

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2013 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies & Thomas.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: There was no one else present.

13/08. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kerr and Watkinson, Cllr Pratt had sent apologies to say that she may be late. A letter of resignation was received from Cllr Rodney Dodkins. A letter to be sent thanking Mr Dodkins for all his time on the Council.

13/09. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

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

13/10. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

13/11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. No interests were declared.

13/12. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

13/13. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Apologies were received from County Cllr Walsh and District Cllr Crome. A report was received from Cllr Walsh which drew attention to the ECC Minerals Consultation, in particular the Rayne minerals site. The Parish Council will raise concerns regarding traffic levels on the B1256 which may impact on Throws Corner and Stebbingford.

13/14. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100603 £359.64 A Balcombe (December Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75 + £10.08 u/paid Sept. 12, Stationery £37.98)

100604 £171.00 J Thomas (Meeting Room door repair)

D/D £63.91 E-on (Street lighting – November)

D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

100605 £347.58 A Balcombe (January - Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75, Phone £12.00, Printer Ink £24.00)

100606 £456.00 M J Walsh (Effluent Tank Maintenance)

100607 £2,352.00 Anglian Land Drainage (Grass Cutting)

D/D £66.05 E-on (Street lighting – December)

D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £96.00 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

D/D £53.16 E-on (Electricity Bill – Meeting Room)

13/15. BUDGET/PRECEPT 2013/14.

Following a last minute decision by Government, the new Welfare Reform that comes into effect in April 2013 will now affect parish precepts therefore the precept figure agreed at the last meeting needs to be adjusted to take this into account.

The following budget and precept figures for 2013/14 were agreed:

Budget	£12,666
From reserves	- £2,166
Less UDC Grant	- £773
Precept	£9,727

Although the precept has not been increased for the last two years, the Council have been using reserves to keep it the same and it was noted that once reserves reach a certain level then the precept will eventually have to be increased.

13/16. DOG BIN EMPTYING.

The bin at The Moors should now be being emptied on a weekly basis, as it doesn't appear to have been emptied, the company are going to come out and check that they have been emptying the right bin.

13/17. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/12/5350/FUL. To erect a summer house.

Location: Rookwoods, Braintree Road, Little Dunmow. No objections.

13/18. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

- Letter from Peter Sinclair re 2015 Magna Carta Celebrations.
- Essex Highways – copy of Public Notice regarding 20mph zone, Flitch Green.

Cllr Pratt arrived at the meeting.

13/19. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Meeting Room – the security light and window have been vandalised.

Winter gritting – the Council wished to record their thanks to Mr Adrian Blower for his tremendous effort in gritting various areas within the Parish in this particular cold snap. Residents may be interested to know that there is a supply of grit available for using on paths and public areas. The grit is stored at the Community Meeting Room, please contact a member of the Parish Council if you would like to help.

Community Meeting Room Polling Station – it was explained that a formal consultation had been carried out and that the Parish Council were not responsible for the final decision on suitability.

13/20. MEETING DATES 2013

- 11 March, 13 May, 8 July, 9 September, 11 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: