

# Dedham

Parish Council

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**Present:** In the Chair Cllr. R. Laverick

Councillors R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, B. Hindley, A. Stock, S. White

Ward Cllr. C. Garnett

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

Electors 9

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from Cllr. Dempsey.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved.
3. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Cllr. Garnett mentioned several outstanding matters which included new dog bins, village broadband, Localism Bill and school parking. All these items were in the pipeline and hopefully were being progressed. Potholes along The Drift had been filled in although they appeared to be only temporary repairs.

Cllr. Garnett thanked members of the present Parish Council, and indeed previous councils, for their help and support during his time of office as Ward Councillor and wished them every success in the forthcoming elections. In response Cllr. Laverick said how much Cllr. Garnett's work had been appreciated over many years and his efforts for and on behalf of Dedham and its residents had been unstinting. His depth of knowledge and wealth of experience of Council matters had been of great benefit to us all and will be hard to replicate. All present wished him well for the future.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Parish Council Open Morning Members felt that this had been a worthwhile event and several persons interested in finding out more about parish councils attended. As a result we now have 10 nominations for 9 councillors and therefore an election will take place.

(b) Duchy Barn Shed This is now almost completed with some electrics/wiring to be finished. The builder, Peter Gibbins, has at his own expense, put cast iron guttering on the front of the building and Cllr. Mrs. Cannon intended to write a letter of thanks for his work and generosity. There will be an official “opening” on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2012 to which all councillors are invited. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon mentioned that the Guides were looking for somewhere to house camping equipment and wondered if space could be made available in the shed. It was pointed out that this could be a considerable amount of gear taking up more space than expected and further details would be required.

(c) Royal Square Cllr. Cannon had obtained some rough costings in respect of re-surfacing The Drift (£5,000/£5,500 and Royal Square (£11,000/£12,000). A proposal by Cllr. Cannon that a letter should be sent to CBC requesting that 106 funds be earmarked for such proposed work was seconded by Cllr. Laverick with all in favour.

(d) Parking Area – Sports Club There was still no response from the cricket club in respect of suggested improvement to the parking area outside the sports pavilion. It was agreed that as the better weather was approaching the matter could be left until the autumn.

(e) Offensive language on playing field The Chairman of the Sports Club acknowledged Cllr. Laverick’s letter of complaint about the foul and abusive language which seems to be endemic on the football pitch. He will show a copy of the letter to the match referees for the home and opposition teams and send a copy to the Essex F.A. and The Essex & Suffolk Border League.

(f) Other items from previous Minutes The nuisance of microlites flying over Dedham and Stratford St. Mary is still being investigated by Babergh. It has been suggested that the landowner might respond to a personal approach and Cllr. Laverick was happy to make contact with Mr. Barry to discuss the matter.

Cllr. White gave an update on the problem of bad odours in the High Street.. Gas levels in the system have been monitored and a second survey of the sewage network is ongoing. Results are with Anglian Water and EHO and will be an agenda item for next month’s meeting.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY Vehicles are using Footpath 18 which is illegal and is part of the ongoing problems with land at the rear of Brook Street.

6. PARISH PLAN To come.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dedham Horticultural Society request permission to use Royal Square for their annual plant sale to be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, (8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.). There were no objections to this.

(b) DV Community Health Centre The Directors of DVHC advised

that the sum of £921.73, the balance left at the time of the winding-up of the Dedham Village Association, has been used to help purchase an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor which is urgently needed to enhance the service to patients that Ardleigh Surgery always offers.

(c) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations The organisers of the Dedham celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee have asked for help with funding, particularly with regard to the overall cost of the fireworks. It was proposed by Cllr. Laverick, seconded by Cllr. Cannon, with 6 for and 1 abstention THAT the sum of £250 be donated towards the cost of the village celebrations.

(d) Choral Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral An invitation to attend Choral Evensong, 6 p.m. at Chelmsford Cathedral, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has been received and any member wishing to attend should contact the clerk before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

8. REPORT OF PCSO In the absence of PCSO Hibben there was no report. A written report has been received since the meeting. information.)

Cllr. Hindley and Cllr. Laverick have had discussions with the authority with a view to using PCSO Hibben's late duty hours in a more advantageous way. It has been agreed that for a trial period the late shift will be from 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. (instead of 4 p.m. to midnight) except for when that duty falls on a Friday or Saturday (or special occasions /events) when the late hours will revert to 4 p.m. to midnight.

9. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA/SPORTS FIELD Cllr. White reported that a substantial number of stiles are being removed or replaced with a gate or kissing gate in order to make footpaths more accessible. Cllr. White will write an account for the parish magazine as to which footpaths within the village are to be removed, replaced or gated. Replacement of broken fingerposts is in hand.

CCTV is now operating in the play area and Cllr. Laverick will modify the notice which appears on the gate. The new locking posts are in place and keys distributed to the Sports Club, Cllr. Mrs. Cannon and the clerk. Thanks are due to Cllr. Cannon for undertaking this onerous task.

10. ACCOUNTS It was unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:-

£

A.P. Hodson – Hours worked in March  
187.50

Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter  
210.00

Essex Police Authority

4,030.00

Hewes Security (CCTV)

405.60

CBC – Electricity cost

234.58

CALC subs

35.00

Sports Club – Annual grass cutting

1,400.00

Hire of Duchy Barn

10.00

Meika Ltd – Composter (A.A.)

264.45

Mr. Trimmit

275.00

EPFA – Best Kept Playing Field Competition

10.00

**Income: 106 funding for CCTV - £330.00**

11. PLANNING The Planning sub-Committee has dealt with the following applications:

COL/0508 1 and 2 Rose Cottages, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Extension, alteration and improvements.

Comments: Recommend refusal.

COL/04997 Salmons Farm, Long Road East, Dedham.

Proposed garage block.

Comments: Recommend approval only if conditions can be met.

COL/0534 Maytree Bungalow, Crown Street, Dedham.

Removal of condition 7 on 102074

Comments: Recommend refusal.

COL/0584 Rusty Tiles, Coggeshall Road, Dedham.

One and half storey detached dwelling.

Comments: Recommend approval only if conditions can be met.

COL/0424 Farthings, High Street, Dedham.

Conservatory/garden room.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/0592 The Octagon, Mill Lane, Dedham.

Single storey extension.

Comments: Recommend approval.

**The following applications have been approved//refused/withdrawn.**

COL 2475/2476 Mulberry House, Gun Hill, Dedham.

Two storey side extension with Dormer windows.

COL/2418 Swanston Cottage, High Street, Dedham.

Proposed side chimney stack.

COL/0541/1543 Lower Park, Colchester Road, Dedham.

Change of use to equestrian.

COL/2437 Shelley Glebe Barn, Grove Hill, Dedham.

Replacement barn.

COL/0285 The Limes, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Detached garage.

COL/0210 Rainsford, Monks Lane, Dedham.

New pitched roof to replace flat roof garage.

COL/1529 Barratts Farm, East Lane, Dedham.

Training Centre for horses.

**funding** through DVSV available for projects in small rural areas. This could be of use to Dedham.. With the **forthcoming elections** in mind Cllr. Laverick felt that those nominated might not be particularly well known to the electorate and that brief information about those standing, possibly with a photograph, should be posted on the village notice boards and website.. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Laverick should produce a suitable document. RCCE has produced a report on the **Housing Needs Survey** and information passed to all members. This is a detailed document which members will study, but it would appear that the findings show further affordable housing needs in Dedham over the next ten years to be one 3-bed. house.

The appearance of shop “**information boards**” and other items on the footpath is increasing within the High Street and complaints of obstruction have been received. Cllr. Mrs.Cannon has already spoken with CBC and the matter is being followed up.

After many years of service Cllr. Appleby is not seeking re-election on this occasion. but he wished to record his thanks to all members for their help and support, particularly in recent times. He wished all members well for the future.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, at 7 p.m. This will be followed by the Parish Assembly at 8 p.m.**

In closing the meeting at 9.10 p.m..Chairman, Cllr. Laverick, thanked Council members for their hard work and support and felt that much had been achieved during the past four years. All present agreed and expressed their appreciation of strong leadership from the Chair.

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