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DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Present: In the Chair Cllr. R. Laverick

Councillors R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, B. Hindley,
S. White A. Stock,

Electors 5

The Chairman advised the meeting that in the absence of the Clerk he was recording the meeting for transcribing into Minutes on her return.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Cllr. Dempsey and Ward Cllr. Garnett

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Duchy Barn Shed Following an inspection it has been decided that it would be possible for a door to be located as requested by the PCC. Mr. Gibbins, who has already given an initial quote of £15,000, will provide a separate quote for this work.

A second set of drawings to facilitate the new door have been prepared for submission. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon has received a quote of £20,591.47, plus extra for any concrete foundations, from the church builders and a third is awaited from Mr. Day. The Parish Council is now actively looking for grant aid and Rev. Moate will contact the Duchy of Lancaster.

(b) Parish Plan Cllr. Stock advised that this is now complete and ready to go to the printers. This Plan reflects the views and wishes of the residents and not the Parish Council and Cllr. Stock again stressed the fact that the Parish Council made a commitment to ensure that all the action points will be addressed. He saw the PP as a permanent agenda item, keeping a check on progress of all items raised. Cllr. Laverick agreed to go through each item with Cllr. Stock to ensure that all interests have been taken into account in the preparation of the Plan. It was considered that a nominal number of copies would be printed and an insert in the parish magazine will advise the public where a copy can

be obtained. The DVS project needs a copy by the 30th May to justify the grant which they have given for the production of the PP. It was hoped that an “open day” could be held in the Duchy Barn during June with as many councillors as possible in attendance for consultation. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Stock for all his hard work in the production of the PP which, along with the Village Design Statement, was a valuable village document.

(c) War Memorial - Parking. Nothing to report.

(d) 106 Agreement money – Dedham Films Since the last meeting it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that two categories now exist for 106 monies – one for leisure services and one for community services. Despite assurance from CBC that funds would be available for the purchase of a new film screen it now transpires that no funding remains in that particular “pot”. CBC has failed to inform the Parish Council of the new set up and in future Cllr. Laverick will receive a monthly notification of the money available. A meeting has been arranged in the Town Hall on 16th May explaining the new set-up for any councillors interested in attending.

(e) Public Toilets Cllr. Laverick and Cllr. Cannon investigated the complaints re opening times and smells and all now seems to be well.

(f) Re-siting of bus stop A consultative exercise has shown that a body of opinion favours the bus stop being kept as near to its current position as possible. The matter has been put into the hands of C. Cllr. Mrs. Brown, who will pass the matter to the appropriate ECC department. Mr. Malseed has no objection to the buses stopping outside his property but does not wish a bus stop post erected. The footpath is extremely narrow and a post would be a hazard. C. Cllr. Mrs. Brown agreed that he will be consulted on the matter.

(g) Re-decoration of the Sports Pavilion Cllr. Mrs. Cannon expressed extreme disappointment over this project which had not come up to expectations. Seven men had arrived for one day and had achieved very little. Eventually Cllrs. Laverick and Cannon had taken on the task and the pavilion now looks much better. There were still areas which cannot be reached without ladders, etc. and Mr. Bower will be asked to liaise with the sports club about this. Cllr. Hindley felt that there should be a feedback to the Colchester Probation Service in view of the unsatisfactory outcome to their offer of help.

(h) Broadband Service There had been very little response to the notice in the parish magazine regarding the availability of government grants to improve local Broadband Services. Cllr. Hindley felt that more publicity was needed as there was a need to show public response in order to obtain funding. Cllr. Stock confirmed that the Broadband Service featured in the Parish Plan and it was agreed that a further more noticeable insertion be put in the parish magazine.

(i) Other items Cllr. Mrs. Cannon had been consulting other insurance companies with a view to reducing insurance costs. It was felt that the

Duchy Barn Shed was over-insured and the War Memorial under-insured. Enquiries are on-going.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dedham Cricket Club – Sightcreens Dedham Cricket Club are purchasing two new sightcreens with the help of the Parish Council.

(b) ECC – Call for Ideas ECC invite local communities to send them ideas on how to improve local communities. A copy will be distributed to all councillors and their comments invited at the next meeting.

(c) CBC – City Status CALC are asking members to comment on the plan by CBC to apply for city status and to indicate whether they support or object to the proposal.

(d) Essex Association of Local Councils EALC have again urged Dedham Parish Council to become a member at a cost of £381.89 It was felt that in the current financial situation this was an unnecessary expenditure.

