

Dedham

Parish Council

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Present: In the Chair Cllr. R. Laverick

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

B. Hindley, A. Stock

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

Electors 6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllrs. Garnett and White.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved subject to the following amendment: Minute 9 (page 242 Maytree site) line 6 should read Cllr. Terry Sutton, not Tim.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor There were no applicants for this post at the present time.

Dedham Educational Foundation Mr. Robert Cort's term of office as the Parish Council representative to this charity had ended. He was willing to carry on for a further term. It was proposed by Cllr. Appleby, seconded by Cllr. Cannon, with all in favour, that Mr. Cort be re-elected to this post.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Duchy Barn Shed Planning permission for the re-build of the Duchy Barn Shed had been formally obtained. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon reported that to date promises of grants to the value of £8,500 had been obtained. It was agreed that an item should appear in the parish

magazine and the Sports Club would be asked to actively seek sports aid grants to boost the environmental grants so far obtained. The vicar has promised to write to The Duchy of Lancaster.

(b) Broadband Service Cllr. Hindley reported on the recent meeting of CALC when details of the proposals to provide rural communities with a high speed broadband service were laid out. A further meeting will take place very soon and parishes must be prepared to indicate their interest in the service. So far only 20 have shown an interest in improving broadband in Dedham which is disappointing. Cllr. Stock believed this could be improved upon by making more of an impact through posters and flyers to each home outlining the proposals. He was willing to help Cllr. Hindley towards this end.

(c) High Street Smells In the absence of Cllr. White there was no update but residents reported that the problem was still there and that Veolia were still monitoring odour levels. Cllr. White will continue to pursue the matter. Cllr. Appleby commented on the fact that the old “stinkpipe” was still intact in Stratford Road and, in fact, had recently been painted.

(d) Public Toilets Cllr. Mrs. Cannon had telephoned CBC to check on the opening and closing times of the public toilets in The Drift. Unfortunately she was still waiting for a return call.

(e) Trees – Mill Lane The owner of the trees blocking the street light in Mill Lane had refused to agree to cut back further and it was decided that the time had come to take the matter to Highways for their attention.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY Mrs. Floyd of Manningtree Road asked for an explanation of the further planning application in respect of the proposal for 13 new dwellings in Manningtree Road. Cllr. Cannon said that this second outline application was to cover the demolition of one barn which was within the AONB as opposed to the previous outline application for those that were not. Mr. McArthur of Mill Lane queried a report in the press regarding the burden of extra powers which might be placed on Town and Parish Councils. It was agreed that this was highly unlikely and was probably loosely associated with the Government’s proposed Localism Bill about which little was known.

5. PARISH PLAN A successful launch had taken place on 25th June in the Duchy Barn. Over a hundred residents had visited and there had been several internet hits.

Copies were available for residents via Hoods Newsagents and via the parish magazine details. Cllr. Stock said the next step was to work out how best to implement the plan and he would report back at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Ice Cream Vendor A request for permission to sell ice cream from a tricycle in Dedham had been received. It was felt that this was not something we wished to introduce in Dedham bearing in mind the established ice cream outlets already operating in the village. Cllr. Laverick will respond accordingly.

(b) Flyposting Following a complaint that flyposting in Dedham had increased recently the Clerk had consulted with CBC regarding action in such matters. This falls under the jurisdiction of The Town & Country Planning Act and in extreme cases if culprits are caught in the act prosecution was a possibility (though unlikely). Church and Village Fetes, Circuses, Festivals, etc. are treated with some leniency for a short period, but posters should be taken down immediately after the event. In cases where they are not, are unsightly or unwanted they can be removed. It was agreed that this was the best way forward.

7. REPORT OF PCSO In his absence the PCSO had sent a written report which was read to the meeting. There have been a few minor incidents in the village together with a fight and a case of shoplifting. There are continuing incidents of the theft of high value vehicles whereby keys have been obtained via burglary. PCSO Hibben urges residents to ensure that keys are not left highly visible in the home. There has also been a rise in theft of catalytic converters in the area. He can supply markers which will enable identification in the event of their recovery following theft.

