LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012 AT 7.15 PM AT THE RECREATION GROUND MEETING ROOM, BROOK STREET, LITTLE DUNMOW

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Present: *Cllrs: Atherton, Davies, Dodkins, Kerr, Thomas & Watkinson.*
In the Chair: *Cllr Thomas.*
Clerk: *Angela Balcombe.*
Also present: *8 members of the public.*

12/15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt.

12/16. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 14 November 2011 were approved as a correct record of events. **Proposed: Cllr Dodkins. Seconded: Cllr Atherton. All agreed.**

12/17. PROGRESS CHECK.

- Installation of bench – delayed due to ECC having only just sent out the agreement to be signed. This has now been done and the bench will be covered by the Councils Public Liability insurance.
- Horses using the recreation ground is getting worse, it was suggested putting up a notice – **next agenda**.

12/18. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. Councillors Dodkins, Thomas, Atherton and Watkinson declared a personal interest in item 12/24 as they all live in The Street, Little Dunmow.

12/19. PUBLIC FORUM.

- **Grange Lane / Clobbs Wood (Ancient Woodland)** – two residents letters were read to the Council regarding the invasion of 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes causing destruction in Grange Lane. Members of public present also voiced their concerns and Councillors had received a large number of complaints prior to the meeting. As the lane is a byway these vehicles are permitted to use it, the main concern is the speed and damage caused to the lane and areas of private land that they are not legally permitted to use. It was explained what had been done previously to stop this damage. **Next agenda**. It was agreed to ask ECC about filling in some of the dangerous bits along Grange Lane with rubble.
- **Dunmow Skipyard** – the Environment Agency has served a legal notice on them giving them 21 days to reduce waste levels. Further complaints have been received about the skipyard operating outside of their permitted operating hours, which is now being investigated by UDC Planning Enforcement Officer. Complaints were also received to say that they are still bringing in waste and that skips are being parked on the road, dangerously obstructing traffic. Cllr Kerr agreed to follow up all the complaints with the various agencies on behalf of the Parish Council.

12/20. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

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

12/21. ECC S.106 AGREEMENT – STATION ROAD FOOTWAY.

The work is programmed for 2012/13. There are still land acquisition issues which are currently being worked on, however as long as an initial order is placed for the work prior to the expiry date the money will not be lost (£170,000).

After some discussion it was agreed by 5 votes to 1 that as the work is underway no meeting will be arranged at present, however, it was agreed to keep reminding ECC so that the money is not lost.

12/22. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:

100569 £2,090.40 Anglian Land Drainage (Grass Cutting x 13 cuts)
100570 £305.84 A Balcombe (December - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00, Postage £4.34)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – November)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance - November)
100571 £301.50 A Balcombe (January - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00)
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D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – December)

12/23. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/2409/11/FUL. Change of use of vacant agricultural barn to area for restoration of vintage cars (personal use).
Location: Tooleys Farm, Brook End, Little Dunmow. This is not within the Little Dunmow Parish boundary therefore no comments were made.

Cllr Dodkins left the meeting at this point.

12/24. ROAD SIGNS AND SPEED LIMIT.

- 'Little Dunmow Village Only' sign needed
- Removal of yellow developer sign which still says Oakwood Park.
- 20mph speed limit in the village – suggest an advisory limit. Cllr Watkinson to follow this up with ECC.

12/25. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Skipyard – next agenda.
- Meeting re travellers site – 9.30 at the Flitch Green Community Hall on 11th January 2012.

12/26. MEETING DATES 2012.

- 12 March, 14 May, 9 July, 10 September, 12 November.

Members of the public gave their apologies for upsetting Cllr Dodkins, it was agreed that Cllr Dodkins worked very hard for the Parish Council and his knowledge is invaluable.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.48 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**