

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2014 AT 7.45 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Pratt, Thomas, & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: District Councillor Marie Felton and three members of the public.

14/08. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Atherton proposed Cllr Thomas as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Westbrook therefore Cllr Thomas was elected Chairman for 2014/15

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

14/09. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Thomas proposed Cllr Westbrook as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Atherton therefore Cllr Westbrook was elected Vice-Chairman for 2014/15

14/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkinson, Cllr Pratt may be late due to work commitments..

14/11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 10 March 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Atherton. Seconded: Cllr Westbrook. All agreed..

14/12. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

14/13. CASUAL VACANCY.

As there has been no call for an election the Council may now co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the casual vacancy.

Cllr Thomas proposed Mike Elliot as Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr Westbrook and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Elliot signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor and was welcomed to the meeting.

14/14. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

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

14/15. PUBLIC FORUM.

- Footpath between Pound Hill and the Flitch Way (Station Road) – the hedging needs cutting back.
- Concern regarding the amount of fly-tipping and rubbish/broken glass being dumped in Bramble Lane and surrounding area.

- Duck and pheasant shooting – it was reported that there has been an increase in shoots (Clobbs Wood). There was concern around a number of issues; noise, smell of dead birds, license agreements regarding guns and the number of shoots allowed, possible danger on a public byway, and also the closeness of the six sheds erected very close to Clobbs Cottage. The Environmental Officer at UDC had already been contacted, the Parish Council to follow this up.

Cllr Pratt arrived at the meeting.

14/16. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Reports were received for the Annual Assembly, held prior to this meeting.

14/17. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100659 £37.44 TBS Hygiene Ltd. (Emptying Dog Bin)
 100660 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (March Salary)
 100661 £272.48 A Balcombe (April Salary & Expenses £253.03, Phone £12.00, Postage £7.25)
 100662 £176.40 HMRC (PAYE)
 100663 £253.23 A Balcombe (May Salary & Expenses)
 100664 £86.81 EALC (Annual Subs.)
 100665 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (April)
 100666 £1,800.00 Anglian Land Drainage Ltd (Grass Cutting)
 D/D £66.05 E-on (Street-lighting)
 D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
 D/D £51.71 E-on (Electricity Supply Meeting Room)
 D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
 D/D £63.91 E-on (Street-lighting)
 100667 £582.72 Aon UK Ltd (Annual Insurance Premium)

14/18. YEAR-END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2014

The year-end accounts and the Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Thomas. All agreed.

The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk.

14/19. PLANNING.

UTT/14/1092/SO. Request for a revised Scoping opinion for proposed development of up to 750 homes etc.

Location: Land at Pound Hill, Station Road, Little Dunmow.

This area is not considered in the UDC Local Plan

UTT/14/1010/FUL. Conversion of redundant cart lodge to provide single storey dwelling with studio/office and proposed garage.

Location: Easterlee Barn, Brookend Road. No objections.

UDC – Consultation Pre-Submission Local Plan

Consultation ends on 2 June 2014. The Council were pleased that there is no large development planned for Little Dunmow. The Council's comments to be submitted.

14/20. VILLAGE SIGN.

It was agreed to apply for grants for the sign, an initial £200 was agreed for the colour sketch/design. This will be presented at the next meeting.

14/21. VILLAGE SUMMER PARTY.

To be held on Sunday 17 August. The Church are to hold a 'Meet your Ancestors' tour of the graveyard to run concurrently with the summer party. It was agreed that up to £200 could be used towards the party.

14/22. VANDALISM AND FLY-TIPPING.

Residents are very distressed about the amount of recent vandalism and fly-tipping. The police have said they are very aware of local problems and residents should continue to report any incidents.

14/23. MAGNA CARTA CELEBRATIONS 2015.

An update was received from Cllr Atherton; the Magna Carta Barons Association were unsuccessful with their Heritage Lottery bid, however meetings are still ongoing and funding will be sought elsewhere, including the ECC Community Initiatives Fund.

14/24. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

ECC – Public Path Diversion Order, Little Dunmow. The Landowners propose to divert Footpath 24 away from their property at Priory Place to an alternative route leading to St Mary's Place and the Church.

The Council opposes the proposal but suggest a possible solution could be to re-route it through the field.

14/25. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No other matters were raised.

14/26. MEETING DATES 2014.

14 July, 8 September, 10 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.14 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: