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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm

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.

20.014. Apologies for absence.

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

Cllr Frost-item 20.020 member of Dedham PCC

20.016. Minutes

The minutes of meeting dated 06.01.202 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

20.017. Update on items from last meeting, not reported separately and other updates and reports.

Replacement fence at the rear of the tennis courts and birch tree trimming are due to be completed this month.

Water fountain being installed this week,

The tree on The Drift has been replaced.

NHW- have requested that DPC support a request to go to the police team to show more presence around Birchwood Road and Old Ipswich Road, as it appears to be a hotspot for crime within the village.

20.018. Have Your Say.

Any update on the yellow lines on Manningtree Road? NEPP are aware, but they cannot be repainted while it is wet. A resident spoke to a zone team operative about graffiti 'artists' who have reportedly been identified and will be prosecuted. The clerk will verify this.

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman. Ward Councillor.

- **Local List- information.** Cllr Chapman gave a report on what the list is and what it hopes to achieve, and will send the link to a useful document relating to the local list.

Examples within the village could include:

Duchy Barn.

Local Pump

2 bollards on Crown St

Old Heath School

Old Methodist Church, Long Road East.

An article will be published in the parish magazine, asking for suggestions.

Local plan update. Inspector has now finished his public session. CBC are awaiting his decision.

Report from Cllr Anne Brown. Essex County Councillor.

None

20.019. Accounts.

- a) To receive accounts and agree payments.

Proposed: Cllr Herbert

Seconded: Cllr Follows

Agreed by all

20.020. Meeting between DPC Chair and Chair of Finance with Vicar and Churchwardens

- a) To receive a general report on church funding: Cllr Herbert gave a report on the meeting, discussing the financial constraints of the church, and what help, if any, the parish could legally give.
- b) To consider and agree a proposal for DPC to contribute £500 per year towards the production and circulation of the Parish Magazine

Proposed: Cllr Herbert

NB moved an amendment- proposed to pay £1,000 for the DPC submission to the magazine, in line with the commercial rate.

**Proposed: Cllr Baker
Seconded: Cllr Frost
7 in favour, 1 abstained.
Carried**

- c) On receipt of a report from the church clock engineer to consider a request for DPC to take over the regular servicing and maintenance of the clock

Following a discussion, it was agreed to continue to contribute £250 to the annual service, but not to formally take over the maintenance or servicing of the clock.

Agreed

- d) To note the medium term inadequacy of space within the existing churchyard and a request for DPC to help find funding solutions to meet future needs
Noted.

20.021. Planning Advisory Group. Cllr Kevin Taylor.

To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications:

193160 14 Saunders Field, Dedham Colchester CO7 6FE. Drop kerb and parking space

Recommendation: Saunders Field is a rural exception planning site, on the edge of the conservation area, outside the village envelope and within the AONB. Considerable planning expertise was provided during the design by CBC. One aspect was to give great weight to the view across the Vale from footpaths and roads approaching Dedham, that view can be seen from photo 3 in the application. The green space and indeed the area under consideration was part of that plan - additional building on that green space was not permitted. Under the original design, this proposed parking space was part of that green open space however it has now been included within the applicants boundary.

Parking was also considered during the design, ensuring adequate parking for all the plots, the plot in question has both garage and frontage parking.

Regarding whether or not work has already started, the applicant has previously dropped the kerb, removed the grassed area and laid the shingle surface, the dropped kerb was later returned to a full kerb, photo 3 Indicates this.

Dropping the kerb brings with it parking restrictions and would remove parking options for visitors.

Dedham Parish Council is very keen to support the original design for Saunders Field, preserving those planning constraints, including the open and green spaces. Permitting an unnatural shingled area for the storage of a car under a cover does not enhance or add to the development or the surrounding AONB.

Dedham Parish Council objects to this application and would further encourage the return of the shingled patch to a green area.

