



**Minutes of the meeting of Dedham Parish Council held on
Monday 8th January 2024 at 6:30pm
at the Duchy Barn.**

Present: Cllr Jonathan Smith (Chairman), Cllr Stephen Mole (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Paul Harrison, Cllr Sheila Beeton, Cllr Sandra Williams, Cllr Douglas Bourn, Cllr Richard Thorkildsen, Cllr Gill Neville & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 4 members of the public.

23/149 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from EDC Lewis Barber & CCC Thomas Rowe

23/150 Declaration of Members interests

None

23/151 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident informed the meeting of a large New Year's party that had created issues in regards to noise, parking and large amount of traffic using a one lane road. The Clerk was actioned to email the local authority for a response. *+ both on this issue and other planning issues*
A resident informed the meeting of flooding at Lambs Corner, the resident believed that the issue related to a damaged pipe. The Parish Clerk was actioned to write to Essex Highways to highlight the safety concerns and hazards connected to this issue. *DD*

23/152 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (4th December 2023)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Seconded: Steve Mole

Agreed by all

23/153 Visitors Report (CCC Thomas Rowe/ECC Lewis Barber)

None

23/154 Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the meeting about the National Grid Pylons. Cllr Steve Mole gave an update on the independent consultation process and informed the meeting that they would provide true costings in regards to the Dedham Vale.

23/155 Group 1 - Finance, Standards and Procedures Report

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

Payments for January 2024

Parish Clerk Salary	£557.92
HMRC	£136.60
Parish Council Warden	£794.50
Dedham PCC	£500.00
Original Landscape Designs (Memorial Tree)	£219.00
Craft Nurseries	£100.00
A. Slocombe Building & Property Maintenance	£100.00
Flowers by Toni	£500.00
ICO (Direct Debit)	£35.00

Total

£2,943.02

The proposed budget was agreed at the December 2023 meeting.
The Precept for 2024/2025 was agreed at the December 2023 meeting.

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Group 2 – Infrastructure & Asset Management

Payment for memorial tree, compost, planting & staking as per budgets agreed under finance payments 23/155).

Ongoing concern about the pavements in Grove Hill were discussed under Traffic & Highways (155/159)

The Ground Maintenance Contract for 2024 for Moser Groundcare for £8,900 was accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Steve Mole

Seconded: Cllr Gill Neville

Cllr Douglas Bourn informed the meeting of a national network called “Friendly Benches”.

It was agreed by all that Cllr Douglas Bourn would look at similar benches in Ipswich and report back to the Parish Council.

23/158

Group 3 – Community Relations

Cllr Douglas Bourn informed the meeting about Dedham Therapy Farm and its importance to people’s well-being. It was agreed that Cllr Douglas Bourn & Cllr Richard Thorkildsen would look into this further.

23/156

Group 4 - Planning

Planning report recommendations on planning applications listed below:

156.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

232779 – Beech House, High Street, Dedham, CO7 6AE – Replacement windows

P.C. Comments: The Parish Council would support the principle of replacement frames but would leave the style and material of the frames to be determined by the Conservation Officer in consultation with the applicant.

232803 Mill House, Mill Lane, Dedham, CO7 6DH – Use of existing annexe building as self-catering holiday let

P.C. Comments: The Parish Council would support the application as proposed, subject to, if supported by the planning authority, a revised 106 agreement to preclude the premises being permanently converted into a separate dwelling.

156.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting

232725 – Little Orchard, Bargate Lane, Dedham – proposed side extension

P.C. Comments: No Objections

156.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

232314 Great House, High Street, Dedham, CO7 6HJ – Installation of heating system (listed building)

Decision: Approve Conditional

156.4 Royal Square Update

The Parish Council has received 210 returns from the consultation process on the Royal Square. These returns will now be sent to an independent company to produce results based on the findings. The results will be discussed at a Parish council meeting once completed.

The parish Council noted that Lewis Barber had sent an email to DPC expressing his opposition to the Royal Square plans in their entirety based on his own assessment of the views he had seen and received since the consultation was launched. He sent this email and posted the same to social media on 30/12/2023 .

Although the council accept that he has every right to express his views , it was felt to be inappropriate to make such posts before the consultation had ended , when the views of the village as a whole could be assessed and reported .

The request for a temporary skip in Royal Square on behalf of Dedham PCC is no longer required.

23/159 Group 5 – Traffic & Highways

Cllr Gill Neville informed the meeting that 4 TruCAM sites had now been approved. She further informed the meeting that Dedham may be chosen as a trial place for Essex's 20's Plenty Speed Campaign. Cllr Gill Neville will be meeting with the Local Highways Panel on the 20th January 2024.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase stickers for bins in regards to speeding in the village – the cost of the Stickers is £1,500 (purchase of 1,100 stickers).

Proposed: Cllr Gill Neville

Seconded: Cllr Steve Mole

23/160 Group 6 – Personnel Committee

It was confirmed and minuted that the Parish council has appointed a new Parish Clerk.

23/161 Proposed Meetings dates for 2024

The Parish Clerk offered dates for Parish Council meetings for 2024. The date for Easter was amended from 1st April to 8th April and a date for a meeting in December included (6th December 2024).

23/162 Re-opening of the Dedham Youth Club

Cllr Gill Neville informed the meeting that a local resident wanted to start up the Dedham Youth Club, which had stopped as a result of Covid. The Youth Club would like financial support from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed in principle that they could help support the youth Club but required further information on this in advance of any commitment and would require a detailed plan of the new Dedham Youth Club.

23/163 Sustainable Dedham leaflet

Cllr Douglas Bourn informed the meeting that he was in the final stages of producing the sustainability leaflet in conjunction with the Parish Council. He further informed the meeting that he was aiming for the leaflets to be ready by March 2024.

23/164 Training/Events

164.1 Reports on attended events – Cllr Douglas Bourn informed the meeting that he had enjoyed the councillor training with EAL and would recommend it to any new councillors..

164.2 Nominations for new events

23/165 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

None

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To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.49 p.m.

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