

Minutes of meeting held on 8th February 2012

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 8th February, 2012 **In the Assembly Rooms**

Present: In the Chair: Cllr. R. Laverick

Councillors: R. Cannon, M. Dempsey, A. Stock, S. White

Ward Cllr. C. Garnett

Parish Clerk Mrs. J. Flewin

PCSO M. Hibben

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1. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs. R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, and B. Hindley

2. Minutes of previous meeting having been circulated were approved subject to the following alteration. Item 9, line 4, should read "East Bergholt Parish Council" not "Stratford St. Mary".

3. Report of Borough Councillor Cllr. Garnett gave an update on the use of 106 Agreement and central government funding monies in respect of the purchase of land.

This followed an approach from Mr. Richard Brown representing a small group of individuals proposing to attempt to purchase Row Meadow in Dedham with the aim of donating it to a new village charity to be held in perpetuity. The use of such money and other grants is strictly governed and further investigation is called for by the group to try to raise the guide price of £45,000. There was a lengthy discussion when several questions were put to Mr. Brown. Because of the time scale the chairman proposed that the question should be further debated at the close of the meeting.

So far as parking by the war memorial was concerned Cllr. Garnett asked for an official request from Dedham Parish Council for yellow lines to be put around the war memorial. Cllr. Laverick will do this and provide details of exactly what is required. Cllr. Garnett was happy to "call in" the Shelley Glebe Barn application if the Parish Council recommended this course of action. All members showed their approval of this suggestion.

There has been an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Simpson of Anglian Water and Mr. Pritchard, Chief Executive CBC regarding bad smells in the High Street. Further investigation is being undertaken and it was agreed that the matter should be left in abeyance for two months to await the outcome. The matter will be raised again if no progress is made. An invitation to join the Community Housing Officer and others on a neighbourhood tour of Parson's Field at 2.30 p.m. on 16th February was issued to any councillor wishing to attend.

4. Matters arising

(a) Duchy Barn Shed Work is progressing on the rebuilding of the shed although the recent bad weather has meant a delay.

(b) Dog Bins Cllr. White had made enquiries regarding the cost of providing parish dog bins and identified suitable sites. Cllr. Garnett outlined a new initiative by CBC whereby developers would be expected to provide dog bins which would then be serviced by CBC. However new bins are expected to be available from CBC in April and meanwhile "clean-up" notices can be obtained on request. It was agreed to wait until April when hopefully a successful application could be made. Cllr. Garnett will request some notices.

(c) CCTV along The Drift It has been agreed that 106 money is available for this extra equipment to be added to the existing cameras.

(d) Car Park Signs A meeting with interested agencies has been arranged for 10.30 a.m. on 14th February in the Duchy Barn when the wording and siting of the notices will be agreed.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY Mrs. MacArthur expressed concern at the very dangerous state of the footpath in Mill Lane which is very narrow, potholed and crumbling. This has been reported as a matter of urgency and Cllr. Laverick will ask Cllr. Garnett to press for this work to be carried out. Mill Lane is the access road to the river used by a vast number of cars and pedestrians and feeds the Mill Lane car park.

Dedham Primary School would like to create a large poster on the subject of parking which would be displayed outside the school and possibly elsewhere in the village. A question arose as to whether such a poster would be allowed to be displayed and if special permission was necessary. The Parish Council felt that this might be allowable for a short period of time but it would not be acceptable to residents over a lengthy period. Generally it was felt that nothing would improve the parking situation in and around the school. If only parents could be encouraged to start out a little earlier, park in the Mill Lane car park and join the walking bus which gathers at the war memorial the situation would be eased. However, this was unlikely to happen.

6. PARISH PLAN - Action Progress Summary 12/02/12

RL - Transport (Bus Service) - Response still awaited from ECC. Bus

timetables now placed on Parish Council website.

RC - Planning (Housing) - Housing Needs Analysis Survey now ready for distribution during February. Meeting held with planning Department to address all the issues re lack of enforcement of planning permissions and they have undertaken to address them all.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Road closure Mill Hill, Dedham, will be closed on 27th April from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for railway bridge examination.

(b) First Responders A team of first responders from Stratford St Mary is now up and running and also serves Dedham. A recent call out had been made difficult because there had been a problem finding the address concerned. It was agreed that initially a copy of the electoral roll could be provided.

(c) August Bank Holiday - Fun Day The Youth Club have indicated that they were willing to undertake the management of the August Bank Holiday fun day. This was welcome news.

