

Dedham Parish Council

Roy Laverick

Councillors were saddened to hear the news of the death of Roy Laverick, Chair of Dedham Parish Council for many years and well known to many. Condolences are extended to his friends and family.

Playground

The playground was 'deep cleaned' prior to re-opening. There is new signage in place to keep children and carers safe whilst they use this facility.

Shakespeare Gallery

The Parish Council would like to thank Terry and Margaret Jeffrey for all that they have contributed to Dedham in the 28 years that they have traded on the High Street. We wish them happiness and continued success as they concentrate on their business at the Mile Hill Gallery, at their home at Mile Hill Barn, Kesale, Saxmundham, IP17 2RG. They are open Tuesday to Saturday.

The River

As reported in last month's magazine, the Parish Council is very well aware of the problems for residents caused by the large numbers of visitors to our village over the summer months. Of course, the majority of visitors simply wish to visit our beautiful area and are respectful of their surroundings. However, a minority leave their rubbish behind and use the fields beside the river as a camping and picnic spot.

Safety is of particular concern to the Parish Council, in particular access for emergency vehicles along the B1029 which frequently gets clogged up with traffic.

A cross border (Essex/ Suffolk) meeting was arranged at the end of August. Representatives from all the relevant authorities debated the problem in a constructive manner. One of the agreed actions was to request additional yellow lines on the opposite side of the road to restrict parking and to allow better flow of traffic on busy days. Of course, we all know that the problem will reduce as the daylight hours shorten, but we hope to have some strategies in place which will help next year. Please remember that DPC only has any formal role on the Essex side of the river and so seeks to form good working relationships with authorities on the Suffolk side for the mutual benefit of all.

Meetings

DPC is continuing with Zoom meetings for the present. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday 5 October at 7pm. The details will be on the DPC website. If you would like a link to the Zoom meeting please contact the Parish Clerk, Emma Cansdale by e-mail clerk@dehamparishcouncil.co.uk or tel 01255 871483

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