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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th October 2015 at the Duchy Barn Dedham.

Attendance:

Cllr S Beeton, Cllr T Regan, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr A Follows, Cllr C Frost, Cllr C Clark, Cllr Peter Gibbins.
Clerk Emma Cansdale, Asst-clerk Brian Hindley

15/0105. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Baker, Cllr Brown - County and Borough Councillor

15/106. Declaration of Interest. Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interests not already declared.

Cllr Clark- Dedham Sports Club, chairman

15/107. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2015, we agreed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chair, Cllr Beeton.

15/108. Clerk's reports: Election of Ward Councillor: Cllr Anne Brown has been elected as the Ward Councillor for Dedham & Langham

Transparency Code briefing run by the EALC. £15 – Clerk to attend at end of Nov/beginning of Dec

Open Forum with Cllr Bass, MP's Bernard Jenkin, and Will Quince to discuss highways issues on 24th November 10-12 at Stanway Village Hall

15/109. Update on items from last meeting.

Heath Layby - The Clerk reported that ECC will not tidy/repair this layby in any urgency as it falls well below any urgent priority on the risk matrix. However, DPC can look at doing it under LHP. A proposal to consider this as an LHP scheme will be put on the agenda for 7th December.

15/110. Open Session: Have your say.

A resident reported there has been chaos in Manningtree Rd relating to the Hallfields Development. UK Power Networks turned up with poles, but the road closure was not in place as Anglian Water had cancelled it. They did not know where to put the poles. More cabins are also being brought in.

The resident was asked to take these issues up with the developer or CBC, as there is nothing the Parish Council can do. However, she may report issues to the Clerk, who in some circumstances may be able to help.

Cllr Anne Brown- ECC and CBC reports - Cllr Brown was not in attendance

15/111. Accounts:

a) It was resolved to approve the payments on the listed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Follows

Agreed by all

b) Timetable for Precept consideration 2016/17: Cllr. Regan gave a brief report on the timetable for the precept consideration, with the initial meeting of the Finance AG being held on 11th November. Final precept setting will be held in January, for the end of January deadline. It was agreed to delay the January Parish Council meeting until Monday 11th January.

Action- Asst-Clerk- Duchy Barn booking

15/112. Planning Advisory Group:

a) It is resolved to agree the recommendations as shown on the following applications:

152212: Dedham Hall Business Centre: Proposed re-sighting of approved cart lodge with amendments to design.

Recommendation: No Objection

152217: Tallow Factory Brannam Court. Works to trees in Conservation Area. Reduce walnut, cut back new growth points, remove large lateral nearest house. Remove lateral on opposite side to balance weight.

Decision has been made - approved.

152103: Seasons, Monks Lane, Dedham Colchester CO7 6DZ Change of use from agriculture to amenity use.

Recommendation: Refusal

Proposed: Cllr Regan

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all, other than application 152103, where 1 councillor abstained. Carried by majority.

c) **Hallfields** – Cllr Regan gave an update on the current situation with the Hallfields development. Hills Building Group have been reviewing bids from Housing Associations further to the reduction in offers for the Homes as a result of the implications outlined in the Summer Budget 2015. Hills have accepted an offer and entered into negotiations, once a contract has been signed, the details of the Housing Association will be shared with the Parish. Hills anticipate contacts being signed within the next few weeks.

Naming of the development. CBC has confirmed the development will be called Saunders Field.

15/113. Sports Pavilion Refurbishment Project:

The CIF application was submitted on time and DPC are now awaiting the result.

15/114. Playground Refurbishment. Cllrs Gibbins and Cark gave an update of the current position of the playground refurbishment. The project is now complete and all work has been signed off. It was resolved to make the final payment to Ludus Leisure, for the talking flowers, @ £991.20

Agreed by all as per item 15/111

15/115. Strategic Development Advisory Group: Cllr. Beeton

a) To receive report of meeting with CBC 08.10.2015 (available on the website, under Strategic Development, in Documents.)

b) Cllr Bakers feedback on the quality of the Community Profiles was noted and it was resolved to purchase the Dedham Community Profile from the RCCE @ £45.00

Proposed: Cllr Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Frost

Agreed by all

Action- The Clerk

15/116. Local Bus Service Network Review and Consultation. Update report Cllr Follows, gave a report on the consultation. DPC received good feedback from residents, who were largely in favour with the changes. Changes will take effect on 1st April.

15/117. To receive reports from Advisory Groups.

Community Safety and Infrastructure A G.

Cllr Follows reported the bus stop replacement program was progressing, and the Clerk reported the hedge review was ongoing, with letters being sent to the properties involved.

15/118. Replacement Tree in Drift.

Following a discussion it was agreed not to replace the tree in the Drift. A tree surgeon has advised us not to put any more in due to overcrowding. The space has been filled with a memorial bench.

Action- Clerk to write to Mr Archer

15/119. Essex Playing Fields Annual General Meeting.

Cllr Clerk reported Dedham Playing Fields achieved the following awards:

Class one class 2 Gold awards, Class 3 Certificate of Merit Children's playground Gold award, Class 4 Certificate of Merit Cricket Grounds Silver Award, Class 6 Certificate of Merit Best Kept Football Pitch Winner.

Well done all round, and particular thanks to Iris Hindley and John Hills for their hard work in maintaining the condition of the playing fields.

15/120. War Memorial:

Following a discussion it was resolved that Cllr Baker be asked to investigate options for the professional cleaning of the War Memorial.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

Action- Cllr Baker

15/121. Care Forum: It is resolved to approve funding for a banner, advertising the event, to a maximum of £50.00 and a further £20 for refreshments (to add to the £30 contributed by the Co-op)

Proposed: Cllr Clark

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

Agreed by all

Action- The Clerk, Cllr Frost

Help required setting out tables and chairs. 10-12 to set up.

15/122. Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project. To note an invitation to attend a joint meeting on 03.12.2015.

To discuss concerns regarding footpath between Dedham and Flatford. Cllr Beeton and the Clerk to attend.

Action- The Clerk, Cllr Beeton

15/123. Local Crime: Cllr Follows.

Long Rd West- suspect unidentified had broken into a yard and damaged several containers and stolen a trailer.

15/124. Correspondence.

Dedham Christmas Market. DPC have received a request for Royal Square to be used for the annual Christmas Market on Saturday 5th December

It was resolved to allow the use of Royal Square for the Christmas Market

Proposed: Cllr Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

Agreed by all

Action- The Clerk

East Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan. Kevin - Structured their questions well.

Tony - Babergh have 30% requirement for affordable housing – which is different from CBC'S percentage. Suggested we raise with Karen Syrett. Also drew attention to their use of Community Land Trusts as a potential vehicle for achieving affordable and low cost market housing. It was suggested that DPC might usefully explore this as it might provide a mechanism for controlling what is built. To investigate.

Action- Clerk-no issues raised to be fed back to East Bergholt

15/125. Matters of Continuing Reference: The Memorial Plaque to Robert Canon is now in place. Many thanks to Roy Laverick.

BT Manhole Royal Sq- Awaiting Anglian Water to test for contamination.

To note:

Remembrance Service this Sunday, 8th November

Meeting a Strategic Development 25th Nov- 9.00am

15/126. Time and date of Next meeting: Monday 07.12.2015.

Meeting closed 20.32