

Minutes of meeting held on 11 May 2011

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th May, 2011,

Present: Councillors: R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, M. Dempsey,

B. Hindley, R. Laverick, A. Stock, S. White.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. J. Flewin

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from PCSO Mark Hibben

2. ELECTIONS As all councillors had expressed their willingness to stand for re-election it was proposed by Cllr. Laverick, seconded by Cllr. Dempsey, with all in favour, THAT all members be re-elected to the internal offices which they currently hold. These are as follows:

Chairman: Roy Laverick

Vice Chairman: Mark Dempsey

Planning sub-committee: Robert Cannon, Reg Appleby, Mark Dempsey,

Brian Hindley, Alan Stock

Finance Committee: Mrs. Ann Cannon, Brian Hindley, Roy Laverick, Clerk

Playing Field & Amenities. Mrs. Ann Cannon,

Footpaths: Steve White, Roy Laverick.

Press Officer/Emergency Co-ordinator. Steve White

Transport Representative: R. Laverick

Duchy Barn Representative: Mrs. A. Cannon

CALC Representative: B. Hindley

With the earlier resignation of Mrs. Kim Spencer the position of Parish Council Representative to Dedham Primary School is vacant. A

replacement will be actively sought.

The vacancy for a Parish Councillor remains unfilled and the Council is now in a position to co-opt. All members were asked to give serious attention to finding a suitable replacement. The Chairman pointed out that this could be for a period of one year only until the next election in 2012.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved subject to the following amendments. Item 11 para two, line two, should read “trees” not “tree” . Line 4 should read “Mr. McKeever”.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Duchy Barn Shed Cllr. Mrs. Cannon has now received three quotes for the proposed building work and that supplied by Mr. Gibbins has been accepted. Grant funding is being actively sought and the planning application is in hand.

(b) Parish Plan This document has now been signed off and is at present with the printers. An insert for the parish magazine has been prepared and this will include an invitation to attend the launch on Saturday, 25th June, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cllr. Stock asked that as many Councillors as possible are in attendance, if only for a short while. He pointed out that obviously not all the action points are realistic but the Plan reflects the wishes of local residents and the Parish Council as a group will try to achieve at least some of the items. The Chairman congratulated Cllr. Stock and his team for producing such an excellent document.

(c) War Memorial – Parking C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown had advised that following the internal re-organisation of ECC Highways this matter has been passed to CBC. As there were other outstanding items, including some from the 2009 walkabout which had been promised action in 2010, the Chairman felt that an update village walkabout should be arranged in order to approach CBC with a consolidated list. Members able to attend should meet at the war memorial on Thursday, 26th May, at 10 a.m.

(d) Insurance Following an in depth investigation into insurance costs, Cllr. Mrs. Cannon had obtained a much more favourable quote from Zurich Insurance for a one year term (£1,049.07) and a five year term (£989.31) excluding Insurance Premium Tax.. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept the five year plan and the Clerk will contact Zurich accordingly. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mrs. Cannon for her time and effort in obtaining such a substantial reduction in the Council’s expenses.

(e) Re-siting of Bus Stop This is still in the hands of EEC.

(f) Sports Pavilion The Sports club will provide steel plates which Cllr. Cannon has agreed to fix to the pavilion doors as a temporary measure until such time as new doors can be obtained. Cllr. Laverick suggested the Sports Club be asked if they had a member who was a

“roofer” who could clear the upper gullies of the pavilion. Cllr Mrs. Cannon will discuss this and other matters with Mr. Bower on her return from holiday. The Sports Club are releasing funds for internal decorations.

(g) Broadband Service Cllr. Hindley now had a list of 18 interested in improving the local Broadband Service. BT were giving a presentation at the forthcoming CALC meeting and Cllr. Hindley will give an update in due course.

(h) Horkesley Park Heritage Centre Details of this have been circulated and members were generally of the opinion that there was insufficient reason for the Parish Council to change its view that this was an overdevelopment in the AONB contrary to the core strategy and that the road structure of the area is totally inadequate for the amount of extra traffic expected to be generated. CBC advised that if unchanged all comments previously made will be fully considered and need not be repeated in further correspondence.

