

Dedham

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Prior to the meeting representatives of Anglian Water, Bud Gale and Paul Tovell, attended in order to give an update on the situation regarding the bad odours experienced in the High Street. Odour loggers had been installed in AW sewers and charts presented for the last few months showed that the odour levels had largely been under control. However, a problem had been identified as stemming from Blackbrook Nursing Home and following an approach by AW odour loggers will be installed in their private system which will be monitored. AW will continue to watch the situation but pointed out that the Blackbrook Nursing Home falls under the jurisdiction of CBC. Louise Parkin of CBC who also attended the meeting, will ensure that a Maintenance Agreement exists for the nursing home and that this will be kept up by them.

Whilst happy that considerable progress had been made to alleviate the problem it was stated that the bad odours had been evident for more than ten years – long before the existence of the Blackbrook Nursing Home – and it remains to be seen if the situation is now under control. Cllr. White asked AW for a forward plan which they stated they would be happy to provide. They also suggested it would be possible to have a site meeting with a map of the sewers and were willing to attend a further Council meeting to give up dated information some time in the new year.

The Chairman thanked Bud Gale and Paul Tovell for their time and presentation. A meeting in the new year would be arranged.

**Present: In the Chair Cllr. R.
Laverick**

Councillors R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, M.
Dempsey ,

B. Hindley, Mrs. K. Spencer, A. Stock, Mr. S.
White

Ward Councillor C. Garnett

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

Electors 6

PCSO Mark Hibben

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Fitness Trail This had now been installed and had been well accepted.. There were small badges still to be affixed to each piece regarding its use. Cllr. Dempsey had received some outside enquiries which he had referred to the sports club. A letter from DLTC which had arrived too late for discussion (and will be added to the December meeting agenda) had, amongst other matters, made some mention of worries which they had about the pieces of equipment near the tennis courts. Cllr. Dempsey will reply to those particular queries.

(b) Salt Bins ECC were setting up a pilot scheme which involved a nominated volunteer being responsible for the administration of salt and sand which will be supplied in one tonne bags. The bags must be stored in a secure location and it will be for the nominated volunteer to decide where and when the grit should be distributed. New salt bins will not be available. A request for salt bins had come from residents of Monks Lane and Cllr. Laverick will draft a note explaining the pilot scheme and its implications.

(c) Sports Field Maintenance A response from the sports club regarding the grass cutting in particular had been circulated to all members. It was agreed that savings had to be made and to this end the number of grass cuts was discussed. Whilst appreciating the high standard of grass cutting at present it was pointed out that other sports clubs have their grass cut to "utility" standard which was considered acceptable for general use. Any further cuts required by cricket or football clubs would need to be paid for by the individual clubs themselves. Members were of the opinion that this was the way forward and Cllr. Laverick will attend a meeting with the Sports Club representatives on 1st December to discuss the matter.

(d) Highway Maintenance A request made to Highways for hedging to be cut back from the "junction" road sign opposite Munnings and along the verge of the footpath opposite Coopers Lane used by the school walking bus has had no response so far.

C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown agreed to try to get these matters moving.

(e) Bus Stop – Crown Street This was another matter which had not

progressed for various reasons. C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown was hopeful that the measures at present being discussed will solve the problem and the bus stop moved to a more acceptable spot.

Cllr. Laverick advised that Service 87/87A has been replaced with a revised 247/247A Service and new time tables posted at stops and handed out on the buses. The revised timetable was in operation and buses now travel via Langham. The 5 p.m. bus will continue to traverse the "Dedham circle" in a clockwise direction.

4. PARISH PLAN The questionnaire is now with the printers and should be distributed in the near future. The date for return is 20th December, 2010, and a collection box will be sited at Hoods Newsagents (the old post office).

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dickensian Evening There were no objections to the request from Dedham Primary School Parents Group that they be allowed the use of Royal Square during the Dickensian Evening on Saturday, 4th December, 2010._

6. REPORT OF PCSO PCSO Mark Hibben and one other officer will be on duty at the War Memorial Service of Remembrance on Sunday, 14th November. Traffic will be controlled and Royal Square kept free of vehicles. He was glad to report that crime statistics were significantly down for Dedham/Langham with two house and one garage burglary and one case of shop lifting. Community Speed Watch is looking for venues to use for training purposes and there are a number of volunteers waiting to come forward to join the team.

7. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA Cllr. Laverick advised that PPP were suggesting landowners with footpaths crossing their land should seek assistance from the Headland Management Scheme. Contact will need to be initiated to discuss the situation. The canopy height of the trees along The Drift are still causing a nuisance.

It was suggested that the Community Service team would be willing to help with this task and Cllr. Mrs. Cannon will look into this with them when the painting of the pavilion commences. The horse chestnut tree by the pavilion is being monitored.

Mr. de Muscotte-Morris is happy for ferrets to be used on his land in an attempt to combat rabbit damage on the sports field.

8. ACCOUNTS It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:

£

Mr. A.P. Hodson Hours worked in October Maintenance

150.00	
	PPP
287.50	
Mrs.O.M. Ruff – Litter	
210.00	
Mrs. D. Perry – Plants for tubs	
	20.94
Dedham Sports Club – Grass cutting 2 nd half	
1,026.60	
Boy Sports & Play Limited – Fitness Trail	
10,128.52	

9. PLANNING The Planning sub-Committee has dealt with the following applications:

COL/2074 Maytree, Crown Street, Dedham.

Minor alterations to approved application.

CBC has **approved** the following applications:

COL/1683 Dunnetts, East Lane, Dedham.

Two storey side extension.

COL/1776 Bell Cottage, Stratford Road, Dedham.

Chimney stack repairs, underpinning and drainage works.

COL/0949 Forge Cottage, East Lane, Dedham.

Single storey rear extension.

10. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Cllr. Garnett had arranged for road sweeping prior to the Dickensian Evening and will ask for an extension to the hours of opening and lighting in respect of the public toilets. The Hopper Bus service had now finished for the season but it was hoped that it will resume next year. Re-surfacing work had

been carried out at the Mill Pond car park through the JAC.

11. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION A resident who lived close to the sports field with a young family had made a personal approach regarding bad language to a football representative during a Saturday game and had been met with hostility and aggressive behaviour. Many complaints have now been received at the amount of swearing on and off the football pitch during matches and practice which despite the Parish Council's approach to the football club had not diminished. Members felt the time had come to consider stopping football on the pitch altogether and Cllr. Laverick will attend the match during the coming weekend to see and hear for himself before reporting back to the Council.

Princel Lane has still not received the attention promised a year ago and was now in an even worse state of repair. C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown stated that staff movements within Highways had caused disruptions and she asked for a letter from the Parish Council stating their concerns for the safety of the several elderly residents negotiating the lane in the dark in order that she may take the matter up with ECC Highways. Cllr. White will write.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Information regarding a "Parish On-Line" geographic information system which was being piloted had been received. It was felt that Dedham had no need for such a scheme at the present time. The Clerk had attended the Clerk's Forum when details of the 2011 Census were given. This will be widely advertised and forms will be delivered to each household shortly. Census date for returning is 27th March, 2011. Information regarding the Budget for the forthcoming financial year would be available very soon in order that parish precepts might be set.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8th December, 2010, at 7.30 p.m. in The Assembly Rooms, Dedham.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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