



## Dedham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Duchy Barn Dedham.

### **Attendance:**

Cllr S Beeton, Cllr T Regan, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr C Frost, Cllr N Baker, Cllr C Clark, Cllr Peter Gibbins.

**Apologies:** Cllr Follows. Cllr Clark. Clerk Emma Cansdale

### **15/128.**

**Declaration of interest.** Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary not already declared. Cllr Gibbins planning application 152581 (already determined), Cllr Beeton, planning applications 152374 and 152394 and Cllr Regan planning application 152535. Cllrs. Beeton and Regan withdrew for respective items.

### **15/129. Minutes.**

Acceptance of minutes of 2 November 2015. Agreed and signed

### **15/130. Clerk's reports.**

CALC The Asst. Clerk reported that at the meeting on 03.12.2015 a representative from the PCC's office gave an overview of Restorative Justice that enables the victims of crime and the perpetrators to engage in dialogue. It is entirely voluntary and does appear to be successful. Volunteers are required to help.

**15/131. Update on items from last meeting.** None

**15/132. Open session. Have Your Say.**

Cllr Anne Brown ECC & CBC was not present. A report from Cllr Brown is attached. \*\*  
There were no matters from the floor.

### **15/133. Accounts:**

It was resolved to approve the listed payments.

**Proposed:** Cllr Beeton.

**Seconded:** Cllr Regan

### **15/134. Planning Advisory Group.**

152374. 2 Frog Meadow. Conversion of existing attached garage to form bathroom & utility room, addition of roof lights in existing roof, addition of rear conservatory and detached single garage. Dedham Parish Council has no objection to the garage conversion or the addition of a detached single garage, but considers that the materials proposed for the conservatory are inappropriate in the Conservation Area and the design does not complement the house. We

suggest a review with the Historic Buildings and Areas Officer to resolve these points before permission is granted.

a) It was resolved to approve the following applications:

152394. 1 Frog Meadow, No.mock sash windows replaced with working sash windows to front elevation. Existing single glazed sash windows replaced with individual paned double glazed sash windows within main house. Internal alteration. . Demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage.

152473. Langleigh, Long Road West, Porch to front of the bungalow

152581. Hallfields ~Crown Street. Works to Trees in Conservation Area.

The following are recommendations of refusal:

152430 The Old Ale House Ardleigh Road. Single storey side and rear extensions plus garage conversion to form utility and shower room.

152535. Barratts Farm, East Lane. Erection of temporary managers accommodation. Re-submission of 152535.

152212 Dedham Hall Business Centre

New information has been submitted altering the basis of the original application. .Dedham Parish Council therefore reconsidered the application and decided to withdraw the response of "No objection" sent on November 3rd.2015.

The first application was inaccurate and misleading regarding ownership. The boundaries of the land, the use of the extant permission for the cart lodge and therefore the proposed use. In essence the application is for a new building in the AONB, totally unconnected to the Business Centre and Dedham Parish Council strongly recommends refusal.

b) Hallfields Development Cllr Regan updated Council on the present position on the contract with a Housing Association. Still not confirmed. Planning Group is due to hold a quarterly meeting with CBC on 8 December when the issue will be raised. Concern was expressed about the length of time this process was taking and it was agreed that this be followed up.

**15/135. Sports Pavilion Refurbishment Project.** The Asst. Clerk reported that our CIF Application to ECC had not been approved. Cllrs agreed that we should seek to fund the essential elements of this project from DPC funds but continue to seek external funding. Cllr Gibbins proposed:

(a) That estimates be obtained for refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion and that these are brought to the next DPC meeting on the 11.01.2016. Agreed.

(b) To re-apply for S106 funding based on new works criteria and to urgently investigate alternative funding options. Action Asst. Clerk Agreed.

**15/136. Playground refurbishment.** Asst. Clerk reported on failure of talking flowers to work and commitment from Ludus to repair again.

Resolved: to seek a refund on the flowers, should they fail after this final repair. Agreed.  
Asst. Clerk to write to Ludus Leisure.

