

Dedham

Parish Council

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in the Assembly Rooms

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 2 Electors

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr. White
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved and signed.
- 3 REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR There had been a good turn out of residents from Parson's Field at the recent meeting attended by CBC representatives and Cllr. Garnett felt that the event had been worthwhile. The question of parking had been raised and this is the subject of a meeting with the Primary School on 19th March. (Cllr. Dempsey will advise details later in the meeting). Meanwhile a visit to schools in Suffolk has been arranged to see how they are tackling the same problem.

Discussions on three signs to be displayed in the village car parks are ongoing.

So far as the High Street smells were concerned there had been no result from the exchange of letters between Executives and Cllr. Garnett felt it would now be appropriate for a letter to be sent to the ombudsman to endeavour to get a more satisfactory conclusion. Cllr. White will be consulted on his return. Cllr. Garnett had visited the new travellers'

site in Colchester which he considered to be excellent. A new scheme is to be introduced amalgamating all traveller matters under one department based in Chelmsford which will have a much more direct approach.

So far as the Shelley Glebe Barn application was concerned Cllr. Laverick felt strongly that this contentious application had been approved without due consideration being given to the numerous objections which had been raised. Cllr. Garnett apologised that due to circumstances beyond his control the matter had not been called in as requested. Cllr. Cannon stated that Cllr. Garnett would be advised when the quarterly planning meeting with CBC is arranged.

Cllr. Appleby voiced his annoyance over the fact that he was still awaiting a proper response to a letter he sent to CBC planning department in April, 2011, regarding the Maytree site. Cllr. Garnett will look into the matter again and advised Cllr. Appleby that if there was no satisfactory outcome he was entitled to write to the ombudsman as a private individual.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Duchy Barn Shed The roof is now in place and the practical completion date will be 29th March, 2012. There is a shortfall of cash with some electrical work and shelving to be done. It was proposed by Cllr. Hindley, seconded by Cllr. Appleby, with all in favour THAT the shortfall should be covered by 106 funds. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon has ascertained that this project would be an acceptable use of the funding.

If necessary Cllr. Laverick has kindly offered to cover the cost of the VAT with a short-term interest free loan until the various grants already awarded are received.

(b) Royal Square The surface area of Royal Square is in need of some refurbishment and Cllr. Cannon is at present looking into ways and means of achieving this both from the point of view of surfacing used and costs. Members felt that major questions needed to be asked in respect of this sensitive area in the centre of the village.

So far as parking in the area is concerned Cllr. Hindley advised that the remit of the LHP (Local Highways Panel) had been extended to include amongst other things various schemes within the N.E. Essex Parking Partnership. Recently the Panel had looked at many schemes which had included Dedham High Street and he was happy to report that this item had scored high points. This means that there will be funding available in the next financial year. Cllr. Hindley is one of five CALC members that sit on this Panel and he will continue to monitor the matter.

(c) Broadband for Dedham There was little to report on this matter and Cllr. Hindley will endeavour to contact Mr. Felton for an update on

local installations.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY Nothing to report.

6. PARISH PLAN – Action Plan Progress Summary 17/03/12

RL – Transport (Bus Service) – Meeting arranged with Bus Company to discuss

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MD – School Parking – Meeting now arranged for all parties involved in the school parking to see what can be done.

RC – Planning (Housing) – Housing Needs Analysis Survey has now been distributed and a good response has already been received. We await advice of the outcome.

RC – Planning (Developments) – Quarterly meetings re-established between CBC Planning Officers for Dedham, Enforcement and Ward Member

RC – Planning (Listening to Locals) – Meeting arranged with Ward Member and local group of residents ref. Appeals currently being considered.

AS – Community Democracy – Parish Council Open Day now planned to encourage participation in the Parish Council. First Quarterly Update completed and published in parish magazine.

MD – Community Democracy – MD is now progressing Village Website so information should soon be available widely across the internet.

RA – Environment & Conservation (Dogs) – Two further dog bins have been ordered from CBC.

AS – Social Wellbeing (Village Fete) – The Youth Club have now asked to take over the organisation of the Village Day on August Bank Holiday.

MD – Social Wellbeing (Website) - Website draft completed. Most organisations notified and Dedham Directory 90% updated.