8. REPORT OF PCSO Details of incidents were given but in the main January had been a quiet month. Notices regarding securing valuables left in cars had been posted around the village. The number of vehicles parked at the Crown Street building site had increased and the PCSO has spoken to the site foreman. Cars in Royal Square was still an issue with cases of inconsiderate parking. The Chairman had received a complaint from a coach driver that he had been unable to access the coach park due to other vehicles parked. PCSO Hibben felt that this was probably because of the snow and assured the meeting that there was usually no problem.

PCSO Hibben thanked those who helped clear the snow from pedestrian areas in the village. Cllr. Laverick wished to add his thanks to our PCSO for his assistance and shovel work in the High Street following the heavy fall of snow.

9. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA/SPORTS FIELD The folding posts have been purchased but the bad weather has delayed their installation. The poor condition of the East Bergholt National Trust footpath mentioned last month has been reported and the matter is ongoing.

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

	£
Mrs. A. Cannon (Ultrasecure Ltd - Folding Posts)	113.88
A. Hodson - Hours worked in January Maintenance	150.00

RCCE - Housing Questionnaire	102.00
Duchy Barn Hire	10.00
D. Hodson (Snow clearance)	50.00
B. Davidson (Snow clearance)	50.00
St. Mary's Church PCC (Duchy Field)	50.00
Mrs. O.M. Ruff	168.00
<u>Income</u> PPP Grant	£1,915.48
DLTC	75.00
Parish Plan	5.61
<p>Following a meeting of the Finance sub Committee it was proposed to increase the Parish Precept by £500 for the coming year, making a total of £31,500. The Borough Council Grant of £2,992 leaves a Parish requirement of £28,598. This was unanimously approved. The Council Grant will be discontinued next year. An increase of £1 per hour to £13.50 per hour (total hours 3 per week) for Mr. Andrew Hodson was approved.</p>	

11. PLANNING The Planning sub-committee has dealt with the following applications:

COL/2476 Mulberry House (LB), Gun Hill, Dedham.

Two storey side extension and dormer windows in second floor.

Comment: Recommend approval.

COL/1543 Lower Park (LB) Colchester Road, Dedham.

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Revised plans and documents for original design for equine use.

Comments: Recommend approval if conditions can be met.

COL/2418 Swanston Cottage, High Street, Dedham.

Proposed side chimney.

Comments: Recommend approval.

CBC have **approved** the following applications:

COL/1615 Gun Hill Garage, Gun Hill, Dedham.

Revised visibility splays and access.

COL/2416 Limetree House, Brook Street, Dedham.

1.8 metre fence.

COL/2096 Ivy Dene, Ardleigh Road, Dedham.

Ground floor extension.

COL/2367 Monks Cottage, Monks Lane, Dedham.

Greenhouse.

COL/2254 Peartree Cottage, Coopers Lane, Dedham.

Kitchen extension and garden room.

COL/2273 The Old Exchange, High Street. Dedham.

Louvres to four existing windows.

COL/2437 12, Coopers Lane, Dedham.

Two roof lights.

On Appeal:

Muniment House (LB) Brook Street, Dedham.

Grannie Annexe

The Arboricultural Officer from CBC has agreed that a dying Ash tree can be removed from a property in the High Street.

The Housing Needs Survey is ready for distribution.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS In order to advertise the forthcoming Council **elections in May** the Chairman would like to hold an "open" morning or afternoon some time in March when residents can obtain information about the role of the Parish Council and the duties of a Parish Councillor. This will be discussed further next month. **The condition of the surface of Royal Square** gives cause for concern and some attention is required, particularly the filling in of potholes. This was last carried out in 1991. A complete re-surfacing will be quite expensive and materials used will need careful consideration in this sensitive area. Cllr. Cannon would research the matter. There was no objection to a request for permission to use the Sports field (football field) for the **Diamond Jubilee fireworks** on Sunday 3rd June, 2012. It is hoped that a cricket match will take place on the Duchy Field during the afternoon followed by a hog roast and a "bring your own" picnic supper. Full details will be advised at a later date.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th March, 2012, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, Dedham.

There being no other business the open meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Following further discussion on the attempt by a group to purchase Row Meadow, members were agreed that although commending the objective they considered it to be extremely unlikely that funding could be secured from sources available to the Parish Council nor did they feel that public money could be committed to the project.

The Clerk will convey this decision to Mr. Brown.

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