

# Dedham

Parish Council

## Minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2008

### DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2008,

in the Assembly Rooms

**Present:** Councillors R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, M. Dempsey, R. Laverick, P. Moorhouse, Mrs. K. Spencer, B. Stewart.

Ward Councillor: C. Garnett

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

PCSO Natalie King

Local electors 9

A vacancy existed due to the resignation of Cllr. Osborn. CBC had been informed and procedure agreed. Following a proposal by Cllr.R. Cannon, seconded by Cllr. Appleby, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Brian Hindley to fill the vacancy.

As a new Council the position of Chairman was vacant. It was proposed by Cllr. Stewart, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Spencer, that Cllr. Moorhouse be invited to fill this post. However, before taking a vote Cllrs. Laverick and Cannon wished to clarify several points with regard to Cllr. Moorhouse's views on taking the Chair, particularly insofar as planning matters were concerned. Cllr. Moorhouse indicated that he wished only to benefit the village as a whole and would not, as Chairman, be part of the Planning sub-Committee. He had served on several other committees and felt that his capabilities were quite adequate for the job.

A vote on the proposal was taken with 4 for and 5 abstentions.

After some discussion members agreed that as there had been no vote against the proposal Cllr.Moorhouse should take the Chair in order that matters could proceed.

# **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE     None.**

## **2. ELECTIONS**

Vice-Chairman   Cllr. Laverick was unanimously elected.

Planning sub-Committee   Cllrs. R. Cannon, Dempsey, Appleby, Stewart (Cllr. Hindley as needed)

Finance Committee   Cllrs. Moorhouse, Laverick, Mrs. A. Cannon

Playing Field & Amenities Reps   Cllrs. Mrs. A. Cannon, Mrs. K. Spencer

Footpath Representatives   Cllrs. Appleby, Laverick

Press Officer/Emergency Co-ordinator   Cllr. Laverick

Transport Representative   Cllr. Laverick

Duchy Barn Representative   Cllr. Mrs. Spencer

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** having been circulated were approved

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Youth Bus   The PCSO reported that matters were progressing satisfactorily. She will advise the Parish Council when training for staffing the bus has been completed.

(b) Bus Shelter   Cllr. Laverick was still awaiting a final quote from Mr. Greg Lane, but the other quotes he had received had both been over £500. This he felt was rather high but some parts of the bus shelter were in a worse state than expected. However, he will contact Mrs. Beeton of Rye Farm and hopefully have more information to bring to the next meeting.

(c) Proposed Highway Rangers   Members had been circulated with details of ECC Highways new initiative and Cllr. Laverick agreed to be the representative to liaise with the appropriate highway inspector regarding local needs. Mr. Maplestone will be advised.

(d) Hedge Protection on sports field   John Osborn and Cllr. Laverick

have planted hawthorn and holly alongside Mr. McShane's barbed wire on his boundary with the playing fields.

(e) 106 Agreement Grant For the benefit of new members Cllr. Garnett gave a brief account of the history of the grant and explained that Dedham had £13,564 available for village projects. He suggested that an appropriate officer from CBC should attend the next meeting to advise the Parish Council on this matter. This was agreed and Cllr. Garnett will follow this up.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Lamb Corner/Ardleigh Road Traffic Calming Essex Highways advise that the additional signage at Lamb Corner has been ordered and will involve the upgrading of the existing and the addition of extra chevron signs to highlight the bend. Cllr. Garnett added that in response to public request the replacement street sign for "Birchwood Road" will include "Lamb Corner". Cllr. Laverick asked if the sign could be placed by the hedge and not on the kerb to make it less vulnerable.

(b) A letter of thanks was received from the Parish Church in respect of the donation made towards churchyard maintenance.

(c) Friends of Historic Essex It was agreed that for £10 per annum the Parish Council should support this society.

(d) E.A.L.C. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not join the Essex Association of Local Councils at this time.

6. REPORT OF PCSO A decision still needed to be made as to the siting of the youth shelter when funding was available. Members were asked to give consideration to this for the next meeting.

7. FOOTPATH/PLAY AREA A meeting of the Sports Club Committee would be held shortly.

8. DEDHAM SURGERY A 99 year lease should be signed before the next meeting and a complimentary medicine practitioner on site. The target of a medical unit remains and will continue to be sought.

9. ACCOUNTS Payment of the following accounts was agreed:

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Mr. A. Hodson – Hours worked in April Maintenance	132.00
PPP	275.00
Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter	162.00

R. Laverick – Hedging	50.76
CBC – Emptying of bins in sports field	80.61
Marlborough Head – PPP Walk (ECC sponsored)	110.00
Mrs. Perry – Flower tubs	11.96

<b>Income:</b>	Precept (1 <sup>st</sup> half)	£13,500.00
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<b>Dedham</b>	
<b>F.C.</b>	<b>50.00</b>

Dedham C.C.	50.00
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10. PLANNING The following applications have been considered by a Planning sub-committee:

COL/08/0653 Culver House, East Lane, Dedham.

