

Minutes of meeting held on 13 October 2010

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October, 2010,

in the Assembly Rooms

Present: In the Chair: Cllr. Dempsey

Councillors R. Appleby, B. Hindley, A. Stock

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

Local electors 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllrs. Cannon, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs Spencer, Laverick and White. PCSO Hibben and Ward Cllr. Garnett also sent apologies
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved.
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) Bad Smells Anglian Water have confirmed that their representatives Bud Gale and Paul Tovell will be happy to attend the November meeting at 7 p.m.
 - (b) Community Service Cllr. Hindley had been in touch with the Colchester Probation Service who are happy that work on the exterior of the sports pavilion should commence towards the end of November. The Sports Club has agreed that the pavilion facilities for toilet and tea making may be used. Cllr. Cannon has purchased all materials required at a cost of £131.74.
 - (c) CIF Grant Those Councillors present felt that too little time had been given for the preparation necessary to make an application to the Community Initiatives Fund for 2011. Even if suggestions were forthcoming the preparation work could not be achieved within the timescale, i.e. deadline 29th October. So far as the Fitness Trail was concerned work should commence on the installation of the equipment next week. Cllr. Dempsey will monitor this.
 - (d) Bus Stop – Crown Street The Parish Council has received a copy of a complaint from a resident regarding the proposal to re-site the bus stop from outside Marylee, Crown Street. This proposal has caused comment from other local residents and it was felt that this matter

should be discussed further at the next meeting.

(e) Post Office Van – Royal Square This problem has now been resolved.

4. PARISH PLAN The questionnaire/survey based on the output from the workshop has almost been completed and should be ready for distribution in November. Initially members will be asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to Cllr. Stock with their comments. Final details for printing, distribution and collection are in hand.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter of thanks for the donation of £50 to the Dedham Run has been received. Approximately £3,000 was raised for Dedham Primary School.

(b) Andrew Hodson advised that he will undergo surgery some time during the winter months and that during the recovery period the day to day running of his business will be in the hands of his son-in-law, Brett Davidson.

(c) CBC confirmed that they cannot assist with the cost of providing extra toilet facilities during the August Bank Holiday.

6. REPORT OF PCSO PCSO Hibben had submitted the following written report. Positive action has now been taken following a neighbour dispute which resulted in a prosecution for a public order offence. The situation will be closely monitored.

Investigation is ongoing into the theft of lead from the roof of the Duchy Barn and residents are asked to take note of anything or anyone acting suspiciously in and around the village and report it to the police. With the darker nights coming PCSO Hibben reminded residents to be extra vigilant in securing cars, homes and outbuildings. Figures just released for the beat code (under which Dedham falls) demonstrates that crime is down by 64% from 2009/10 and anti-social behaviour is down by 33%.

7. FOOTPATHS & PLAY AREA Nothing to report.

8. ACCOUNTS The following accounts have been paid:

		£
Mr. A. Hodson – Hours worked in September	PPP	
287.50		
	Maintenance	
187.50		
Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter		

168.00

Essex Police Authority

3,814.00

CBC – Litter collections

79.31

R. Cannon – Re Sports Pavilion

131.74

Income: Precept 2nd half - £13,750.00

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

COL/1862 1, Frog Meadow, Brook Street, Dedham.

Conversion of roof void to include 3 No. Dormers
(previously approved application has run out.)

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/1866 Wyvern and Maytree, Crown Street, Dedham.

Alteration to approved scheme 081868

Comments: Recommend approval but highlight access issues.

COL/2008 Langleigh, Long Road West, Dedham.

Extensions and alterations to bungalow.

Comments: Insufficient plans – unable to comment.

COL/1975 Spring Lodge, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Extension to provide new living area including dining,
bathroom and bedrooms for future disabled person.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/1950 Keepers End, Coggeshall Road, Dedham.

Extension and alterations.

Comments: Unable to make recommendation until issues are resolved.

CBC has **approved** the following applications:

COL/1405 25 High Street, Dedham.

1408

1410 Change of use to Estate Agents and erection of hanging sign.

COL/1512 Blackthorn, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Demolish existing bungalow and erect 3 bed. house and garage.

10. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Nothing to report.

11. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION Queries were raised in respect of the Rose & Crown and the Manningtree Road sites. At the present time no further information is available.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS The telephone kiosk at the Heath crossroads has been vandalised. It was suggested that this rather unkempt area could be made to look better generally which might improve the situation. However it was pointed out that cars constantly parked on the verge because of the school walking bus and this was not likely to stop. BT would be advised that the phone is out of order.

The clerk was asked to write to Munnings regarding the hedge alongside the footpath in Crown Street and to Highways reference the small section of kerbside hedge opposite the entrance to Coopers Lane. It was difficult for the school walking bus and parents with pushchairs to negotiate the path due to brambles, stinging nettles and weeds. The "Junction ahead" sign opposite Castle House is almost totally obscured by the hedge. This will also be reported to Highways.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 10th November, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Duchy Barn.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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