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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.00pm

THESE DRAFT MINUTES SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL, 30 APRIL 2021

1. Apologies for absence

ECC Cllr Anne Brown was unable to join the meeting for technical reasons.
Clerk Jayne Cole.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Herbert and Meakin declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Long Road West/ East and Ardleigh Road.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 01.03.2021 were accepted as a true record.

4. Have your say.

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

CBC Cllr Chapman hopes to establish a cross-parish traffic initiative. He thanked all Parish Councillors for their work, especially the Chair, Cllr Taylor.

Post meeting note: ECC Cllr Brown wishes to thank members of the Parish Council for their support during her twelve years as a County Councillor.

5. Update on items from last meeting, not reported separately and other updates and reports.

- Flooding Shoebridge Hill. ECC have undertaken investigative work which has identified a defective pipe. We await information on further action to be taken.
- Parking Lamb Corner. NEPP has erected 'no parking' signs which appear to have been removed. This will be reported.

- Children's play equipment. The 'noughts and crosses' game has been installed to replace the defective 'Simon Says.'
- Car park. There are no plans to extend the Mill Lane car park at present.

6. Accounts

The accounts were noted and the payments agreed. Proposed; Cllr Herbert, seconded; Cllr Meakin.

7. Planning Advisory Group

A) The following recommendations were agreed.

210782/210783 Brook Farm House, Grove Hill, Dedham CO7 6DT : Work on downstairs shower room and proposal to move boiler outside. Listed building. No Comment.

210723 Shermans House, High St, Dedham, CO7 6DE: Tree work. No Comment

210852: Dedham House, High St, Dedham, CO7 6HJ. Work on the garage replacing some doors with glazed windows and doors.

Listed building, no comment.

B) Decisions taken by CBC this month:

210723 / 210295 / 210274 / 210120

8. Policy documents and Standing Orders review

In the absence of the Clerk it was agreed to defer the annual review of DPC's policy documents until the next meeting.

9. B1029 update

Cllr Taylor reported that the Stratford St Mary Parish Clerk is awaiting diagrams showing the proposed extension to the yellow lines, but that they have been programmed for completion during May 2021.

10. Drift project and Royal Square future plans

The draft Royal Square scheme was presented for information only. The next Parish Council will determine whether to take this scheme forward.

Brooks & Wood has been appointed to undertake the works on the Drift and will start on site in early May.

11. Appointment of Clerk

Cllr Taylor reported that the Personnel Committee has appointed Jayne Cole to the post of Parish Clerk. She is an experienced Clerk and will be an asset to DPC.

Cllr Taylor thanked all Councillors for their service and particularly our 'Webmaster' John Goldsborough who provides such valuable support to the Parish Council.

There were also thanks to retiring Councillors expressed by regular attendees.

The following items were taken in closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

12. Handover to the new Clerk

Remuneration details were agreed to ensure an orderly handover from our previous Clerk.

It was noted that budgetary provision will need to be made for contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme for our new Clerk.

13. Contingency fund for the Drift Project.

Following presentation of unavoidable additional costs by Cllr Smith, it was agreed that the contingency fund can be reduced from 15% to 10%.

Date and Time of the next meeting will be determined by the new Council but must be held within 14 days of the elections on May 6th.

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