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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 7th December 2020

Attendance: Cllr Kevin Taylor (chair), Cllr Nicola Baker (vice-chair), Cllr Jeffrey Herbert, Cllr Sheila Beeton, Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Christine Frost, Cllr Jonathan Taylor
Emma Cansdale- Clerk
Essex county Councillor Anne Brown
2 members of public.

20.124. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jane Meakin
Cllr Nigel Chapman

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

Cllr Sheila Beeton: non-pecuniary interest item 20.132 as a resident of Frog Meadow
Cllrs Jeffrey Herbert and Ann Follows: no-pecuniary interest item 20.135 as residents of Long Road West

20.126. Minutes

The minutes of meeting dated 02.11.2020 were accepted as a correct record.

20.127. Have Your Say.

Maximum of 3 minutes per person/group to make representations to the Parish Council, to a total of 15mins

Traffic issues that are being discussed by DPC need to include the whole area of the village, not just the West side

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman. Ward Councillor.

Cllr Chapman gave his apologies as he was attending a CBC Finance meeting

Report from Cllr Anne Brown. Essex County Councillor.

Cllr Brown has been trying to set up a meeting with Kevin Bentley to discuss the issues with the throughfares through to the A12 from Manningtree, through Dedham. Cllrs Herbert and Follows to rename the area, as it now covers Long Road East, Long Road West, Ardleigh Road Grove Hill and Birchwood Road.

Action: AB/JH/AF

Cllr Brown also noted that the Environment Agency had been out and cleared Black Brook.

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

- Legal Challenge from Dedham Vale Society regarding lighting scheme. Cllr Taylor. Essex Legal Services will be responding to the DVS solicitors letter this week.
- To note thanks to village volunteers, including Karla Bohn and Bob and Sue Oakley for the work they do helping keeping the village tidy

20.129. Accounts/Finance.

- a) To receive accounts and agree payments **

Proposed: Cllr Herbert

Seconded: Cllr Baker

Agreed by all

- b) To receive the external auditors report for 2019/20

Noted that the external auditors have returned Section 3 of the AGAR with no comment, which approves and finalises the annual external audit.

20.130. Planning Advisory Group. Cllr Jonathan Smith.

- a) To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications:

202384- 1 Park Cottages, Birchwood Road, Dedham CO7 6EB. Single Storey Extension to house and garage in Copper and Timber

Recommendation: No objection, subject to no detrimental effect on off-street parking.

202504- The Hamptons, Coggeshall Road, Dedham Colchester CO7 6ET. Single storey rear extension forming living/dining room, single storey side extension forming a garden store and minor changes to existing external finishes.

Recommendation: No objection

202365- The Limes, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham CO7 6DR. Proposed single storey extension and alterations

Recommendation: No objection

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Agreed by all

Action: EC

- b) Notable Planning Decisions issued by CBC this month.

1. 202050 Dunton Almshouses -Application withdrawn

2. 201842 The Nurseries Long Road -Application valid (no decision) Further drawing submitted showing position of existing trees on boundary maybe to indicate level of existing screening.

3. 202163 - Coopers Bottom , Coopers Lane -Approved conditional , one condition being that the property shall not be occupied other than for purposes ancillary to residential use as we suggested .

20.131. Barista van renewal.

To receive and agree a request from CBC asking DPC to confirm they have no concerns to The Old Bakery renewing the street trading license for 3 months. (Jan-March 2021)

DPC confirms they have no concerns to the 3 month renewal of the notice.

Agreed by all. Action: EC

20.132. Gate at the DPC boundary on the playing field leading to the rear of Frog Meadow

Following an incident and concerns raised by residents, it is resolved to close the gap in the DPC boundary on the playing field leading to the passage way behind the Frog Meadow houses by an unlocked metal gate of open design with small 'No Entry' notice attached. Gate cost £92.69 installation budget £500

To note DPC are not responsible for the land that is being gated off. The gate marks the end of DPC owned land. any residents concerns regarding the locking or not of the gate will need to be resolved through the majority view of the adjacent residents.

Proposed: Cllr Frost

Seconded:

Agreed by all

Action: CF/EC

20.133. The Drift proposals

To receive a report from Cllr Smith, and to agree additional funding relating to a more thorough review of the bollard options, gate and paving design at the pavilion end and tender documents

Cllr Smith gave a report on the suggested options for the project, including lighting bollard, surfacing and edgings. It is intended to obtain pricing for this, and an additional gate, similar to the one at the entrance to the Drift from South-fields.

It was resolved to fund an additional £1,240.00 for the work undertaken by the architect/designer (within original budget)

Proposed: Cllr Smith
Seconded: Cllr Herbert
Agreed by all

20.134. Correspondence. Clerk

Essex Police Rural Engagement Team will be visiting the village on Saturday 30th January, 10-12 at the War Memorial. They will be there to hear any issues from residents.

Playing Field Awards- DPC have won 4 awards for the playing fields, cricket pitch and football pitch. The certificates will be posted on the website.

Dedham Art Group have requested permission to display art work in the telephone box on the High Street. This is BT property, and permission must be sought from them. It was noted that any art work installation there must be covid safe.

20.135 Matters of continuing reference

Long road West/East/Ardleigh Rd traffic issues.

Cllr Herbert reported that the request for another speed and volume survey for this area (including Ardleigh Road and Birchwood Road Grove Hill) has been submitted, and will take place in January.

An additional issue in the area was also been raised. Vehicles are parking on the greensward at Lamb Corner, which is destroying the grass, blocking the footway, and impeding the site splays at this junction. This has been reported to Essex Highways. It was agreed that Cllr Brown would investigate the legal position regarding parking on this area with Essex county Council, and the clerk would write to the neighbouring properties, requesting that vehicles are not parked at the location for the reasons mentioned above. Formal letter from DPC asking people not to park on the green.

Cllr Follows raised a potential issue in the future with the distribution centre development in Ardleigh. This may cause an increase in traffic through Dedham. Cllr Smith will investigate.

Thanks for Cllr Brown's support, and the support and interest from residents.

DPC have also put in an application for Tru-cam, but it is likely to be around £10,000. This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

Cllr Brown added that Jane Gardiner, Deputy Police Commissioner will be speaking to Colchester Councillors in the new year about Tru-cam, and the benefits it can bring to the area.

Date and Time of the next meeting. Monday 11th January 2021, 7pm

Forthcoming events

N/A

Meeting closed 20.30

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

** reports available from the clerk