

LITTLE DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2017 AT 7.30
P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HUT.

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

Others Present: 3 Electors, 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 apologies received from Cllr S Treavett and these were accepted.

Dist. Cllr E Gould also sent apologies for absence.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 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.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of May (not on the agenda).

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the Public Participation period.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the Parish Partnership is back and Parish Councils have until December to put in an application. The Parish Council pays 50% of the project cost and N.C.C. pay the other 50%. The items that meet the criteria are trods, SAM2 sped signs, and a few others. Cllr Stebbings asked about a defibrillator but that would not meet the criteria. Cllr Kiddle-Morris has been given a small grant, about £6,000.00 to use on the Parishes he works with, but he intends to concentrate on the small Parish Councils that do not receive a precept. The Ofsted Report on Children's Services is now not as bad as it could have been. N.C.C. is on the road to improvement with Children's Services and the problem is Resource based. The Government has given £35m to N.C.C. to spend on Adult Services. Another 50 social workers will hopefully be recruited. People are living longer so the social workers are necessary. He will investigate the cost of purchasing a defibrillator.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation period and resumed the meeting.

5. To receive an update regarding the Parish Councillor vacancy

The vacancy notice had been put on the notice board. Mr Malcolm Parker was interested in joining the Parish Council and he will be co-opted on in September.

6. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

- a. A copy of the Clerks & Councils magazine
- b. The RoSPA report
- c. A reply from Great Dunham Primary School regarding Governors
- d. Resignation letter from Mrs Hubbard

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2017/0685/VAR Brick Kiln Pightle, Barrows Hole Lane, boundary between Plot 1 and Plot 2 amended driveway to Plot 1, revised Plot 1 relocated 300mm to the east. The Parish Council had no comment to make.

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

The situation is being monitored and Cllr Fowler and Cllr I Harding will attend the workshop and information evening on 19th July.

9. To discuss any Highways Matters

The Highways Rangers are coming to the Parish shortly and they will be asked to trim around the 3 pairs of 30 M.P.H. signs and clean them. They should also do any necessary work to the 3 Village Signs.

10. To discuss the amenities area

The paths are clear. There are some brambles but that is because of the time of year. One or two trees might need trimming but this will be discussed at the November meeting.

There is a wasp/bee nest in the hut wall but it will be left alone for the time being.

11. To discuss the footpaths

Mr Richard Caley has got rid of the nettles on the Necton Road. Some cutting needs to be done on Charles Way. In the autumn a working party will be set up for some work that needs doing. The footpath from Barrows Hole Lane to Bluebell Wood is impassable. A resident's hedge needs cutting so they will need to be contacted.

12. To discuss the playing field

Tracy Richards still keeps an eye on the playing field. She reported that it has been mowed 3 times since the last meeting and is looking good. The bins have been emptied and she did some washing down. The bin had quite a large number of dog poo bags in it. The tree around the bin near the Necton Road end needs trimming and also the laurel hedge down Charles Way is getting a bit overgrown. The football nets are put back after mowing and the matting is being swept.

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

The team is carrying on the good work. The Enforcement Officer dealt with 13 people in June and they will be contacted. The new radar gun is working well. In the last 3 months 311 people were caught exceeding the speed limit. Cllr Stebbings intends to send Amy Lucas an email asking her to confirm that she is the Liaison Officer.

14. To authorize any necessary financial payments

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

Clerk's net salary June/July £197.60	HMRC tax June/July £49.40
Playsafety Ltd. £88.20	Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance £500.00
Internal Audit £70.00	

15. To receive items for next agenda

Progress on the removal of the BT Box

16. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday September 7th 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

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Date