193079 Duchy Cottage, Royal Square, Dedham Colchester CO7 6AA. Extension and alterations - see application form and design and access statement

Recommendation: This application is very sympathetic to the overall design and lifting the height of the two side sections permits much better bedroom design. The view from the Drift could be considered to be much improved. The addition of the small rear extension is not visible from the frontage.

The comment from highways is noted, however the Drift is classed as a private road by ECC, owned by the Parish Council and has historically provided vehicular access to those houses on the Drift and to the rear of others. Vehicles also access the community Barn and the sports facilities. Whilst the footpath shares the same route, the Drift is a single width metalled surface and vehicles use this access route at a walking pace. There are works planned along the section leading from Royal Square, passing the applicants residence, to the Duchy community Barn. This will considerably widen that section and allow a grassed pedestrian route.

Dedham Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor
Agreed by all

20.022. Nurture Dogs

To hear representation from speakers from Nurture Dogs regarding their request for a £1000 grant.

Megan Dac, administrator and farm manager, Amy Lee, therapist.

The grant request is for a pond decking area. Essex Wildlife Trust has reviewed the pond and says it would be ideal for pond dipping.

The AONB have awarded £2260 towards this, any they are now seeking £1000 from Dedham Parish Council.

Key points about the organisation, and councilors points answered:

- Community payback scheme carry out work there weekly. Youth offending service have started working there once a week too.
- Who manages their Governance? It is a Community Interest Company, therefore they are managed as a private company.
- ECC and SCC quality assure them, as they use them, however, they are not managed by the local authority.
- As therapists they are registered by HCPC, and have private insurance.
- Staffing structure: Directors of CIC, advisors to the board, Lead Occupational Therapist (OT), Farm manager, other OT plus bank staff.
- Do they work with Dedham Primary School? Dedham Primary School have engaged with them in the past, but have not used them recently. However, they would welcome working with them.
- Planning- no outstanding issues with the planning consent.
- 7 year length of tenure.

20.023. Dedham Vale AONB Behaviours working group meeting attendees.

To discuss and agree who will attend the meeting.

KT to represent the River Stour Trust and could also represent the Parish Council Business group.

After a discussion regarding the meeting, no final decision was taken as to who should be the 2 DPC representatives.

Has the report on Mill Lane/Dedham Road parking gone to the meeting to Stratford etc? Clerk to check.

20.024. Graffiti spate in the village and surrounding areas.

To discuss the recent escalation on graffiti around the village, and look at possible action.

The clerk reported on the correspondence with Essex Police on the graffiti, and asked for people to send any photos and details.

20.025. The Drift Resurfacing

To consider whether DPC wish to continue with this project at this stage in light of the proximity of the end of the current parish council term. Details and options can be passed to the new council for it's consideration.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to hold the project until the new council is elected.

20.026. To agree a revised date for the April meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

Proposal to hold the 'April' meeting on the 30th March, and the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April.
Agreed.

20.027. Correspondence. Clerk

- Dedham Sports Club - concerns regarding people using the playing field to turn around.
- Concerns about football parking on Sundays

Important to note the 2 different clubs. Dedham Old Boys play on a Saturday and are working collaboratively with the PC to resolve the issue. The Sunday league team is relatively new. The sports club will be talking to them to explain the rules.

20.028. Matters of continuing reference/ next meeting

- **Highways Devolution.**
- **New Website-** This has now moved over. Any little issues that arise will be addressed. DPC will upgrade to https for a more secure system.

Date and Time of the next meeting. Parish Council Meeting, Monday 2nd March 2020, 7.30pm Duchy Barn

Forthcoming events

Tea and tablets 6th February 2pm-4pm, Duchy Barn.

Closed Session, in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions Act 1960

20.029. The Drift Lighting

To receive quotes for a lighting contractor to install bollard lighting across The Drift and to appoint a contractor.

Following a discussion, due to the cost of the project and the receipt of only one quote, the item was deferred pending receipt of further quotes.

** reports available on the website or from the clerk.