

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2010

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The Assembly Rooms

Present: In the Chair	Cllr. R. Laverick
Councillors	R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, M. Dempsey,
	B. Hindley, Mrs. K. Spencer, S. White
Ward Councillor	C. Garnett
PCSO	Mark Hibben
Parish Clerk	Mrs. J. Flewin
Electors	6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr.Stock..
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Dedham Allotment Association Cllr. Laverick stated that specific points raised by Mr. Mercer in correspondence had been answered but as Mr. Mercer was present the Parish Council was happy to discuss any other relevant matters. Mr. Mercer was concerned about access to the allotments during the hours of darkness which might conceivably point to the fact that the persons concerned were unauthorised and not members of the DAA. He would like to suggest a "dusk to dawn" rule for members which would mean no one should be on site after dark. Mr. Mercer's concern was understood and after some discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Appleby (Chair of DAA) should put this suggestion to the next meeting of the DAA and if approved the Rules & Regulations of the Association should be amended accordingly.

(b) Bad smells in the High Street Cllr. White advised that during

July/August and to date there had been over fifty incidents of sewage odour reported. Residents had finally consulted with Offwat who had asked Anglian Water for information as to action taken. Following further investigation Anglian Water have decided to replace a high level vent in Stratford Road which had been removed some time ago. Anglian Water wished to attend a Parish Council meeting and Cllr. White will contact them

suggesting 10th November at 7 p.m.

(c) Swearing on sports field Cllr. Laverick has written to the Essex and Suffolk Border Football League and the Chairman of the Sports Club regarding this problem.

To date there has been no response from the League but Cllr. Mrs. Cannon has been present at recent matches and the situation has improved. Monitoring will continue.

(d) Changes in Revenue Grant The Finance Committee has met to discuss the implications of the proposed change in the Revenue Grant. Details of CBC intentions will be announced in October.

(e) Other matters from previous meeting The Chairman has written to the Post Office Head Office regarding the continued parking of the red mail van in Royal Square. To date there has been no response. Cllr. Dempsey stated that 106 funding has been approved for the Fitness Trail which means he can go ahead with the details.

4. PARISH PLAN It is hoped that a final draft for the questionnaire survey will be ready for October/November.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) CIF – 2011 Essex C.C. Community Initiatives Fund for 2011 has been launched and applications are invited, deadline 29th October, 2010. Members were asked to consider ideas for a Dedham application bearing in mind that some funding would probably be required from within the parish. The application must show a need for the project and explain how it will enhance the local community. To date we have received help with the Medical Centre, noticeboards, machinery enclosure and the Fitness Trail.

6. REPORT OF PCSO There have been incidents of car thefts and

items from cars and PCSO Hibben again stressed the importance of not leaving items exposed or keys on display. New guide lines have been issued for Speedwatch and members will undergo re-training. The Bank Holiday event had been successful and apart from the large number of cars requiring parking space no great problems had been reported.

7. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA There had been a complaint from walkers that F.45 had been blocked by cricket sightscreens. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon will take the matter up with the Cricket Club. A letter from the Cricket Club stated that rabbits were becoming a major problem on the cricket pitch. After some discussion it was agreed that there was no easy answer to this but Cllr. Mrs. Cannon will investigate the services of a ferreter and consult with Mr. de Muscotte Morris for permission to use ferrets along the boundary of his land with the sports field. The hedge bordering Brook Street needs cutting. The Clerk will contact Mr. Trimmit. The condition of the large horse chestnut tree by The Drift will be monitored. Mr. Hodson asked for permission to strip burn the leaves on the playing field. This was agreed with the strict proviso that all safety/nuisance precautions would be taken.

8. ACCOUNTS During the August break the following accounts were settled.

	£
A. Hodson Maintenance during July	150.00
PPP	287.50
Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter	182.00
Dedham Landscape Ltd. – DAA rabbit fencing	3,466.63
Hire of Assembly Rooms	100.80
CBC – Litter collection	35.25
Bounceback Safety Surfaces – Roundabout repair	164.50
Ordnance Survey	64.33
Income: Dedham CC. (Nets)	£9,730.00
Dedham AA (Fencing)	1,353.32

The Audit Commission has approved the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2010.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid. £

A. Hodson Maintenance during August	150.00
PPP	287.50
Mrs. O. M. Ruff – Litter	168.00
Mrs. J. Flewin – Clerk’s Qrtly. Account July/September	873.69
Audit Commission	334.88
Capel Plant Holdings- Toilets	199.76
R. Laverick - Expenses	5.15
Income: Dedham CC	£50.00
VAT Refund	£2,477.02
106 Agreement (DAA)	£1,750.00

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

COL/1683 Dunnetts, East Lane, Dedham.

Two-storey side extension (re-application of 1336)

Comments: Recommend approval but with no further amendments to this Application.

COL/1699 Gun Hill Garage, Ipswich Road, Dedham.

Erection of fencing and sliding gate (retrospective)

Comments: Recommend refusal unless conditions can be met.

COL/1700 Gun Hill Garage, Ipswich Road, Dedham.

Erection of modular building (for two years) Retrospective.

Comments: Recommend refusal.

COL/1776 Bell Cottage, Stratford Road, Dedham.

Chimney stack repair, underpinning and associated drainage work.

Comments: Recommend approval.

CBC has **approved** the following applications.

COL/1296 Mulberry House, Gun Hill, Dedham.

1299

Rebuild and extend front wall.

COL/0979 New House, Lower Barn Farm, Manningtree Road, Dedham.

Extension of residential garden.

COL/0529 Brambles, Long Road West, Dedham.

Conservatory

COL/1133 Duntons Almshouses, Crown Street, Dedham.

Repairs to windows and flat roof.

COL/0753 Shepherds Lodge, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Removal of Condition 3.

COL/1347 Hindley Wood, East Lane, Dedham.

Garden shed for storage.

CBC has **refused** the following application.

COL/1181 Crown Cottage, Crown Street, Dedham.

Single storey extension.

The following application has been **withdrawn**.

COL/1336 Dunnetts, East Lane, Dedham.

Two-storey side extension.

10. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR The Decent Homes programme is progressing slowly. Some inspectors have not been able to gain access to check facilities. An application to the JAC has been made for funding to repair the Mill Lane car park. No further information yet regarding salt bins for Monks Lane.

11. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION A question was raised regarding participation in the Anglia In Bloom and Best Kept Village competitions. Information is received annually and Dedham was a successful participant many years ago in the latter. In more recent years it has been found to be extremely time consuming and difficult to find any one agency within the village willing or able to take on the task. A resident raised a planning query in respect of the new properties adjacent to The White House. Cllr. Cannon will discuss the matter further with her.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS **Dedham Films** starts this month and ticket sales are very encouraging. The Highways Agency intends to remove the **bus shelter and layby on the A12**. Mr. Clark has announced he will be stepping down as **Chairman**

of the Sports Club in May. The sports pavilion is in need of considerable refurbishment and Cllr. Hindley drew attention to the fact that the Community Service will now tackle a wider range of jobs which are supervised but free of charge. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hindley and Cllr. Mrs. Cannon should investigate further to see if help from this source could be obtained in respect of the sports pavilion.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on **Wednesday,**

13th October, 2010, at 7.30 p.m. in The Assembly Rooms.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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