Little Downham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 19:30 in Pymoor Social Club

Present: Councillors
D Parson (Chair)
M. Taylor K. Hills
G. Taylor J. Barker
R. Maxey P. Spofforth
O. Winters

In attendance: Kate Palmer (Clerk to the Council)

1	029/23	**To receive and accept Apologies for Absence:** (LGA 1972 s85 (1)) Cllrs Waters, Butcher and Martin – **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.
2	030/23	**To record any declarations of interest:** Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations) Cllr M Taylor – **Prejudicial** interest in planning application 23/00120/FUL Cllr G Taylor – **Personal** interest in planning application 23/00120/FUL
3	031/23	**Minutes of previous Meetings** LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41 - To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of February 2023. Cllr Maxey asked why the decision was made not to apply for an LHI for the entrance to Hurst Lane and a response was given. Cllr Winters asked for an amendment to the Minutes which the Clerk agreed to. **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes as presented and amended.
4	032/23	**Public Participation –** *To adjourn the meeting to hear from residents present to a maximum of 10 minutes and Councillors that have declared prejudicial interests, to address the meeting in relation to items on this agenda. Subsequently, the meeting may be interrupted at the Chairman's discretion for public comments relating to a specific item.* **None**
5	033/23	**Finance:** i) To approve the monthly payment schedule as presented. *A list will be sent nearer the meeting to ensure as many payments as possible are included to avoid delays*. **RESOLVED** to accept the payments as presented by the Clerk. ii) To consider a request for a grant from MAGPAS - **RESOLVED** to grant £500.
6	034/23	**Clerks Report** – The report was shared and any comments or responses that were requested were made.
7	035/23	**Planning Applications/Decisions/Appeals:** To consider and comment on new applications, amendments or appeals received. To note any decisions made or discuss any notice of pre-application stage proposals. **List attached.**
8	036/23	**Council Matters –** i) To give an update on the progress of the Warm Hub. **Noted.**

		ii) To give an update on the progress of the Book Café Manager. **Noted.** **iii)** CCC Consultation on Proposed 2023 revision of Local Validation List **RESOLVED** for Councillors to send any comments to the Clerk for submitting.
9	037/23	**Parish Council Land and Assets:** i) To update members on the insurance claim for the sports pavilion and review the quotes submitted. **Noted**. ii) To consider a proposal to adapt the pavilion to create a meeting room and admin space to use as a hire facility. **RESOLVED** to progress the idea subject to costs. iii) To consider hiring an architect to draw plans and consult with the necessary professionals to ensure adapting the pavilion is feasible. **RESOLVED** to appoint an architect to provide a draft plan for Members to consider. iv) To consider the tenders received for the resurfacing of the MUGA. Members considered the tenders that were gathered by the Consultants, SSL, and discussed the significant increase in costs to undertake the works to the ground and supply the base. **RESOLVED** to see if additional funding was available via the FA and seek their advice on the specification of works and associated costs. v) To consider and discuss the use of Pymoor Recreation Ground for hire by sports groups and managing bookings. **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to liaise with the Social Club about bookings to hire the pitch in line with the social club bookings/events. vi) To consider purchasing a mobile phone and SIM for the Book Café Manager to use. The Chairman advised there was a phone line in the Hall that could be utilised for the Book Café. The cost would be approximately £15-20pcm should the VH Committee agree. **RESOLVED** to use the VH landline subject to the VHC agreement and costs being less than a mobile phone bill. vii) To update Members on the current situation with the change of use application for Myles Meadow. The Clerk gave a brief update on the current issues with planning permission. Clerk to continue with the process as per ECDCs procedures and report back.
10	038/23	**Parish Matters** i) To consider the quote received for the replacement of the Pymoor Sign. **RESOLVED** to order the new sign as per the quote approved at the cost of £1,715.00+VAT and only order a new bracket at a maximum cost of £400.
11	039/23	**Highways Matters –** I) Consider a request for a loading bay outside the fish and chip shop. Members discussed the request and declined it on the basis that it can't be enforced and it sets a precedent for the road. **RESOLVED** not to support the request.
12	040/23	**Ouse Washes/IDB** - At a recent meeting there was a debate about drainage rates. Cllr M Taylor asked Members to agree to write a letter to the IDB inquiring if their pumping rates are adequate to protect the parish from flooding and confirm the capacity they have. Cllr Winters advised there were further issues raised at the meeting about the drains and pollution in the ditches and flailing around the ditches and culverts.
13	041/23	**Matters to Share or Inform the Next Meeting** Verbal only, no decisions can be made. **Cllr Parson –** Request from the VH to ask the Handyman to do some tasks.

		Cllr Winters – request to the IDB to stop flailing ditches.
14	042/23	**To confirm the date of the next Meeting** Full Council – 6th April 2023 – Pymoor Social Club, Pymoor. **Please see the website for meeting location details.** **www.littledownhamparishcouncil.gov.uk Press and Public Welcome**
15	043/23	**Close of Meeting –** Meeting closed at 21:30
		Minutes Approved by Council: Signed …… Dated ……

Planning Applications

22/01069/FUL – 8 Bury Green, Little Downham - Proposed two storey rear extension, garage conversion and internal alterations. - An amended plan/additional information has been received for this application. The amendment involves: 1. Revised plan to remove proposed render from existing elevations. **NO COMMENT**

23/00120/FUL - Land Northeast Of 1 Seventh Drove Little Downham - Demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of detached dwelling and garage. Change of use of agricultural land. ***Cllr M Taylor left the room during the discussions.* **SUPPORT**

23/00208/TRE – 93 Main Street, Little Downham - T1 Walnut - Crown reduce by 1.5m
T2 Beech - Crown reduce by 1.5m. **NO COMMENT**

20/00800/DISB – California House, California, Little Downham – To discharge Condition 15 and 18 of decision 20/00800/FUL dated 17/08/2020 for proposed construction of a detached family dwelling and associated works in conjunction with previously approved application 19/01512/OUT. **NO COMMENT**

23/00244/FUL - The Yard, High Road, Little Downham - Erection of agricultural building Dutch barn type for storage/cover of agricultural products/equipment. **NO COMMENT**

Planning Decisions

22/01262/VA - 5 Third Drove Little Downham - To vary Conditions 1 (Approved plans), 7 (soft landscape works), 8 (boundary treatments), and 13 (biodiversity improvements) of previously approved 20/01416/VAR To vary Condition 1 (Approved drawings) of previously approved 20/00745/FUL for construction of replacement dwelling and garage. **APPROVED**

22/01310/FUL - Black Bank Business Centre Black Bank Road Little Downham - Change of use of land to commercial self-storage including siting and use of self-storage containers; siting and use of mobile structures associated with existing Business Centre activities; associated works. Proposed landscaping works (Retrospective) **REFUSED**

22/01365/FUL - Land Northeast Of 11 Black Bank Road Little Downham - Siting and use of five container units as office and associated works. **REFUSED**

22/01441/FUL - Unit 1 Black Bank Road Little Downham - Erection and use of building for sake brewery (retrospective) – **REFUSED**

23/00066/TRE - Willoughby House 102 Main Street Little Downham - T1 Cherry Plum - Fell and re plant - The tree has substantial Cushion Bracket with numerous boughs snapped out in the past T2

Willow - Re pollard to previous pollard points @ 25ft to maintain size T3 Walnut - Fell - The tree is weak due to numerous cavities. **GRANTED**