

LITTLE DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Extraordinary Meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Little Downham, on Thursday, 11 December 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: CE Hall, in the chair, DJ Badcock, CM Frankland, EW Hall, M Oldfield, BL Taylor, AJ White and KO Winters.

Attendees: 5 Parishioners.

In the Chairman's absence, Cllr CE Hall (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting.

As a mark of respect the Council stood for a minute of silence for ex-councillor Mary MacCaulliffe who died in November.

APOLOGIES – Received from Cllrs DA Adams-Payne, RS Martin and RC Stacey, Dist. Cllrs A Bailey & A Gooode and County Cllr P Read.

144/08 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Cllr DJ Badcock declared a personal interest in item 146/08.1 because he was a friend of the applicant.

145/08 **TO ADJOURN MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

7.05pm Meeting adjourned - A parishioner spoke in favour of item 146/08.1.

7.06pm Meeting reconvened.

146/08 **PLANNING MATTERS**

1. To consider planning applications received:

1.1 **08/00985/FUL** Mr R Pettit, 56 Cannon Street, Lt Downham – Construction of new 2 storey dwelling – **Amendment** – A reduction in bulk of the proposed dwelling and detail of the proposed means of enclosure. Notification from ECDC informed that the application was being referred to the Delegated Review Panel on 15/12/08 for approval.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no concerns.

2. Planning correspondence

For information only:

2.1 ECDC - **Applications approved:** 08/00971/FUL

2.2 ECDC - **Appeal Decision:** Dismissed - Fence at 20 Ely Road, Lt Downham

147/08 **FINANCE**

1. To consider purchase of new public notice board at the village hall – This matter is being looked into by the Village Hall Committee.

2. To approve bills and other items for payment –

RESOLVED: To approve list of payments for cheque numbers 000471 to 000480 and direct debits for the total sum of £4808.79.

For information:

Unilateral Agreement Section 106 funding from Oak Farm Drive Development (Min.51/08) –

Due to a delay in receiving funds under the agreement, the Clerk informed that following negotiations over the past six months, ECDC had requested and approved revised quotations, agreed to reimburse the Parish Council for the new Little Downham play area railings and CCTV equipment project costs. The Clerk is currently waiting for a purchase order number from ECDC before engaging the approved contractors. As in normal practice, the Council will be required to pay the invoices and claim back the approved costs from ECDC.

148/08 **ECDC LDF SUBMISSION CORE STRATEGY – SITE ALLOCATIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGE REPRESENTATIONS (REGULATION 32) NOV. 2008**

1. To consider comment before consultation deadline 12th January 2009 – The Council commented as follows:

The Parish Council objects to the Submission Core Strategy Site Allocation and Boundary Change Representations for Little Downham and Pymoor in that it doesn't meet the needs of the Parish. It considers that the current status of infill development is not sustainable and unreasonable and that the planning authority has not considered the needs of the parish over the next 18 years.

From the greater aspect of rural parishes, the majority of proposals put forward in this document have been found unsound; this is considered detrimental and not beneficial to future rural sustainability of parishes. The Parish Council therefore considers the whole document to be unsound.

149/08 HIGHWAYS

1. To receive reply from Cambridgeshire County Council re Black Bank Road, Lt Downham (Min.139/08.2.4) – Mr Dighton (CCC Area Maintenance Engineer, East Highways Division) replied informing that:

1. In light of the accidents that have occurred on this road, he has asked Amanda Mays (CCC Road Safety Engineering Team) to look at the accident data held on her system and assess to determine the nature of any problems that might exist.
2. He has asked Mr Gowler (Area Supervisor) to attempt to contact the owners of properties with large conifers abutting the highway to ask that they could be removed. This will reduce the deformation of the carriageway in future.

The Council will await the reply from Amanda Mays.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