4. CORRESPONDENCE None.

5. REPORT OF PCSO In his absence the following report from PCSO Mark Hibben was read to the meeting.

*I am pleased to report a very quiet April 2011.
Those incidents which occurred in the village
were:*

*Criminal Damage –
Scratched motor vehicle*

*Animal incident – Loose
dogs*

*Theft other – attempted
theft of scooter*

*I have begun my home visits of elderly or
vulnerable persons and a comprehensive log is
being kept. Any concerns or issues will be
reported to the appropriate agency.*

*Operation Velo, patrol by pedal cycle,
commences in May. I will be seen therefore
patrolling my beat with two vehicles.*

*Dates will be published in the Parish Magazine
of a beat surgery to be held once a month, most
likely in the Duchy Barn. All are invited to drop
in to discuss informally anything of a non urgent
nature.*

Please do remember as the weather continues to

warm up to ensure that all windows are secured whilst premises are unoccupied. Please note this includes ground floor fanlights.

I have noted the broken fencing/posts at the entrance to the Mill Lane car parks and a damaged light on the outside of the toilets in The Drift.

6. FOTPATHS/PLAY AREA Cllr. White will speak to the landowner regarding problems on Footpath 22. Complaints have been received about the inadequate clearance of the footpath across the potato fields and C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown will take this matter up with Mary Moir. It was suggested that before too long a working party will be necessary to clear Footpath 18.

7. ACCOUNTS It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:

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A. Hodson – Hours worked in April PPP
285.67

 Maintenance
150.00

Mrs. Ruff – Litter
 210.00

R. Cannon – Postal, Planning, etc. expenses
96.50

R. Laverick – Expenses re Transport Meeting
4.00

CALC – Subs
 35.00

EPFA – Subs
25.00

Essex Police Authority
 3,814.00

Sports Club – Grass cutting
1,400.00

Mrs. A. Cannon – Duchy Barn Planning application
80.00

EPFA – Best Playing Field competition

	10.00
Income: Precept (half-year)	£15,500.00
DLTC	50.00
DFC	50.00

COL/0612 Mulberry House (LB), Gun Hill, Dedham.

Comments: Recommend approval with conditions.

Tennis court and Enclosure.

COL/0779 Twigs, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Comments: Recommend refusal – over-development of site.

COL/0320 Gardeners Cottage, Grove Hill, Dedham.

COL/0371 27 Forge Street, Dedham.

Single storey front and rear extensions.

COL/0517 Lower Park ?Cottage, Colchester Road, Dedham.

Extension to unlisted cottage.

CBC has **refused** the following application:

COL/0501 Plot 2, Land to south, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Post and wire fence to northern boundary, western boundary and southern boundary

9. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR In the absence of Cllr. Garnett there was no report.

10. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION Resident Mrs. Jones asked for an update on the proposal to build in Manningtree Road. Cllr. Cannon said that the developer required more information before the application goes in but that this proposal was still moving forward.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr. Appleby wished to record his total and utter disbelief at the lack of interest or action taken by CBC over the **new development at the “Maytree” site**. The Planning Committee has been kept in the dark, stonewalled and disregarded. There has been no active response to his letter written some six weeks ago and he personally has been humiliated and sworn at by the contractors who have ignored and ridden roughshod over planning, environmental and wildlife regulations. He requested a very strong letter be sent to CBC deploring their inactivity and disregard of the Village Design Statement, particularly as this is not the first occasion in recent times that complaints of this nature have arisen over local developments. C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown and all members of the Parish Council expressed a lack of confidence in CBC and were in total agreement with Cllr. Appleby's comments. Members generally felt that a letter would generate insufficient action by CBC and that the Essex County Standard should be contacted as well as our local MP, Bernard Jenkin. It was proposed by Cllr. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. Appleby with all in favour that all interested should meet as soon as possible to discuss the format of a strong letter to CBC and that a copy of the letter should be sent to the local newspaper and others as appropriate. Cllr. Laverick will arrange this on his return from holiday next week.

It was reported that the **hedge along the approach to Bridges Farm** had been cut in contravention of the RSPB Wildlife Code. Cllr. Mrs.

Cannon will contact the local National Trust representative.

The **footpath in Crown Street** approaching Castle House was very overgrown with nettles, etc. This was the route used by the primary school walking bus and the problem has been reported by C.Cllr. Brown. However, in view of the urgency of the matter the Clerk was asked to contact Andrew Hodson with the request that he trim the area.

Cllr. White queried the lack of information in the “**Village Column**” of **the local newspaper**. The local “reporter” has ceased to operate because of the difficulties in getting correct copy published. The previous resident dealing with this task had also had problems with badly presented/incorrect information. Cllr. White will look into this matter.

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held in the **Assembly Rooms at 7.30 p.m. on 8th June, 2011.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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