LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE DUNMOW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 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, Pratt, Thomas & Watkinson.*
In the Chair:	*Cllr Thomas.*
Clerk:	*Angela Balcombe.*
Also present:	*3 members of the public, County Cllr Walsh and District Cllr Crome.*

12/27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

12/28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of 9 January 2011 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Atherton. Seconded: Cllr Davies. All agreed.

12/29. PROGRESS CHECK.

Grange Lane/Clobbs Wood – Cllrs Dodkins and Thomas attended a meeting held at Great Dunmow where it was agreed to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order which will enable the lane to be closed in the winter months. Maintenance work is currently underway.
Speed Limit – if a 20mph is asked for various traffic calming measures would have to be installed. A trial is taking place in Chelmsford for a 20mph limit, once the results are received ECC may consider rolling it out to other areas although it was generally agreed that it may not be suitable for Little Dunmow.

12/30. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda. No interests were declared.

12/31. PUBLIC FORUM.

Pound Hill speeding issues – resident disagreed with the suggestion to put in additional lighting, and were of the view that more road signs can detract from what's already in place.
Skipyard – there was still a lot of anger with regard to the situation at the Skipyard. The Parish Council explained it was doing the best that it could. Residents thanked Cllr Kerr for all the work he has done so far.

12/32. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Apologies were received from Cllr Favell. Cllr Simon Walsh gave a report of County Council matters (circulated). Cllr David Crome gave a report on UDC matters (circulated).

12/33. ECC S.106 AGREEMENT – STATION ROAD FOOTWAY.

- ECC have just received the land / highway boundary details and this has confirmed that about 1.4m of the verge is highway.
- BT poles will be moved and costs are being obtained for this.
- Works are programmed for next financial year, hopefully around June / July, earlier if possible. This is dependant on the new Highways contract.

- Plans are not yet at detailed stage. Once they are a copy will be sent to the Parish Council, the preliminary design should be ready by the end March

Next agenda re bends/site lines and additional lighting and signage. It was also agreed to ask for an engineer from ECC to attend a site meeting to look at these issues. There may be some s.106 money to go towards a new bus shelter, dependant on how much the footway costs.

12/34. CODE OF CONDUCT 2012.

It was unanimously agreed to support the District Councils suggestion of one Code of Conduct to cover both District and parish councils.
Proposed: Cllr Thomas. Seconded: Cllr Dodkins. All agreed.

12/35. DUNMOW SKIPYARD.

Cllr Kerr gave an update on the issues raised at the last meeting, which now comes under the jurisdiction of ECC Trading Standards. Cllr Walsh agreed to look into it on behalf of Little Dunmow. A monthly review meeting was suggested, this was agreed and will be arranged. Cllr Kerr ended the debate by saying that he is committed to seeing through the campaign to get some action.

12/36. GYPSY LANE.

Ownership regarding road maintenance - ECC has confirmed that this is a private road which is part of the Flitch Way Country Park, therefore ECC are responsible for repair of the road.

12/37. FINANCE.

Accounts paid and cheques signed:
100572 £313.50 A Balcombe (February - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00, Phone £12.00)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – January)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance - January)
D/D £39.74 E-on (Electric Supply – Meeting Room)
100573 £301.50 A Balcombe (March - Salary £277.50, Office Expenses £24.00)
100574 £18.71 Veolia Water (Meeting Room)
100575 £105.06 UDC (Recharge of Election Costs)
100576 £198.00 Euro Loo ((Meeting Room)
D/D £44.04 A & J Lighting Solutions (Maintenance - February)
D/D £63.50 E-on (Street lighting – February)

12/38. DISTRICT COUNCIL ~ COMMUNITY FUNDING.

To consider how the £1,000.00 is to be spent in Little Dunmow. Various suggestions were put forward, it was agreed to ask for the money for improvements to the Community Meeting Room and Recreation Ground.

12/39. PLANNING.

Application No: UTT/0180/12/FUL. Remove existing conservatory and replace with orangery to rear.
Location: The Old Vicarage, Grange Lane, Little Dunmow. No objections.

Application No: UTT/0190/09/FUL. Construction of two sports pitches, cricket square, access bridge over Stebbing Brook, sports pavilion and associated landscaping and other works.

Location: Flitch Green.

12/40. RCCE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.

It was agreed not to enter this year.

12/41. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE.

UDC Polling district review – UDC has decided to designate the Community Meeting Room as the polling place for Little Dunmow with immediate effect.
Recreation Ground - two requests for clubs to use the field for football and one from a resident who asked if he could ride his mini motorbike on the outside of the recreation ground.
Travellers Site – copy of a letter sent to ECC regarding fly tipping.

12/42. INFORMATION EXCHANGE / NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

- Wildlife strip – next agenda
- Effluent tank – next agenda
- There are two vacancies for school governors at Stebbing Primary School
- Jubilee Celebration – next agenda, Cllr Pratt agreed to organise.

12/43. MEETING DATES 2012.

- 14 May, 9 July, 10 September, 12 November.
- The Annual Assembly will be held prior to the Annual Council Meeting in May at 7.15pm.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.28 PM.

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN): **DATE:**