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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 1st October 2018

Present: Cllr Sheila Beeton (chair), Cllr Nicola Baker (vice-chair), Cllr Kevin Taylor, Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Christine Frost, Cllr Jeffrey Herbert, Cllr Jane Meakin, Cllr Jonathan Smith
Emma Cansdale- Clerk, Brian Hindley- Asst-clerk

144.18. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Millican

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

None.

145.18. Minutes

The minutes dated Monday 3rd September 2018 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

146.18. Update on items from last meeting. Not reported separately.

- **Mobile Signal.** Cllr Taylor reported that no one has responded to volunteer to gather data on mobile coverage, which was very disappointing. Data provided by Ofcom and the network operators says there is signal in Dedham (not necessarily strong, and not by all providers). Without specific data we are unable to apply pressure on the network/service providers to provide a better service. A call for volunteers will be posted on Facebook. Cllr Beeton, Cllr. Herbert, Cllr. Taylor and Brian Hindley will look to take this forward (GDPR). Scope- centre of the village.
- **Club refurbishment.** Cllr Baker gave this report under Item 150.
- **WW 1 Commemoration Event.** Cllr Frost reported that the programme is set. The Bakery Café will be making the refreshments. The Assembly Rooms has been hired at a reduced rate for a charitable event, whose costs will be met by Peter King (Kingsleigh residential)
- **Local Highways Panel.** The Clerk reported that the land acquisition required to install a section of footway to join Crown Street to Manningtree Road, would include the brick wall at Hallfields House. The Environment Group will look at any other possible solutions.

147.18. Accounts:

a) The list of cheque and BACS payments were approved, totalling £2,344.10. see attached list.

Proposed: Cllr Baker

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

b) To receive the external audit report for 2017/18

The clerk and Cllr Herbert read the external auditors report, giving DPC a 'Clean Audit.'

148.18. Have Your Say.

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman Ward Councillor.

Cllr Chapman reported that the Local Plan issues are ongoing.

Report from Cllr Anne Brown Essex County Councillor.

No report.

Highways have made a mess of the hedge cutting on the entrance of South Fields. When they strimmed the edge of the Brook, it went into the Brook. The Brook is also in a poor condition. These issues will be picked up by the Environment Group.

149.18. Planning Advisory Group – Cllr Taylor.

To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications.

182097. Malt House, Crown Street. Single storey rear garden room extension.

Recommendation: No objection.

182072. 34 Dedham Meade. proposed front canopy porch, side garage and single storey rear extension with 3 no. velux rooflights (following demolition of conservatory and garage)

Recommendation: No objection

182017. Parkside, Boxhouse Lane,

Demolition of existing old timber and tin sheds, stores, and stable, and replacement with new timber sheds, store, and stable.

Recommendation: No objection.

182171. Mill Lane, Welcome to Colchester' sign.

Recommendation: Planning and policy issues. Planning is on hold until certain aspects are addressed.

As it stands, Dedham Parish Council with the planning application as it stands. We are not at all content with a sign saying welcome to Colchester

Cllr Nigel Chapman has spoken to Martin Goss, portfolio holder, and will be speaking to the zone manager tomorrow.

150.18. Duchy Field Rent Increase request from Dedham Church

To discuss a request from Dedham Church for a substantial increase in the rent for the Duchy Field, and to agree a response

This item was withdrawn.

Cllr Baker reported that funding application for the Sports Pavilion has been submitted. This is for the ramp and veranda. The second stage of the work will be done in house (changing room, referee changing etc)

151.18. CBC Staffing and toilets opening times

To receive a report of zone team staffing changes and to discuss and agree opening times for the toilets.

Melinda, member of the zone team reported that CBC were operating Mon- Fri, and then a market shift. They are now working 5 days out of 7, 7.30-3.30, not working in specific zones now, and spending a lot of time in the town centre.

They are also, currently a reduced team.

DPC will monitor the impact on Dedham.

152.18. Consideration of employment of Community Payback Personnel.

Brian reported that the Probation Service no longer operate this and it is now run by Community Payback. Ideas put forward include: Stratford Road rubbish needs clearing. Cleaning the war memorial. Hedge tidying

153.18. Dogs on the Recreation Ground

Dog Fouling, in Public Places. Dog Fouling can be reported via the CBC website or by telephone to CBC 01206 282581. Or email. customerservices@colchester.gov.uk A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was introduced on 31.10.2016 against the anti social behaviour of dog fouling in public areas across the Borough with all locations where the public has permission to access private land and to enable the Council to enforce legislation against dog fouling. Under the legislation dog owners are required to clear up after their dogs in public areas. Failure to do so will result in a fixed penalty charge of £100.00 or a fine in court up to £1,000.00

Melinda, the zone teams can enforce dog fouling, has suggested host an anti dog fouling event.

Dogs on Leads.

To discuss the implications of asking people to keep dogs on leads, in the Playing Field, Duchy Field and The Drift and to agree a way forward.

The only legislation in the borough is in Highwoods Country Park, and CBC car parks. There is little that can be done, in terms of enforcement. 'Dogs must be kept under control' signs can be displayed.

154.18 Highways Devolution

The EALC have announced a trial with ECC for devolving some highways services to Parish Councils. The EALC are looking for parishes to trial this scheme.

It was resolved to volunteer for the trial.

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

155.18 Local Highways Panel

Application for the B1029 upward vegetation cutting.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to apply to the LHP for the clearance of the vegetation along the B1029 Lamb Corner to Stratford Road

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

156.18 Village Maintenance

It was resolved to request the handyperson erect the new tourist sign in the TIP.

Proposed: Cllr Baker

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

157.18. Flower tubs

Following a discussion, it was resolved to replant the flower tubs for the winter, ahead of the WW1 commemoration celebrations, at 7 x £25 for the tubs and £200 for plants and compost for war memorial, £375.00

Proposed: Cllr Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Baker

Agreed by all.

158.18 Matters of Continuing reference. – BT Manhole leakage.

Defibrillator Electrodes replacement.

Replacement benches and lime tree.

Cllr Beeton raised the issue of 'Community bobby schemes' The asst-clerk to investigate.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 5th November 2018. 7.30pm Duchy Barn.

Closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960

These items were deferred until the November meeting.

159.18 Brook Street hedge cutting, playing field side.

To receive quotes and appoint a contractor

160.18 Replacement Fence between 'Jacksons Field' and the Playing Field.

To receive quotes and appoint a contractor

Emma Cansdale
Clerk to Dedham Parish Council