

Dedham Parish Council

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Minutes of Full Council Meeting 5th July 2021 6.30pm Duchy Barn, Dedham

Present: Cllrs Jonathan Smith, Gill Neville, Stephen Mole, Paul Harrison, Terry Haines, Sheila Beeton, Emily James, Sandra Williams.

Also Present: Clerk, Jayne Cole, CDC Cllr Lewis Barber and four members of the public

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr Jonathan Smith welcomed everyone to the Meeting and invited those around the table to introduce themselves to the attending public and Cllr Lewis Barber.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received and accepted for Cllr Ann Fletcher.

3. Declaration of Interest.

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

Cllr Johnathan Smith declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 211546

Cllr Paul Harrison declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 211414 & 211415

4. Minutes

Acceptance of minutes of the Meeting of May 24th 2021.

The Minutes were approved.

5. Have Your Say

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

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman, Ward Councillor ~ sent apologies

Report from Cllr Lewis Barber Essex County Council

A resident raised concerns regarding a planning application at Saunders Field, there is no pathway and it is hazardous for members of the public and dangerous for children. It is noted that there have been twelve objections submitted to

the Planning Authority. Cllr Smith stated that the Council were logging any issues and incidents that come in and will produce a log at its monthly Meetings for discussion and updates from each Working Group.

Cllr Barber ECC introduced himself to the meeting and informed the Council that Highways had offered Officer Support to help address issues raised in Dedham and Ardleigh. A meeting had been held with Suffolk County Council to formulate some proposals for Fen Bridge. This includes a proposal to remove the bridge and replace it, time scales had yet to be put forward but it was hoped it would commence very shortly. It was noted that the bridge is now closed and that the river is only navigational to that point.

Cllr Lewis would keep the Council informed of developments.

6. To approve the Annual Return and note the Internal Auditors report

Deferred to next meeting

7. To approve the Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Council adopted the updated Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, The Finance, Standards and Procedures Working Group for further refinements.

8. To pass a resolution to adopt the General Power of Competence

The Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

9. To agree dates for Councillor Training

Dates to be circulated. The Council can choose inhouse training and EALC courses. It was noted that EALC Courses offered the opportunity to mix with Councillors from other Councils.

10. To note the new Working Group Structure and to receive a report from each WG Chairman

For the purpose of this meeting the members of each working group are also listed.

1. Finance, Standards and Procedures

Paul Harrison (Chair)
Terry Haines
Steve Mole
Jonathan Smith
Jayne Cole (RFO)

A meeting would be taking place shortly.

2. Infrastructure and Asset Maintenance

Steve Mole (Chair)
Shiela Beeton
Anne Fletcher
Emily James\Sandra Williams

A report from Cllr Steve Mole is appended to the minutes.

It was also reported that there is a new 'Woodland' Project being promoted by CBC providing native English trees to plant in Parishes and the Working Group wished to take this forward, The School would also be involved. Trees would be available from October. The Art Centre Defibrillator requires servicing, it would be investigated when this should take place and the last time it had been serviced.

3. Planning and Traffic

Gill Neville (Chair)
Terry Haines
Paul Harrison
Steve Mole
Jonathan Smith

Cllr Gill Neville stated that speeding and volume of traffic are of concern. It was suggested that an integrated scheme could be produced for Dedham. Essex Highways had been approached for assistance but they had appeared to be reluctant to be involved. It was put forward that to address this the Working Group would put forward a local highways

plan, support Speed Watch and collect data sets. Councillors suggested it might be helpful to have a average speed camera and to look to Suffolk for ideas. It was further suggested that it would be a good idea to work with surrounding parishes to address areas relating to common issues with traffic together.

4. Community Liaison

Sheila Beeton (Chair)
Emily James
Gill Neville
Sandra Williams

The Working Group has been developing a relationship with the Sports Club and a representative would be attending the AGM. It was noted that there was a need to develop a relationship with stakeholders around health and wellbeing. Cllr Sandra Williams will lead on this assisted by Cllr Sheila Beeton. This would also include building a relationship with the local bus company. Cllrs Gill Neville and Emily James would be helping as and when they can.

5. Business, Tourism and Media

Jonathan Smith (Chair)
Anne Fletcher
Terry Haines
Gill Neville
Sandra Williams

Cllr Johnathan Smith and Gill Neville had attended a meeting with North Essex Parking Partnership to discuss parking issues and possible solutions going forward. It was hoped that Councillors will be able to attend another meeting to discuss the current arrangements going forward. It was noted that future income could help fund a warden and/or a public toilet. It was noted that the arrangement in place with NEPP only lasts for two years and the Council will be looking into extending this over a longer period. There are issues regarding the river bank including litter that needed to be addressed. Cllr Barber ECC, offered to speak to his counter parts on Suffolk CC. There has been a request from a business to trade on Royal Square. It was felt that as this would be contra to the Councils Street Trading Policy as it would be in direct competition with an established business in the village that it be refused. There were other businesses street trading in Dedham that had yet to approach the Council. The Council is liaising with CBC to address this matter.

6. Special Projects

Jonathan Smith (Chair)
Sheila Beeton
Anne Fletcher
Emily James
Other members may be co-opted as necessary

Cllr Johnathan Smith gave a brief update on the Drift and it was noted that the transition path between Duchy Barn and the new pathway required attention. It was agreed that this would be addressed.

11. Planning Applications

211414/211415 Knights, Manor East Lane, single storey extension. . Cllr Jonathan Smith, declared a pecuniary interest and left the building. The Council had no objections.

Cllr Jonathan Smith returned to take his seat at the table.

211546 The Ranch, Long Rd, single storey garden tool shed and summerhouse. Cllr Paul Harrison, declared a pecuniary interest and left the building. The Council had no objections.

211452 Saddlers Cottage, The Heath, two storey rear extension and replacement outbuilding. The Council had no objections.

211611 Upper Park Coles, Oak Lane, Proposed Swimming Pool. The Council had no objections.

211625/211626 Winterflood Houe, Anchor Lane, Listed building replacement of outbuilding. The Council had no objections.

211628 3 Brook Cottages, Broo St, Plum reduce by 1.5m. The Council had no objections.

211657 Little Oaks, Long Road West, Proposed Garden Room and alterations to existing dwelling. The Council had no objection.

211588 Crown House, Crown St, new detached dwelling with detached garage and new access from Southfields. The Council objected to the application as the dwelling would be build on land outside of the development envelope, known as an exception site. The Council could not see any justification to construct a dwelling on an exception site. It was also noted that there had been fourteen objections submitted to CBC and strong objections had been raised by concerned members of the public. It was noted that there remains a need for smaller family properties as per village design statement and plan. It was also pointed out that there are no footpaths which would be dangerous during the construction phase.

211599 Le Maisonette, Talbooth, Stratford Road, Extension and alteration to the existing pool house building with a new free standing office pod. The Council had no objections.

211714 8 Dedham Meade, part single, part double extension with construction of a new entrance canopy. The Council had no objection.

211743 Earlings, Long Rd East, retaining fencing as currently no boundary fence in place. The Council had no objections.

12. To agree a contribution of £100 for litter picking equipment for Colchester Litter Pickers

The Council agreed to make £100 contribution and thanked Colchester Litter Pickers for their hard work.

13. To agree to an application to pay for works at the Drift

The Council agreed to meet the invoice for the works at the Drift £20,298.21

14. To agree expenditure detailed on the finance document appendix (b)

The Council agreed the expenditure for July.

Date and Time of the next meeting:

9 August 2021 6.30pm

Signed: Cllr Jonathan Smith, Chairman