount of money that would be difficult to justify. It was agreed to buy a larger replacement tank costing approx £1,500.00.

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

- Recreation Ground wildlife strip, it was agreed to get costs for this project for the next meeting.

12/57. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

A Jubilee Party has been organised for the 4th June. It was agreed to spend up to a maximum of £100 for cups and plates etc.

12/58. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- UALC – AGM 19 June 2012 at Stansted Day Centre.
- Dunmow Rhodes Youth FC – request to use the Recreation Ground and facilities for football.
- Resident requesting a roundabout at the junction of the B1256 and Felsted Road. This was considered unlikely as the junction was improved when Oakwood Park was built.
- Residents letter of thanks for the work done to the play area.

12/59. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Station House, which is owned by ECC is now empty.

12/60. MEETING DATES 2012.

- 9 July, 10 September, 12 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: