

Dedham

Parish Council

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Present: Chair : Cllr. R. Laverick

Councillors: Virginia Appleby, Nicola Baker, Sheila Beeton,
Ann Cannon

Robert Cannon, Alan Pallett, Alan Stock

Clerk: Jean Flewin

Ward Cllr. Mark Cable

PCSO Mark Hibben

Electors 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr. White.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved subject to the addition of the following:

Representative on Governing Body Dedham Primary School – Mrs. Katy Williamson

3. REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLOR Mark Cable reported that a small sum of money was being made available to parishes in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee and ideas for the use of this money would be welcome. One suggestion was a "Jubilee seat" by the bus stop in Royal Square, and councillors were asked to give the matter consideration for discussion at the next meeting. A new Highways Panel had been formed and money was available for certain projects in the area. Brian Hindley (as a member of the old Highways Panel) was able to give the background to the appearance of this money and explained that it remained from the old portfolio of projects which still existed. The list of projects would be streamlined - for instance the yellow lines around the war memorial would go ahead but those at the Southfields junction with Brook Street would, for the time being, be deferred. There were no

parish members on the new panel. The situation with the camp dwellers in Brook Street was ongoing. Mark Cable is following the matter closely and is in touch with the police. P.C. Underwood is dealing with the matter.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Appointment of Parish Clerk This matter will be considered at a private meeting to follow.

(b) Appointment of CALC representative Cllr. Mrs. Baker was willing to fill this vacancy and was unanimously approved by members. CALC meet every two months and as the next meeting was at such short notice (14th June) Mr. Hindley will attend.

(c) Membership of EALC All councillors had received a copy of Cllr. Mrs. Beeton's notes following her detailed enquiries into membership of EALC. This was a matter which had been discussed by all previous councils who had not felt the need to join partly because of cost and partly because it had been felt that any information or help required was readily obtainable through Colchester Borough Council free of charge. Cllr. Mrs. Beeton had spoken with the Chief Executive of EALC, Joy Darby, who had indicated her willingness to attend a future meeting to give a more detailed outline of the benefits of affiliation and she strongly recommended this course of action. It was agreed that Joy Darby be asked to attend a separate meeting in the Duchy Barn. Cllr. Mrs. Beeton will arrange this and advise members of time and date.

(d) Offensive language on Playing Field A meeting to discuss this matter had been held with the Sports Club and a letter from the Chairman of the Dedham Old Boys FC acknowledging the problem has been received. In future a member of the football club committee will be monitoring each match and, if necessary, the referee will be reported to the Essex & Suffolk Border League with a copy to the Essex Football Association, for failing to control the match in the correct manner and for them to take the necessary action. The Football Club, has decided not to run the 5-a-side football this year. The club apologised to those affected by some players and will strive to improve the situation in the future with the help of the referees. Wednesday night training sessions will also be watched. An update meeting will be held four weeks into the new season. Members felt that this was a promising outcome and hope the problem can be resolved without further major disciplinary action by the Parish Council.

(e) Parson's Field Play Area As requested Cllr. Mrs. Appleyard has looked at the small play area and reported her findings to Colchester Borough Homes. There were only a few play items meant for small children living in the area. There were very few children now (other than babies) using it as most children from the surrounding areas as well as Parson's Field preferred to go to the nearby sports field.

Cllr. Mrs. Appleyby wondered if CBC Homes would be prepared to sell back to residents that portion of their gardens which had been taken

over initially to provide the play area. Cllr. Mrs. Appleby is discussing the matter with CBC Homes and will advise the outcome at a future meeting.

(f) Heating Oil Consortium Cllr. Mrs. Beeton is still trying to make contact with the Langham Parish Clerk and other residents with little success. From information gleaned it looks as though the matter will be best dealt with by a local residents' group rather than the Parish Council. However, she will continue to make enquiries.

(g) Royal Square and The Drift Cllrs Laverick and Cannon attended a meeting with an Essex County Highways Engineer to discuss the re-surfacing of Royal Square and The Drift. It became clear that some areas need to be reinstated (excavated, made good and resealed) to make the foundation sound. The site would then need to be cleared of loose material and a surface similar to that currently on site can be applied by a tack coat with shingle spread on top and lightly rolled into the tack coat. It was considered that the work would cover up to five working days and cannot be carried out between late Autumn and early Spring due to cold weather. Enquiries have been made into the use of 106 money for this project and in the meantime quotations from three contractors need to be obtained. Cllr. Cannon asked members for their approval to go ahead. There was unanimous support for the project.

(h) The Sun Hotel – Noise levels Cllr. Laverick had visited The Sun to make them aware of late evening noise levels. The situation has improved.

(i) Queen's Diamond Jubilee The Jubilee weekend was a great success. Letters to Jill Strangward and Beth Mitchell will be sent thanking them for all their hard work in arranging a memorable day which, despite the weather, was enjoyed by so many.

A letter of thanks will also go to Dorothy Perry who for many years has, with the help of her husband Deryck, kept the tubs and surrounding area by the parish pump looking colourful and tidy.

(j) NAP Meeting Mr. Hindley attended the recent NAP meeting and as previously reported advised that the yellow lines around the war memorial are scheduled to be done but those for Brook Street will be reviewed later in the year. Sgt. Middleton attended to give an update on local crime and further details can be found on his Tweet page. The next NAP meeting is on 11th July at Little Horkesley

5. HAVE YOUR SAY Residents from Constable Row, Manningtree Road complained that dog fouling was again becoming a problem. Cllr. Cable said that a clean-up was due to take place shortly and Chris Halls, CBC Zone Leader, was aware of the situation. New dog bins are coming and there was zero tolerance so far as offending owners were concerned. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon can supply "dog poo" bags free of

A.J. Lighting solutions
149.16

EPFA - Subs.
25.00

RCCE - Subs.
55.00

Clerk Qtrly Acc. April/June
873.92

Mrs. J. Strangward – Jubilee
930.83

Mrs. E. Mitchell – Jubilee
100.00

R. Cannon – Expenses re Duchy Barn Shed
17.27

Income: Donations – Jubilee £1,044.50

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

COL/0634 Hill House, Birchwood Road, Dedham.

Internal alterations and 3 replacement windows

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/0834 Weaver Shed House, Crown Street, Dedham.

Shower room

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/0584 Land adj. Rusty Tiles, Coggeshall Road, Dedham.

Replacement one and half storey dwelling

Comments: Recommend refusal.

COL/0783 Rose & Crown, Crown Street, Dedham.

Variation of condition 14.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/0975 Toad Hall, The Heath, Dedham.

Timber framed cartlodge, wall and electric gates.

Comment: Recommend refusal.

CBC has **approved** the following applications:

COL/2147 Rose & Crown, Crown Street, Dedham

Demolition of public house and erection of 3 dwellings.

COL/0424 Farthings, High Street, Dedham.

Conservatory.

COL/0658 Heath Farm, Long Road East, Dedham.

Conservatory and single storey extension.

COL/0661 Gun Hill Garage. Gin Hill, Dedham.

Temporary portacabin and steel container.

COL/0384 5 Kiln cottages, Crown street, Dedham.

Conservatory.

COL/0683 Mount Pleasant (LB), Birchwood Road, Dedham.

Removal of larder.

COL/0526 3 Frog Meadow, Brook Street, Dedham.

Two storey extension.

The following applications have been **withdrawn**.

COL/0891 Gun Hill Garage, Gun Hill, Dedham.

Variation of Condition 6.

COL/00508 1 and 2 Rose Cottage, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Extensions.

COL/0592 The Octagon, Mill Lane, Dedham.

Single storey extension.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS The **hedge from Stratford Road bordering Colchester Road** is overhanging the footpath. Ward Cllr. Cable will deal with this through the National Trust. Councillors were asked to bring thoughts and ideas regarding the **Big Society Fund** to the next meeting.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING This will be held on Wednesday, 11th July, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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