

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

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

13/21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Atherton and Cllr Pratt.

13/22. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 21 January 2013 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

13/23. PROGRESS CHECK.

Dog Bin – the bin is now being emptied regularly.

Polling Station – the Chairman referred to a letter received from the Electoral Officer at UDC to say that the venue for the polling station will be reviewed again following the County elections in May 2013.

13/24. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

13/25. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public present.

13/26. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Circulated. Cllr Walsh asked that his appreciation of Mr Dodkins contribution to parish council matters be recorded as his local knowledge was invaluable.

Cllr Thomas gave a report of the following meetings he had attended:

- Flitch Green Residents Meeting (regarding travellers' site) 27 February
- Felsted NAP (Neighbourhood Area Policing) 28 February
- Flitch Way Liaison Group - 5 March

Cllr Kerr gave an update on the skip yard site which is now being dealt with by Essex County Council. Site meetings are to be held and enforcement / action is to be taken.

13/27. STATION ROAD S.106 AGREEMENT.

No update has been received from Essex County Council, to be included on the next agenda.

13/28. SUPPORT FOR TREE PRUNING.

The Parish Council will consider supporting a small proportion of the tree work in the Churchyard but would need more detail of costs/estimates and how the Church intends to fund the remainder of the cost. Next agenda.

13/29. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100608 £18.00 Affinity Water (Meeting Room)
100609 £311.58 A Balcombe (February Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75)
100610 £25.00 Elektratech Ltd (Meeting Room Repair)
100611 Sandra Jewell Young £76.06 (Meeting Room Repair)
D/D £66.05 E-on (Street lighting – January)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100612 £356.57 A Balcombe (March - Salary £286.83, Office Expenses £24.75, Norton Anti-Virus £44.99)
D/D £59.65 E-on (Street lighting – February)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

HMRC/PAYE – it was agreed to use Acumen Wages Service for payment of salaries, income tax and year end online tax returns for the Council from April onwards.

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

13/30. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

RCCE – Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition.

13/31. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Lay-by opposite the Flitch of Bacon – in need of urgent repair, it has been reported to ECC Highways but ownership of the land is unclear.

13/32. MEETING DATES 2013

- 13 May (Annual Meeting), 8 July, 9 September, 11 November.
The Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm, prior to the Annual Council Meeting which will start at 7.30pm. Cllr Watkinson gave his apologies for the May meetings.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: