

Dedham Parish Council

Parish Council website: Following the decision by Essex County Council to close down the Essexinfo website service, Dedham Parish Council had to look for another provider for its website. In November, the service provided by OneSuffolk was chosen.

This meant that our website had to be rebuilt from scratch, giving us the opportunity of a complete re-design using the features offered by OneSuffolk. The new site ran in parallel from the beginning of January with the switch over being effective from the 1st February.

The dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk website covers much more than the parish council. It has an extensive section on Dedham itself ranging from village life to the history of Dedham. There is a useful web portal of links covering twelve separate areas of interest. We have a calendar of village events, a news page and a page of travel information. The website is optimised for use on mobile devices, most of the links use icons for access. If you have information or events you feel would be useful additions to the website, please contact me, John Goldsbrough on webmaster@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk

Tea and tablets: We will be scheduling another 'Tea and Tablets' session as soon as we feel it is wise to do so. If you have any queries, please get in touch with Cllr Jane Meakin on 01206 321789. DPC is indebted to the 'experts' who give their time to help

with this. It is rumoured that they quite enjoy it!

Neighbourhood Watch: Colleagues from Neighbourhood Watch offer the following advice about unsolicited phone calls. If you receive a phone call from any one saying they are from, for example, your internet provider, your bank, your phone provider, the Tax Office, Amazon etc etc saying that you have a problem with your account **DO NOT RESPOND IN ANY WAY** but simply put the phone down. If you are concerned, wait a few hours then look up the number and phone your provider to check. Do NOT go on to your ipad or computer as these are common scams which are circulating at the moment trying to obtain details from you.

Sports Club: Dedham Sports Club is seeking to appoint a consultant to undertake a one-off piece of work to help the club to plan its medium term development strategy. Specifically, we need help to analyse and target potential markets to help with income generation to secure the future of the Club.

We would like to hear from anyone who has the necessary skills, expertise and enthusiasm to help us. More information, including a detailed brief, can be obtained from Andrew Bell a.bell@btinternet.com or 07753 838375

Local elections: We were pleased to welcome a number of local residents to an informal get-together recently to find out more about becoming a parish councillor. Local elections were due in

May this year but we have just heard that all local elections are an early casualty of Covid-19. At the time of writing it looks as if the current parish council will remain for an extra year, with elections to be held in May 2021. As soon as we have any more information we will post details on the parish council website.

Covid-19 and local events: The situation with Covid-19 is fast moving and subject to frequent change. It seems inevitable that a number of events, whether high profile national events or lower key local events, will be cancelled or postponed. If you are unsure whether a village activity is going ahead, please check our website in the first instance. Our webmaster will endeavour to post frequent updates. If you are organising something which is subject to change please let webmaster@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk (John Goldsbrough) know so that the details can be posted on the website. Some examples of things which might be subject to change are scheduled parish council meetings (see below for current planned dates), and the May bank holiday VE day events. If it is more convenient, or you have any concerns which you think the Parish Council may be able to help with, you can phone the Parish Clerk, Emma Cansdale, on 01255 871483.

Nicola Baker

Future meetings: Parish Council meeting;
Monday 30 March 2020, 7.30 in the
Duchy Barn. Annual Parish Meeting;
Monday 27 April; more details to follow.

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