

LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND
MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

Present: Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Elliot, Pratt, Thomas & Westbrook.
In the Chair: Cllr Thomas.
Clerk: Angela Balcombe.
Also present: Four members of the public

16/61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Watkinson.

16/62. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 November 2015 were approved as a true record of events.

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

16/63. PROGRESS CHECK.

No matters were raised.

16/64. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.
No interests were declared. Councillors were reminded to update their Registers of Interest.

16/65. PUBLIC FORUM.

Road Safety – there was concern regarding the traffic speed at the junction on the B1256 at Little Dunmow. It was suggested that the speed limit could be reduced to 40mph at this junction and to extend the 40mph limit from the village up to the junction.

It was also suggested that the speed limit in Station Road from The Moors, Pound Hill down to Flitch Green should be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

Both of the above requests to be submitted to the Local Highways Panel for consideration.

The pathway in Pound Hill down to Gypsy Lane has still not been cleared of vegetation and is now very dangerous to walk along, also leaving no room on the pavement for people to stand at the bus shelter. The broken paving slabs in Station Road have been reported to ECC Highways but have still not been replaced or made safe.

Other matters raised:

- Hedgerow by pond – will the pond remain a natural wildlife pond?
- Safekeeping of the old Flitch of Bacon sign and the Chaucer poem

16/66. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Apologies were received from Cllr Walsh.

16/67. VILLAGE PUMP.

To agree any additional work that needs doing as a result of the well beneath the pump and the cost of any work.

It was unanimously agreed to allow approximately £250 for the work and to consider some stone planters to enhance the area. As there is some money left over from the sale of Magna Carta merchandise it was suggested that this could be used for the planters.

16/68. BUDGET / PRECEPT 2016/17.

The budget for 2016/17 is £12,056.00, less £698.00 UDC Local Council Tax Scheme, less £508.00 from reserves gives a precept of £10,850.00 which is a small increase of £50.00 on last year's precept.

16/69. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100769 £22.20 Acumen Wages Service (October Salaries)
100770 £310.10 A Balcombe (£268.10 Salary & Expenses, £42.00 Stationery)
D/D £89.02 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)
100771 £267.90 A Balcombe (Salary & Expenses)
100772 £187.80 HMRC (PAYE)
100773 £66.60 Acumen Wages Service (Nov./Dec./Jan. Salaries)
100774 £74.88 TBS Hygiene Ltd (Emptying Dog Bins)
100775 £2,688.00 Anglian Land Drainage (Grass Cutting x 14)
100776 £103.37 Uttlesford District Council (Uncontested Election Costs)
100777 £1,116.00 Streetmaster Ltd (2 x Benches)
100778 £396.00 Michael J Walsh (Install new benches)
D/D £86.14 E-on (Street-lighting)
D/D £45.84 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance)

16/70. THE MOORS.

Letter from UDC regarding future housing designs to suit the land at The Moors (clay soil has caused structural damage which the Council has concluded that it is not economically viable to repair). It was agreed to keep a close eye on any developments and ask that any new homes should be for older residents.

16/71. LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL SCHEMES 2016/17.

To consider any schemes that should be added for 2016/17. Funding is allocated at the March Panel Meeting. Two speed reduction schemes, B1256 junction and Station Road to be submitted. Councillors would like to attend a site meeting if possible.

16/72. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

UDC – Hire of the Meeting Room for the Police Crime Commissioner Election, Thursday 5 May 2016.

16/73. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

No matters were raised.

16/74. MEETING DATES 2016.

14 March, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN):

DATE: