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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at The Duchy Barn on Monday 10th February 2014

Meeting open at 19.30

Present:

Chair: Cllr S Beeton

Councillors: Cllr P Gibbins, Cllr N Baker, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr T Regan, Cllr S Vinter, Cllr C Clark Cllr Anne Follows

Clerk: Mrs Emma Cansdale

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Clark as Chair of Dedham Sports Club

3. Minutes

IT WAS RESOLVED that Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Update on items from last meeting

Everything covered in other agenda items.

5. Have Your Say part 1

Rubbish from ditch clearing has been left on the side of Birchwood Rd.- Cllr Clark had also noticed this and has asked the CBC zone wardens if they could clear it.

6. Accounts

a) Cheques approved and then signed by Cllr Regan and Cllr Beeton

Clerks Salary February + additional hours 2013/14 £517.00

Dedham PCC- Duchy Barn hire January £15.00

Mr Trimmitt- Brook St hedge £280

Hewes Security- cctv service £155.88

I Hindley- litter picking £504.00

7. Report from PCSO

PCSO was not in attendance, but advised there had not been any incidents in the last month. He also advised DPC would still receive a monthly crime report once the PCSO contract ceases.

8. Report from County Councillor

County Cllr Anne Brown was not in attendance but has spoken with the clerk regarding a number of drainage issues.

9. Reports from representatives *For full reports, please see appendix (a)

Sports field -Cllr Hughes

Cllr Gibbins reported that the hedge encroaching the play area has still not been cut. He will approach the landowner once more before an official letter is sent asking the hedge to be cut back.

Cllr Clark reported on the 'Dedham Sports Festival', to take place at the end of June. DPC have asked the organisers to put something in writing regarding permission to use the playing field, which will enable the clerk to formally respond covering issues such as risk assessments and emergency access.

Communications Group - Cllr Taylor

Nothing to report, however a broadband 'current situation' will be in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

Media and Public Relations - Cllr Hughes
Dates of future meetings- see appendix b

Community Safety and Infrastructure Group-Cllr Vinter *
Full report appendix a

Footpath and Tree Group- Cllr Beeton:

Moving forward with the footpath clearance at the back of Forge St. Cllr Beeton, Cllr Follows and the clerk to continue to action.

Tree Warden- Cllr Baker:

Cllr Baker reported that CBC declined to carry out the tree survey, but she would obtain quotes from other specialists and report back.

Dedham Primary School- Cllr Regan

Nothing to report.

Emergency Co-ordinator- Cllr Clark

The clerk will circulate the emergency plan with the new councillor details included, but is attending an emergency planning workshop, so the plan may be amended.

Car Park working party -Cllr Beeton

Proposal to approve the strategic objectives proposed by the working group.
Following discussion, the Strategic Responses were proposed by Cllr Taylor, and agreed unanimously.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT DPC approve the Strategic Objectives drawn up by the working party.

A substantive item on the car parking will now appear on the March agenda, following a delay in receiving responses from CBC.

Bus Review and Environmental Work- Cllr Follows

Cllr Follows reported that ECC are working on a strategy which will be presented in June. As the bus tender comes up in May for Dedham we will be advised of the strategy before the tender goes out.

10. Planning Group

Cllr Regan reported on the following:

140049 - Rose Cottage, Stratford Road- Removal of two pine trees and replacement with mulberry trees
Recommendation no objection.

140360 - Westfield Croft, The Heath- Erection of a cartlodge to front of property
Recommendation refusal

140047-Stratford Place, Stratford Road. Demolish single storey conservatory and lean-to; erect two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.
Recommendation no objection, although would prefer to see the lean-to constructed on the east side of the property instead of the west.

140463- 14 Kiln Cottages, Crown Street, Colchester CO7 6AU. Build two storey side extension & ground floor rear extension. Recommendation no objection.

All recommendations agreed unanimously.

Cllr Regan to report back to TDC regarding the Tendring Local Plan.

11. Report from Borough Councillor

Cllr Mark Cable reported on the Planning Application 140047 which he will call in following an objection from a resident. He also reported on the following: flood drop in sessions; the dog mess by the school which has been sorted by the rangers; and fly tipping on Birchwood Rd.

12. Report on War Memorial- Cllr Baker

Cllr Baker presented her report, and following discussions it was agreed that she would look into the costs of an octagonal 2 piece planter to go around the war memorial.

It was also agreed that cleaning the memorial by hand was the best option. Cllr Baker will look into the Diocesan Centenary Challenge to see if we could get some help.

13. Report on potential roundabout move- Cllr Clark

Cllr Gibbins gave a verbal report on the condition of the roundabout, particularly the base. To keep it at its current location it will cost approx. £2000 for the new base. To move it will cost approx. £3000. Cllr Gibbins checked with ROSPA, and they have said they will come out and check it once it has been moved, and approve it. To look into grants and possibly S106 money. DPC to receive a proposal next month.

It was also suggested to write to Dedham, Massachusetts (who donated the roundabout with other equipment) and let them know we still have the roundabout and we are planning to move it.

14. Grant Approval Process

DPC to consider and approve the revised grant application approval process- Report from Cllr Taylor (*) Following a discussion, Cllr Beeton proposed DPC approve the grants approval process, seconded by Cllr Regan, agreed unanimously.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT DPC approve the grants approval process as set out by Councillor Taylor

15. Proposal to use Bland Landscape Ltd to cut back the trees on the Duchy Field, at a cost of £480.00

Following a brief discussion Cllr Hughes proposed the use of Bland Landscapes for the tree work quoted for on the Duchy Field, seconded by Cllr Regan, agreed unanimously.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT DPC would ask Bland Landscapes to cut back the trees as quoted.

16. Correspondence

CBC have asked if Dedham could provide a recycling sundries point. More information required, to report back next month.

17. Have your say part 2

A resident suggested that the free parking period in the car park should be one hour longer than the free period on the High St, to encourage visitors to use the car park.

The residents also asked what does the maintenance cover- DPC reported that they had been unable to get a detail financial breakdown from CBC.

18. Matters for information

Cllr Baker and the clerk will be attending an invasive species event on 12th February.

The press have contacted the clerk over the 'disappearance' of the ducks from the Mill Pond. Most likely that they have moved to one of the nearby flooded fields.

19. Date and Time of next meeting

10th March 2014, 7.30pm

Appendix a

Community Safety and Infrastructure Group-Cllr Vinter:

NAP: Future meetings to be set for Tuesday's at 2pm. SV cannot attend as working. Has asked Ray Medlar to attend.

Highways: Main issues- drainage and flooding. A number of sites are flooding due to blocked ditches. EC working on identifying landowners and asking them to clear the ditches. Also asking ECC Highways to cut grips.

Potholes on Southfields. EC to report to ECC.

Transport: Nothing to report at present. Next transport meeting (ECC) is Tuesday 25th March, 10.20.

Neighbourhood Watch: BH suggested this needs to be 'resurrected' particularly in light of the end of the PCSO contract. EC gave details of the PCC New Initiatives Fund, who are giving grants, and suggested DPC/NHW could use some money to resurrect NHW, through new materials and marketing.

EC to put together a draft application and circulate for comment.

Community Speed Watch: SV and Roy Laverick spent the morning of the 5th Feb out with the speed gun. Caught several speeders, and acted as a good deterrent. The police have also been in the village within the last fortnight. EC to see if Wix have anyone that want to be trained, that could be trained with the remaining volunteers from Dedham.

Appendix b

Future meeting dates:

2014

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th

June. 2nd

July. 7th

Nothing in August

Sept. 1st

Oct. 6th

Nov. 3rd

Dec. 1st

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Jan 5th

Feb 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th