5. REPORT OF PCSO PCSO Mark Hibben was not present.

6. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA Cllr. Laverick had contacted the landowner following a complaint that the footpath across the potato field had not been reinstated. This was in hand. It was agreed that Dedham should again enter the Essex Best Kept Playing Field competition in all three categories.

7. ACCOUNTS March accounts paid during April:

Mr. A. Hodson	287.50
Mrs. O.M. Ruff	168.00
CBC – Playing Field Litter Collection	81.00
Durant Cricket (Sightcreens)	2,688.00
St. Mary's PCC (Duchy Field)	50.00

Income: Dedham Cricket Club - £2,240.00

8. PLANNING The Planning sub-Committee has considered the following applications.

COL/0320 Gardeners Cottage, Gun Hill, Dedham.

Removal of sheds and erection of Garden Room. Re-sub of 102341

Comment: Recommend approval subject to conditions.

COL/0473 13 Kiln Cottages, Crown Street, Dedham.

Two storey extension to side and ground floor extension to rear.

Comment: Recommend refusal. Minimal changes from previous application.

COL/0501 Plot 2. Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Erect post and rail fence with gates to boundaries.

Comment: Recommend refusal Article 4.

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

Extension and alterations.

Comment: Recommend approval conditional.

COL/0511 Conservatory.

Comment: Approve in principle but design needs reviewing.

COL/0551 Muniment House (Listed), Brook Street, Dedham.

Demolish garage block and erect Granny Annexe.

Comment: Recommend refusal.

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

Extension and alterations.

Comment: Recommend approval conditional.

CBC has **approved** the following applications:

COL/0151 Gothic Cottage, Grove Hill, Dedham.

Alteration to existing garage.

COL/0173 Maytree Bungalow, Crown Street, Dedham.

Removal of Condition.

COL/2229 Dedham Vale Business Centre, Manningtree Road, Dedham.

Erection of 4 Units.

COL/0021 Hallfields, Crown Street, Dedham.

First floor extension and internal alterations.

COL/2457 The Boathouse Restaurant, Mill Lane, Dedham.

Landing stage for electric launch.

COL/0209 Bloom House, The Heath, Dedham.

Proposed side and rear extension and new external finishes.

CBC has **refused** the following application

COL/2580 Alfred Munnings, Castle House, Dedham.

Erection of 1 rectangular sign and posts.

Horkesley Park Heritage Centre Papers in respect of this new application were being circulated to all councillors with the request that they look at them with an open mind and report back at the next meeting.

9. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR Nothing to report. In the absence of Ward Cllr. Garnett and the need to further some outstanding items Cllr. Laverick has spoken with him and will possibly visit Cllr. Garnett in the near future. C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown will endeavour to find a temporary replacement link with CBC.

10. PUBLIC REPRESENTATION Resident Mr. March queried the funding for the refurbishment of the Duchy Barn Shed. Cllr. Mrs. Cannon advised that she was in the process of completing applications to four sources of possible funding. Planning permission lasted for three years giving plenty of time for applications. The Cricket Club had asked that work did not proceed until after the cricket season

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr. White advised that **Dedham Films** have received an anonymous gift to enable them to purchase the new screen and other equipment. The **conifer hedge** is still blocking the street lamp in Mill Lane. The residents are still away and in their absence the Clerk has been asked to have the hedge trimmed back. Cllr. Laverick submitted comments to a recent "review session" of **grit bins** stating that bags should not replace bins particularly as bins can be sited in places where bags could not be easily stored. He was also able to report that he can now attend the **bus meeting** and asked members for any thoughts they might have. Cllr. Stock said there were several comments on the bus service in the PP which could be carried forward and he will discuss this with Cllr. Laverick.

Concern was expressed by Cllrs. Appleby and Cannon over the fencing being erected on the **previous Maytree Bungalow site**. A protected hedge and tree have been removed without a scheme being submitted and the fence is wrongly sited. CBC have been advised and a site meeting with Mr. MacIver arranged. Mr. Moorhouse has contacted his agent regarding the dispute over boundaries. Resident Mr. Malseed gave historical facts about the gate/access of the footpath and had undertaken the mowing of the path for some time.

Cllr.Hindley has been appointed as a **representative on the CALC Highways Panel**.

To date there has been no response to the **vacancy for a Parish Councillor** created by the resignation of Mrs. Kim Spencer. We await official confirmation that co-option can proceed.

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **11th May, 2011, at 7 p.m.** in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham. This will be followed by the **Parish Assembly at 8 p.m.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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