

# Dedham

Parish Council

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In the Assembly Rooms

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

Councillors    M. Dempsey, B. Hindley, A. Stock, S. White

Ward Councillor   C. Garnett

Parish Clerk    Mrs. J. Flewin

PCSO            Mark Hibben

Electors         6

Cllr. Hindley introduced Mr. Lloyd Felton from County Broadband who had kindly agreed to speak on the subject of improving Dedham's Broadband Service. He advised that whereas B.T. did not envisage any improvements in their service in Dedham for several years to come County Broadband was interested in providing a service for small markets and they had, in fact, been chosen as the rural outreach partner by CBC. He went on to explain the sort of service County Broadband offered, how it operates, what it provides and how much it might cost. In response to several questions Mr. Felton left reading material plus a copy of their agreement form which members will study. Cllr. Laverick thanked Mr. Felton for his interesting presentation which had provided all present with a great deal of food for thought.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllrs. R. and Mrs. A. Cannon and Cllr. Appleby.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved and signed.
3. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Cllr. Garnett gave an update on the 106 Agreement monies and advised that approximately £5,000 remained in the Dedham/Langham pot. He outlined the alterations to the future use of the money which would be directed mainly for services and education purposes. The Parish Plan will go before the full Council in December and it is hoped that along with the

Village Design Statement this will be incorporated into the core strategy, with the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan some time in the future. Cllr. Stock queried comments in an exchange of e-mails which Cllr. Garnett had with CBC in which CBC had suggested there was a lack of planning based items in the Parish Plan. Cllr. Stock was astonished at this remark as there were at least a dozen major statements about planning which had been incorporated in the plan. Cllr. Garnett will attend the December meeting but it was agreed that Cllr. Stock should write protesting at the inaccuracy of the CBC statement, copy to CG. CBC has set up a working party looking at parish and town council finances in the light of the loss of the revenue grant and parish councils have already been asked to provide certain information.

**Cllr. Garnett has met with the new Housing Officer and received an update on Dedham's Council properties. A walkabout is planned for the New Year and it hoped that a coffee morning, or similar event, can be held in the Duchy Barn for a drop-in visit by Council tenants, He felt that although great strides had been made to improve Council properties there was still work to be done.**

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Visit if Moira Groborz Following last month's meeting Cllr. Stock had been in touch with Mrs. Groborz and had received a copy of a suggested questionnaire plus a covering letter. These would be discussed with the full council, but he felt that the matter should be in the hands of the RCCE, the Parish Council receiving a written report at the end of the procedure.

(b) Duchy Barn Shed Cllr. Laverick thanked Cllr. Dempsey for attending Essex Cricket Club in Chelmsford to receive the Essex

Playing Field grant of £500 for the refurbishment of the Duchy Barn. So far there had been little or no response to the appeal made to business establishments/sports club.

(c) Speed Surveys Clr. Hindley has contacted Rob. MacDonald of Highways and arrangements will be put in hand for a 3-day traffic survey to be carried out in the vicinity of Shoebridge Hill during term time.

(d) Queen's Diamond Jubilee It was difficult to make any plans or suggestions for this event in view of the uncertainty of the future membership of the Parish Council following local elections in May, 2012. It was suggested that an appeal for "an event organiser" be made in the parish magazine.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY The poor condition of Princel Lane was again mentioned and an article, together with a photo of resident Mrs. Langton, had appeared in the local newspaper about this.

#### 6. PARISH PLAN – Action Progress Summary (9.11.11)

RL – Roads & Traffic (Speeding) – Speed checks planned for High St. and near Stratford Road.

There have been police checks this month in the Dedham Heath area.

BH – Roads & Traffic (Roads) - There has been cutting of hedging in Mill Lane to improve effectiveness of the lamp there and improve safety.

RC – Planning (Housing) – The process has now been commenced to get an independent Housing Needs Analysis Survey created

RC – Planning (Listening to Locals) – Karen Syrett has reconfirmed that "where relevant we (Spatial Policy) make reference in special policy responses to planning applications if a VDS has been adopted for the area. This helps highlight that an adopted community plan exists".

AS – Community Democracy – Monthly updates now done to Plan Progress and then summarised into Council Meeting minutes. First Quarterly update planned for Jan. 2012.

SW – Footpaths – Work has now been completed on the installation of two kissing gates which have replaced the old stiles on FP.22 (part of the Essex Way).

AS – Parish Mag. – Editor contacted and has indicated his welcome for any community entries in the Parish Mag. and will kindly next month place an entry reminding everyone that all entries are welcome.

AS – Community News – Entry in Parish Mag. encouraging residents to send their entries for the Community News section of the ECS directly by post or email. Parish Mag. entry also made to encourage a volunteer to come forward to act as coordinator for the Dedham Section of the ECS Village News column.

Would councillors please pass their entries to Cllr. Stock during the week prior to the next meeting in order that they may be incorporated in the progress report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Dickensian Market A request for permission to use Royal Square on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, for the annual Dickensian Market has been received from Dedham Primary School and there was no objection to this. It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £100 be donated to this village event to help defray expenses.

8. REPORT OF PCSO Mark Hibben reported on several minor incidents which included car theft, shoplifting and theft from garden sheds. He had arranged for extra policing of Royal Square for the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial.. It was reported that a branch of a tree along The Drift was broken and was lodged in the canopy. The Clerk will ask Bland Landscapes to deal with this when they remove a dead tree as already planned.

9. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA/SPORTS FIELD Two new kissing gates have been installed on Fp. 22 and work is progressing on the footpath approach to East Lane (The Essex Way). Cllr. White will monitor a report that the wooden treads in some areas are slippery. The gate to the children's play area has again be repaired. Cllr. Dempsey advised that Dedham had won two gold merit awards (a) for the cricket field and (b) for the sports field and (c) a merit award for the childrens' play area

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

	£.
A.P. Hodson Hours worked in October	150.00
Maintenance	
PPP	285.67
Mrs. O.M. Ruff - Litter	210.00
Armour Engineering – Gate	77.64
Duchy Barn Hire	10.00
E. Tanner – Internal Audit	25.00
Audit Commission	480.00
Dedham School Parents Group	100.00

**R.Cox – Domain name**

**12.59**

# **British Legion – Poppy wreath 25.00**

**Income: Essex Playing Fields Ass. £500 – Duchy Barn Fund**

11. PLANNING There were no planning applications this month.

Mr. Vincent Pearce, CBC Enforcement Officer, has arranged for a meeting on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, at 2 p.m. in The Duchy Barn to discuss enforcement matters. All councillors are invited to attend.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr. White advised that it was now 3 months since last hearing from Veolia. The problems with **bad odours in the village** continued.

Cllr. Hindley proposed a meeting to discuss **Broadband within Dedham** in the light of Mr. Felton's presentation. Members will arrange this. The winter road salt had been delivered to Cllr. White and it was agreed that a notice be put in the parish magazine advising residents that **salt was available for general purposes but not for private properties**. As a follow-up to a class exercise in the village children from Dedham Primary School had been invited to design and produce **posters on an anti-dog fouling theme** which the Parish Council could place around the village. This they had done and Cllr. White kindly volunteered to find suitable sites for the children's work to be displayed. It was agreed that a team would represent the Parish Council at the village **Quiz** to be held in February, 2012.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, at 7.30 p.m. in The Assembly Rooms, Dedham.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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