AS – Social Wellbeing (Community News) – As yet no one has come forward to take on the role of co-ordinator for Essex County News but details for anyone to submit information individually to the ECN have been provided in the parish magazine

AC – Public Services & Amenities (Playing Fields) – Further letter to be drafted seeking elimination of bad language on the playing fields.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter of appreciation from resident Mrs. Langton regarding the snow clearance was read to the meeting.

(b) The Sports Club thanked the Parish Council for their help in obtaining a grant from the Big Society towards the refurbishment of the sports clubhouse. The rear door of the club is beyond repair and the Sports Club wish to replace it at their expense. There was no objection to this. Cllr. Laverick said particular thanks were due to Cllr. Mrs. Cannon for pointing the sports club in the right direction for this grant.

8. REPORT OF PCSO Incidents for the month were minor and included criminal damage, assault, burglary, shoplifting and concern for welfare. PCSO Hibben warned of incidents of oil theft and warned residents to be aware and take measures to lock their tanks. Parking problems in and around Royal Square, Parson's Field and Crown Street were increasing and he will also be attending the parking meeting at the school on Monday, 19th March. The problems with the caravan dwellers in Brook Street were on-going and members from CBC will visit the site on Monday 19th March. The court hearing has been re-set for end July.

PCSO Hibben advised that his shifts have been revised and now follow a nine day pattern – 3 x early (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) 3 x late (4 p.m. till midnight and 3 x off duty. Members felt that the evening shift timings did not make the best use of PCSO Hibben's time bearing in mind that there was little or no "community contact" during the late hours. Cllr. Hindley agreed to write to Essex Police on this matter.

9. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA/SPORTS FIELD The footpath cutting programme for 2012 has been submitted. East Bergholt Parish Council are taking steps to improve the muddy area between Dedham and Flatford mentioned last month.

There have been complaints about the amount of mud carried along Southfields from the parking area behind the pavilion. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon suggested that some hogging be laid in the area. She has approached Neil Weston, Chair of Cricket Club, for his views but as yet received no reply.

Cllr. Laverick had received a telephoned complaint from a visitor about the extremely offensive language used on the football pitch when Dedham were playing Lawford.

He felt very strongly that having given the football club warnings about this behaviour action should be taken as threatened, i.e. the banning of offending clubs from the pitch. Following a great deal of discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Laverick will write once again to the Sports Club, with a copy to the Referee's Association, expressing the Parish Council's determination to stop this unfortunate behaviour by any means necessary.

The CCTV camera for The Drift has been ordered and money released

from 106.

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

A. Hodson – Hours worked in February
150.00

Mrs. O. Ruff – Litter
126.00

CBC – Litter collection from playing field
270.00

CPRE – subscription
29.00

Bland Landscapes – Trees
612.00

Dynamic Fireworks – Deposit
750.00

Clerk's Qtrly. Account
869.26

Income: Duchy of Lancaster	£2,000.00
Dedham Hort. Society	25.00
Public Donations for	
Diamond Jubilee celebrations	740.00
Dedham C.C.	75.00

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

COL/0285 The Limes, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Construction of detached garage.

Comments: Recommend approval with attached conditions.

COL/0237 Lamb House, Birchwood Road, Dedham.

Extension to patio.

Comments: Recommend approval.

Renewal of Application 081889 – Hallfields Farm, Manningtree Road, Dedham.

Comments: Recommend approval.

Complaints regarding microlites flying over Dedham are being looked into by Stratford St. Mary Parish Council and Babergh Planning Department. Cllr. Cannon will report back to the meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS **Deep potholes** are appearing in Manningtree Road, and Bargate Lane. These can now be reported via the Borough website. **Tree trimming** will take place along The Drift on Friday, 16th March, at 9.30 a.m. Anyone able to attend would be welcome. Cllr. Laverick is still waiting for drafts of the latest proposals to **improve the signage in the car parks**. The sign for the vicarage lawn advertising the **Parish Council Open Morning** planned for 24th March, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Duchy Barn has been prepared.. It is hoped that as many councillors as possible will attend if only for a short while. Information re all **listed trees in Colchester** is now available on the web. Cllr. Laverick is preparing a “**house map**” for Dedham in response to the First Responders request for information in this respect. Cllr. Hindley advised that Mr. Gili-Ross, Chairman of CALC, is preparing a **synopsis of the Localism Bill** which should prove helpful. He also suggested the Parish Councils should advise CBC of their plans for their future use of **106 money** in order to keep this money earmarked.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 11th April, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in The Assembly Rooms, Dedham.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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