

LITTLE DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
THE VILLAGE HUT.

Present: Cllr S Fowler (Chairman), Cllr J Harding, Cllr I Harding, Cllr P Stebbings,
Cllr H Kilvert, Cllr T Richards and Cllr S Treavett

Others Present: 1 Elector, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Mrs Hubbard (Clerk)

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. There were no apologies to be received from Parish Councillors as there was a full attendance.

There were apologies for absence received from Dist. Cllr E Gould.

2. To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Cllr J Harding proposed Cllr Fowler for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Kilvert and carried. Cllr Fowler accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Acceptance form.

Cllr Fowler proposed Cllr J Harding for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Stebbings and carried. Cllr Jane Harding accepted the position.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2017

The minutes had been circulated. The Parish Council agreed the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. To discuss any matters from the minutes of March (not on the agenda).

There were no matters arising.

6. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Quote from Gary Lake for £750.00 for 16 cuts, price held for 5 years

Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2017/0260?HOU Mr & Mrs Brown, Chestnut House, Necton Road, flat roof extension to side of property, new canopy replacing existing conservatory & small extension to utility, planning permission received.

3PL/2017/0220/VAR Brick Kiln Pightle, Barrows Hole Lane, variation to previous app. for the erection of 4 dwellings – amend plot 3 garaging, the Parish Council had no objections.

Breckland 3PL/2017/0220 Mr Titlow, Brick Kiln Pightle, Barrows Hole Lane, erection of 4 dwellings, create 2 new access points & passing places onto Barrows Hole Lane, the Parish Council responded with no objections.

8. To discuss the Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd. proposed offshore wind farm

Cllr I Harding and Cllr Fowler will continue to monitor the situation. Breckland Council is not getting involved at this stage of the operations.

9. To discuss playing field equipment bid – receive quotes and interest

There is now a moving contract in place and Mr Lake cuts twice a month during the growing season. He informs Cllr Richards when this occurs and the field is then checked. A good job is being carried out and the nets and matting around the kit are being looked after. Mr Brolly has carried out a good job painting and repairing the Jungle Gym Slide and 2 of the swing seats have been replaced. Cllr Richards sent him a ‘thank you’ note on behalf of the Parish Council. The equipment is looking good for the year ahead and more people appear to be using the field. If the full number of cuts per annum is not needed or not carried out, the Parish Council can deduct that amount from the overall cost under the Terms of the Contract.

Cllr Richards had submitted a letter of resignation from the Parish Council but she has agreed to monitor the playing field.

10. To discuss any Highways Matters

The Clerk will request an inspection is done by the Highways Rangers on the roads in the Parish as there is severe road side erosion and it needs dealing with. Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that Kettering Depot now covers the parish of Little Dunham.

11. To discuss the amenities area

There are some problematic brambles on the area but they will be dealt with.

12. To discuss the footpaths

The Parish Council thought they looked fantastic.

13. To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch Scheme

The new gun is detecting more speeders going up to 35 m.p.h. or more. It shows that there is a bigger problem than was originally thought. One and a half hours is the length of a session. The information that the SAM2 sign generates is very interesting. A lot of people are speeding out of the rush hours. Usually 20% of all vehicles are checked. It may be necessary to request more Enforcement presence in the future. There was some discussion as to whether it would or would not be useful to pass on the data to the Enforcement Officer. Cllr Stebbings will look into this suggestion.

14. To adopt the end of year accounts, Annual Return and Annual Governance

Cllr Stebbings proposed the end of year accounts, Annual Return and Annual Governance be adopted, seconded by Cllr Richards and carried.

15. To authorize any necessary financial payments

The Parish Council agreed to pay the necessary financial payments:-

NALC Subscription £105.24 Clerk's net salary April/May £197.60 HMRC tax £49.40
M P Dennis and Sons £132.00

To discuss Barclays Bank's compensation paid – it was decided not to pay the Clerk the compensation as Cllr Fowler is pursuing the problem through the Ombudsman.

16. To receive items for next agenda

There were no items requested.

17. To confirm date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday July 6th at 7.30 pm in the Hut.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Fowler declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending

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Chairman Date