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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 11th January 2021

21.001. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ann Follows

Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman

21.002. Declaration of Interest. Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interests not already declared.

Cllr Meakin and Cllr Herbert- non pecuniary item 21.013

21.003. Minutes

Minutes of meeting dated 07.12.2020 were accepted as a correct record.

21.004. Have Your Say.

Maximum of 3 minutes per person/group to make representations to the Parish Council, to a total of 15mins

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman. Ward Councillor provided the following report:

- *Part 1 of the Local Plan will go to full Council on 1st February the agenda and full details for that will be published on 22nd January*
- *The Council's budget meeting is on 24th February, the details having been agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 27th January, with details available on 18th January.*
- *Natural England is undertaking a Countryside Code refresh and would like your views on what the new version should include. If anyone would like to contribute please fill in and/or share this online survey https://defragroup.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9sosQ0YlnPyfv3T*
- *There is also a survey available from 'Transport East', which is the sub national body looking at a 30 year vision for transport in Norfolk, Suffolk and all of Essex. I believe it has been sent to parish councils but if not let me know and I'll send the details. I think it is important that the view of our part of Colchester is included as I suspect it won't be the same as all points south!*

Report from Cllr Anne Brown. Essex County Councillor.

Cllr Brown reported the following:

Stratford Rd, where it meets the High Street. Water off the National Trust field is causing a major hazard. **Action:**

AB/EC to pick up the investigation.

Mill Lane drains are blocked. Drain cleaning has been requested for this section, and Colchester Rd/Ardleigh rd/Shoebridge Hill

Mill Lane bridge- the paint is peeling off the rail already. **Action: KT/EC**

Southfields- potholes are getting bigger. **Action: AB/EC**

Meeting with Cllr Kevin Bentley regarding traffic hotspots. Pre-meet with Cllr Herbert to discuss how to approach the meeting is required. **Action: JH/AB**

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

- Legal Challenge from Dedham Vale Society regarding lighting scheme. Cllr Taylor, finally have a response from Essex Legal Services ready to go the DVS solicitor.
- Gate at the DPC boundary on the playing field leading to the rear of Frog Meadow. Cllr Frost/clerk . Andy Slcombe will be installing the gate on the playing field.
- Highways and environmental issues-clerk. We are continuing to with Highways and CBC on a number of outstanding issues, including damaged signage, damage caused by TG RAM, drainage and leaf litter.

- COVID 19 update-. Updates will be posted on the website and Facebook as necessary. To keep up to date with the relevant information visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support) The Dedham and Ardleigh Helpline is up and running. Call 01206 322025.
- Parking restrictions: Stratford St Mary will be discussing the parking restrictions on Dedham Rd/Mill Lane at their meeting this evening.
- Councillors to watch out for spam emails coming through, especially those that appear to be from your own email address.

21.006. Accounts

To receive accounts and agree payments **

Proposed: Cllr Baker
Seconded: Cllr Meakin
Agreed by all

21.007. Precept and Budget

It was resolved to set the precept for 2021/2022 at £41,225.

Proposed: Cllr Herbert
Seconded: Cllr Baker
Agreed by all

21.008. Planning Advisory Group. Cllr Jonathan Smith.

a) To make recommendations on the following applications:

202883 Shelley Glebe Barn, Grove Hill, Dedham Colchester CO7 6DT
 Conversion and alteration of existing barn to form detached dwelling
Will review next month.

202504 The Hamptons, Coggeshall Road, Dedham Colchester CO7 6ET
 Single storey rear extension forming living/dining room, single storey side extension forming a garden store and minor changes to existing external finishes.
Discussed last month.

202823 Shell Birchwood, Ipswich Road, Dedham Colchester CO7 6HU
 Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission of approved application 182811
 Effectively redevelopment of existing garage to provide new garage building and canopy with revised carpark layout
 Revised design assumed to follow spirit of existing design which was approved .
Recommendation: Assuming CBC will consider changes are in line with current permissions , no further comment from DPC

202807 - Wyvern House, Crown Street, Dedham Colchester CO7 6AG
 Conifer (T1) - Reduce sides and top by 2 metres.
Recommendation: Tree work which will be dealt with by tree officer and therefore propose no comment

202844 Rosemary, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham Colchester CO7 6DR
 Single storey extensions and alterations to existing dwelling (following demolition of existing), conversion of existing outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation/studio, alteration to existing vehicular access
Recommendation: No objection , with a recommendation that the separate garage conversion shall not be occupied other than for purposes ancillary to residential use

Proposed: Cllr Smith
Agreed by all

a) Notable Planning Decisions issued by CBC this month.

201842 The Nurseries Long Road

Further drawing submitted showing position of existing trees on boundary , maybe to indicate level of existing screening.

Conditional approval now given with one condition being that the building shall not be occupied or used at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling.

20.009. Lighting and Drift Project

Full report and documents from Cllr Smith is available on the website.

Tenders to be received by 31st January 2021.

Comments raised by councillors:

SB- Concerned about the tender spec. Complex for people to bid against. Now parts of the contract include some of the Drift work. Will they let individual contracts, or one as a whole?

JS- all contractors are capable of doing all the work. Not multiple contracts.

SB- A lot of work on this, but surprised the group are now changing the bollard.

KT- It has been complex, Jonathan and the group have been working very hard on it. They have not been changing their mind, but when they were actually seen at Stowupland, they did not feel the original bollards were visually appropriate for the location. The lighting impact was however excellent, meeting the dark skies guidelines. It is a difficult balance of dark skies, environmental impact and the number of lights. Disappointing, but the right thing to do.

SB- How far down The Drift does the surfacing goes. Be good to go to the play area.

JS- It is shown on the tender document. Approximately to the start of the toilet block

KT- If we wanted to adjust the length, we can.

Contractors are aware that the surfacing work may not be done yet, or at all, but the lighting will be done.

KT- Can councillors look at the documents that have been circulated, prior to receiving the tenders back.

A report on the project (lighting, The Drift and Royal Square) will be sent to Simon Amstutz, AONB

JS- Still looking at a scheme design for Royal Square. This will be passed on to the next council.

20.010. Lamb Corner

To report the ongoing issues at Lamb Corner, regarding the inconsiderate parking, which is obscuring the junction sightlines, blocking pedestrian access and destroying the verge.

DPC are trying to establish who owns the land. Cllr Brown asked ECC, to confirm they own it. They supplied the incorrect information, so they have been approached again.

Currently TG RAM are using the piece of land for welfare.

20.011. Upcoming election

To note the upcoming Parish Council elections in May. Anyone who is interested in standing or finding more out about the Parish Council can contact any councillor or the clerk. There is an expectation that many existing Councillors will be standing down and without new candidates, Dedham could be without a functioning local Parish Council. An article explaining the detail will be published shortly in the parish magazine and website.

21.012. Correspondence. Clerk

21.013 Matters of continuing reference

Long road West/East/Ardleigh Rd traffic issues.

BT manhole cover leaking again!!!

Date and Time of the next meeting. Monday 1st February 2021, 7pm. Residents should be aware that this date may change to accommodate the Council debate and decision on the lighting and Drift project.

Forthcoming events

N/A

** reports available from the clerk

Meeting closed 8pm.