#### **15/137. Parking Restrictions**

Cllr Beeton referred to the circulated report concerning a review and consultation on parking restrictions

Following a lengthy debate Councillors agreed that they would not be taking this initiative forward at this time.

#### **15/138. Street Lighting.**

- a) The Clerk reported on street lighting responsibility and current issues, attached \*\*
- b) It was agreed that an explanatory note would be inserted into the Parish Magazine as to the procedure to adopt should the lights become defective. See Clerk's report \*\*
- c) Cllr's Beeton and Regan reported upon recent requests for limited and discreet additional street lighting in Dedham. The CSG Advisory Group is asked to look at the

whole question of street lighting in Dedham and report back accordingly. Action CSG Advisory Group.

**To receive reports from Advisory Groups.**

**15/139. Strategic Development Advisory Group.** Notes attached. \*\*

Cllr Beeton reported that Group had held a recent meeting and were due to meet with Karen Syrett in early January regarding the Local Plan. The Group undertook preliminary discussions about the formulation of a Strategic Plan for Dedham. The Group proposed a budget of £2,000 to support the development of the plan for the period 2016/17. Proposed by Cllr. Beeton and seconded by Cllr Baker. Carried with one abstention.

**15/140. Community Safety and Infrastructure Advisory Group.** The meeting was updated on the progress of the new bus shelters that were nearing completion. The current position on the hedge initiative will be reported on at the next DPC meeting.

**15/141. War Memorial.** Cllr Baker. The War Memorial Trust has agreed to clean our Memorial and Cllr Baker will inform the DPC when it will be attended to. It is likely to be some time before the clean up can take place.

**15/142. Care Forum.** Cllr Frost referred to her report, attached \*\* In particular: -

- a) Lighting - more lighting requested on the streets, see item 15/138.
- b) Improvement of footpath along Brook St. Also to raise the condition of local footpaths. A letter will be sent to Cllr Brown. Action Asst. Clerk.
- c) A luncheon club is suggested and an article placed in the Parish Magazine to promote reaction from residents.
- d) The Advisory Group will take up other issues that were raised through the feedback.

**15/143. Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project.** Simon Amstutz representing the Project had called a meeting on 3.12.2015. With local councils and organisations with an interest in and responsibility for the maintenance and management of the footpaths leading from Dedham to Flatford. Cllr. Beeton represented DPC. A notable issue raised was the poor condition of some paths and particularly the flooding of it. Cllr. Beeton reported that it was generally agreed that the principal problem underlying the flooding was the raised level of the river. Detailed discussion took place about the management of the tilting gate that was reported by the Environment Agency to be planned for removal in 2016. It was generally considered that without further action the problem could be exacerbated and that it was necessary to have an agreed long-term strategy to deal with this. Possible solutions were considered and will be followed up by Simon Amstutz. In the meantime, the group recommended that remedial action be investigated for establishing a substantial raised platform over the area by the leaping gate to maintain the integrity of the footpath. Notes of the meeting will be circulated when received.

**15/144. Sports Pavilion Maintenance.** It was resolved to approve the cleaning of the gutters, down pipes and gullies to a maximum cost of £100.00. Proposed Cllr Beeton, seconded Cllr Taylor. Action Cllr Clark.

**15/145. Local Crime:** There had been little crime reported lately. There was a 'road rage' attack in Birchwood Road where a vehicle had rammed another. There were no apparent injuries

**15/146. Correspondence.** Cllr Beeton was very pleased to announce that the Dedham Litter Picker, Iris, had received an invitation to attend the Queens Garden party in May 2016. Cllr Regan informed the Councillors that a new headmaster, James Aylott, (the current Deputy Head) had been appointed to take over from Mrs Tetchner next September.

**15/147. Matters of continuing reference.** BT Manhole Royal Square. . Still no progress.

**15/148. Time and date of next meeting: 11.01.2016.**

\*\*Documents available from the Clerk