

## Dedham Parish Council

**Sports Club:** Work to create a ramp and veranda on the front of the Sports Club building is now complete. The club hopes to hold an event in the near future so that residents can find out more about the wide range of different sports which can be accessed via the Dedham Sports Club.

**Lighting:** The Parish Council has been considering the issue of lighting in the village. This is a topic about which residents feel strongly. The Parish Council recognise that Dedham is a rural village and that it would not be appropriate to suggest wholesale lighting of our village. However, it is also important to consider the safety of residents moving about the village on foot in the dark. It is planned to hold a public consultation on Thursday 9 May between 2pm and 4 pm and between 6pm and 8pm. Full details of options for supplementing existing lighting will be presented at the event. The consultation will be held at Dedham Sports Club, Southfields.

**Play equipment:** The Parish Council is considering supplementing the existing play equipment on the playing field with additional equipment for older children. To view our ideas please come along to the consultation event, to be held on Thursday 9 May in conjunction with the lighting consultation event detailed above.

**Retirement news:** At its April meeting DPC noted the imminent retirement of its Assistant Clerk, Brian Hindley and our intrepid litter picker, Iris Hindley. Both have given sterling service to the Parish Council and to the village for many years and we thank them most sincerely. We are pleased to advise that Brian will be taking on the litter duties in the village and that Iris will be keeping a keen eye on his performance! Thank you Brian and Iris.

The next meeting will be held one week later than usual on Monday 13 May at 7.30 in the Duchy Barn and the June meeting will be on Monday 3 June. All are welcome.

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