Single storey extension and re-siting of existing garage.

Comments: Recommend refusal. Not in keeping.

COL/08/0685 4, Flemish Cottages, Southfields, Dedham.

Internal alterations and replacement window.

Comments: Approve.

COL/08/0694 Birchwood Farm Shop, Birchwood Road, Dedham.

### Change of use to Farm Shop

Comments: Approve.

COL/08/0689 Crown Cottage, Crown Street, Dedham.

Re-siting of porch and removal of chimney breast.

Comments: Returned, Not enough information.

COL/08/0726 Forge Cottage, East Lane, Dedham.

Extension to provide accommodation for disabled person.

Comments: Approve.

COL/08/0788 16 Forge Street, Dedham.

Demolish outbuilding and erect two storey extension.

Comments: Recommend refusal.

COL/08/0757 Brambles, Long Road West, Dedham.

Loft conversion and kitchen extension.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/08/0814 Barn Cottage, Long Road West, Dedham.

Two storey rear extension and new window.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/08/0796 Rookery Farm, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Replace thatched roof (Listed Building)

Comments: Recommend approval subject to LBO Report.

COL/08/0841 Whitethorns, Ipswich Road, Dedham.

Single storey extension and alterations to access onto Old

Ipswich Rd.

Comments: Recommend approval.

The following applications have been **approved** by CBC.

COL/08/0331 Hallfields, Crown Street, Dedham.

Demolish and part re-build existing building.

COL/08/0302 Maltings Cottage, The Heath, Dedham.

Internal alterations.

COL/08/0424 6 Bargate Lane, Dedham.

Two storey side and rear extension.

COL/08/0511 Oakdene, Long Road West, Dedham.

Demolish bungalow and erect new dwelling.

COL/08/0585 40 Dedham Meade, Dedham.

Single storey side extension.

The following applications have been **refused** by CBC.

COL/08/0653 Culver House, East Lane, Dedham.

Single storey extension.

The following applications have been **withdrawn**.

COL/08/0363 The Old Granary, Coopers Lane, Dedham.

Replacement two bedroomed dwelling.

COL/08/0372 6 Royal Square, Dedham.

Sound proofing to ground floor party wall.

As the Planning sub-committee had new members, Cllr. Cannon suggested it would be useful if the Clerk could contact CBC to obtain details of any planning training/information sessions planned for the future.

11. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Cllr. Garnett advised that the composition of the Borough Council had changed and no one party had control. How this “rainbow coalition” would affect rural and urban areas remained to be seen.

He was pleased to report that the Borough had provided temporary toilets in the Mill Lane car park which would remain for the summer season and thanks were due to Cllr. Moorhouse who had allowed the use of his water services. So far as he was aware all costs in respect of the toilets would be covered by CBC. The sum of £300,000 was available for permanent toilets but how this would be allocated was not yet certain. Cllr Garnett hoped that the larger bell-shaped bottle banks would be installed before long in the coach park.

12. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION A query regarding the proposed allotments was raised as there was some disquiet amongst residents in Parsons Field about parking. Cllr. Moorhouse explained that no decision as to where the allotments might be had yet been reached. Planning permission would be necessary but a public meeting would be called when matters had progressed further. This scheme would be self-managing and not controlled by the Parish Council.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS A complaint about **bad language on the playing field** was again raised. This matter had been brought before the Sports Club committee on a previous occasion and our two representatives will raise the matter again at the forthcoming committee meeting. It was felt that the referee should be in control of players and visiting clubs made aware of the problem. It was also suggested that the PCSO should be asked to be in attendance whenever possible, particularly in the vicinity of the play area, when matches were being played. Cllr. Laverick will need to update the **website** and asked if members would provide him with a few lines about themselves and a photo for publication on the website. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon reported that **dog fouling** notices were now evident in Dedham Meade and she had contacted Colin Daines regarding the provision of a dog bin. Cllr. Garnett said that the situation in Monks Lane had improved to such an extent that a dog fouling bin was no longer

wanted there. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon also asked the view of the Council on **agricultural land being incorporated into gardens** which seemed to be happening. Cllr. Garnett said that although policy in this respect has been relaxed somewhat the enforcement officer would still check on individuals if names and addresses were supplied.

Mrs. Spencer asked about the “shrine” in Jupes Hill which many residents felt should be removed. It was agreed that this area (just under the railway bridge) was, in fact, still officially in Dedham. Enquiries would be made.

Mrs. V. Webber, long-time Trustee of Barkers Almshouses representing the Parish Council, has retired and it was agreed that Mrs. J. Flewin (already a Trustee) should become the Parish Council representative thus giving greater scope for the appointment of a replacement for Mrs. Webber.

14. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m

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