

Sheila Beeton writes -

MORE PARKING CURBS FOR SUNDAYS?

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 8 May, there was considerable discussion of the problems of parking in the village on Sundays, when the weekday two-hour restriction does not apply. Some visitors, it was reported, arrive early and park for a full day on the High Street. Given a number of representations, the Parish Council is considering making a request to the North Essex Parking Partnership to extend the two hour restriction to Sundays. Comments are invited, either via our website or to the clerk.

FOOTPATH CUTS

The DPC is disappointed that it was unable to re-negotiate its parish paths partnership arrangement with Essex County Council. Under this agreement, the DPC had employed a contractor to maintain almost all the parish footpaths. Although the ECC has a statutory responsibility for this work, its funding had progressively been reduced, leaving DPC to meet the shortfall. We had volunteered again this year to increase our contribution, but the ECC will pay only a minimal, unrealistic figure and we have been unable to find a contractor willing to cut the paths for the uneconomic ECC rate. After long and unsuccessful negotiations we have declined to renew the contract for the coming financial year. From 1 April 2017, all footpath maintenance therefore falls wholly to ECC. It has undertaken to make one cut on all paths with a second cut on the Essex Way. Any issues or complaints about Dedham footpaths should in future be directed by email to:

shirley.anglin@essexhighways.org
sarah.potter@essexhighways.org
cllr.anne.brown@essex.gov.uk

The Parish Council will review the position at the end this year.

CONSULTATION GOES ELECTRONIC

The Parish Council would like to gather the views of a wide number of residents on items of local importance. Surveys will be available on our website . However, we are aware that this will not be convenient for all residents and therefore paper forms will still be available. We would be interested in your views on this.

RE-ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

After the annual meeting, all councillors retained the same roles as last year. Details are on our website.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 5 June 7.30pm, the Duchy Barn.

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