Reminder – Emergency Contact 999 Non emergency 101 (replaces 0300 number)

Community Mobile is 07966 197134. This is not manned 24/7 and is subject to shift patterns and should only be used for information purposes. PCSO Hibben can also be contacted by ringing 101 and when prompted for an extension dial 436140.

8. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA A letter from the landowner regarding Fpth.22 has been circulated. This matter is now in the hands of ECC. The gate to the children's play area is now with Armour Engineering for repair. ROSPA has carried out an inspection and apart from an adjustment to a piece of the outdoor gym equipment (now rectified) all was in good condition.

Cllr. Mrs. Cannon was dealing with the matter of the dead tree in The Drift and in conjunction with Cllr. Laverick is seeking quotes for its removal.

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

	£
P. Tuckwell – Mower (Sports Club)	4,740.00
Mr. A.P. Hodson – Hours worked in June	187.50
	Maintenance
	PPP
259.21	
Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter	168.00
Mr. R. Cannon – Expenses re Planning	90.67
Playsafe Limited (ROSPA)	165.60
RCCE – Subs	55.00
Dedham Run	50.00
Essex Police Authority - PCSO	3,814.00
Income: Sports Club – Mower	£3,950.00

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

COL/0983 Hallfields Farm, Manningtree Road, Dedham.

Outline application for 13 dwellings

Comment: Recommend approval.

CBC has approved the following applications:

COL/0692 Salmons Farm, Long Road East, Dedham.

Replacement dwelling.

COL/0688 Gun Hill Place, Gun Hill, Dedham.

Tennis court and enclosure

COL/0760 Duchy Barn Shed, The Drift, Dedham.

Demolish and re-build.

COL/0847 The Sun Inn (LB). High Street, Dedham.

0849

Change of use and modifications to existing.

COL/0895 Blomfields, Long Road East, Dedham.

Single storey rear extension.

CBC has **refused** the following applications:

COL/0744 Bemerton, Coggeshall Road, Dedham.

Rear and front extensions. New double garage with studio over

COL/0846 Berryfields, Coggeshall Road, Dedham.

Re-modelling and extension of house. New cart-lodge in front garden.

Maytree site, Crown Street, Dedham. There has been no response from CBC to the Parish Council's letter on this matter. A letter has now been sent to Mr. Bernard Jenkin MP advising him of the parish concerns

Land rear of The Limes, Brook/Street. Enforcement orders are in place regarding the family camping out on this land. Hedges have been cut back by them enabling vehicles to pass up and down this footpath. CBC have issued an injunction requesting all structures, etc. be removed by 13th September.

11. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR None

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS There has been a request for a small **picnic table** to be installed in the play area. There were no objections to the idea and Cllr. Mrs. Cannon will look into this. The PCSO will be asked to look into the **vandalism** which appears to be taking place on a

Friday evening in the vicinity of the toilets/Duchy Barn. Following enquiries into the reasons why Dedham no longer has a “reporter” it was agreed that individuals should e-mail details of events, etc. direct to the **local papers**. A request that a **20 mph limit** be introduced in Coopers Lane was discussed but it was felt generally that traffic was self-controlled by the existing conditions along this rural lane. The **continuing parking problems** caused by school traffic were ongoing, affecting parents and residents alike. There was little likelihood of this situation being resolved in the near future. The “**information**” board in the car park was out of date as several of the businesses listed had closed. This will be advised to CBC.

Cllr. Laverick had received a complaint from a regular visitor to Dedham that a group of **kyak users** of the Mill Pond had been aggressive and very rude. He would look into this with Simon Amstutz of the DVSV.

Cllr. Hindley has been appointed to the **Highways Panel of CALC** He was happy to advise that the Rangers will continue to operate in the area and indeed Dedham had benefited from several visits over the past year. Park & Ride should be up and running by 2012. The Public Rights of Way Team look to inspect areas every five years, covering finger posts, way markers, etc. and Dedham will be visited 2011/12..

Cllr. White will be kept informed.

The Chairman advised that Sgt. John Horscroft has agreed to attend the September meeting which will give local residents a chance to ask any questions they might have regarding “policing in the village”. This will start at 7 p.m.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING This will be on **Wednesday, 10th August, 2011, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

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