

Dedham

Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 9th May 2012

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Wednesday 9th May 2012.

Present: Councillors: Virginia. Appleby, Nicola Baker, Sheila Beeton,

Ann Cannon, Robert Cannon, Roy Laverick,

Alan Pallett, Alan Stock, Steve White

Parish Clerk: Jean. Flewin

Ward Cllr. Mark Cable

PCSO: Mark Hibben

Electors 8

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None..

2. ELECTIONS

Chair: Roy Laverick Proposed RC Seconded SW

Vice Chairman: Steve White Proposed AS Seconded SB

Planning sub-committee: Robert Cannon (Chair) Proposed RL
Seconded SW

“ Members Ginny Appleby, Sheila Beeton, Alan Pallett,
Nicola Baker

Finance Committee: Roy Laverick (Chair) Proposed AC
Seconded AP

“ Members Ann Cannon, Alan Stock

Playing Field & Amenities Ann

Cannon, Roy Laverick

Footpaths: Sheila Beeton, Steve White

Press Officer/Emergency Co-ordinator. Steve White

Transport Representative: Sheila Beeton

Duchy Barn Representative Ginny Appleby

CALC Representative

Tree Warden Nicola Baker Proposed RC Seconded VA

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

4. REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLOR Cllr. Laverick welcomed the newly elected Ward Councillor, Mark Cable. Cllr. Cable acknowledged that Christopher Garnett was a hard act to follow but that he would be working closely with him in the immediate future.

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Duchy Barn Shed The new Duchy Barn Shed was officially opened last week and all accounts settled. Many compliments had been received and the Parish Council wished to record its thanks to the builder Peter Gibbins and his bricklayer Ben Chandler for the excellent work done and support given. The Chairman said thanks were also due to Mrs. Cannon for undertaking this important project and for the hard work involved in reaching such a successful conclusion.

(b) Royal Square A letter has been sent to Mr. Penny, CBC, informing him of the anticipated costs involved in re-surfacing Royal Square and The Drift. Cllr. Cannon has since contacted him with further details to ensure that funding will be available from the 106 money and that this money is earmarked accordingly.

(c) Offensive Language on Football Field It appears that despite various approaches to the football club this problem still remains. The Parish Council is prepared to take a robust stand to the extent that football could be banned from the sports field and members agreed that unless matters improve this threat will become a reality. Now that the football season has finished a meeting is being arranged with the Chairman of the Sports Club and the Parish Council to try to overcome

this impasse. Cllr. Laverick will attend and other councillors are welcome to join him.

It was suggested that at the start of the next season random checks should be made and if the football clubs are not able to control the language of their players the Parish Council will take drastic action.

(d) High Street Odours Anglian Water and EHO are still in the process of investigating the problem. Bad odours have again been notified and Cllr. White awaits an update.

(e) Microlites It is understood that Babergh Environmental Health have spoken to the parties concerned. It is hoped that the “28 days in 12 months” ruling will apply and there should be no problems in the foreseeable future.

(f) RCCE Housing Needs Survey For the benefit of new Councillors the reasons behind the production of this document were explained.

(g) Street Furniture Highways have agreed to look into the problems of items appearing on the footpath in the High Street, i.e. tables and chairs and A-boards.

If necessary they will contact the shops concerned by letter.

(h) Map - Dedham Housing Following a request from Stratford St. Mary First Responders Mr. Bob Foster kindly agreed to produce a map of houses in Dedham for their use. This will shortly be available.

(i) Royal Mail Vans Cllr. Laverick has been advised that in future the Royal Mail vans will use the Mill Lane car park and not the coach park. Cllr. Ann Cannon will enquire of CBC why the overspill car park has not yet been opened.

5. HAVE YOUR SAY Brian Hindley raised the question of a NAP representative and kindly agreed to continue to represent the parish for the forthcoming year.

He also pointed out that the question of Broadband in Dedham was ongoing and Cllr. Laverick was willing to take on this responsibility for the time being.

6. PARISH PLAN Cllr. Stock passed copies of the Parish Plan to the new Councillors and explained the concept behind it. He will amend details of responsibilities and circulate to all members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letters of thanks have been received from Jill Strangward and Beth Mitchell for sponsoring the village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and from John Mitson in respect of the excellent result of work on the Duchy Barn Shed.

(b) Play area in Parson's Field Colchester Borough Homes Ltd. The Parish Council has been asked for an opinion as to the benefit and usage of the children's play area in Parson's Field. This was difficult to ascertain and it was felt that the school and residents of Parson's Field together with residents in Crownfields, Crown Street, (who back onto the area) were best placed to answer this query. Councillor Appleby will appraise the situation.

(c) EALC Correspondence from EALC regarding membership was passed to Cllr. Beeton who will look into the matter for the next meeting.

8. REPORT OF PCSO Incidents in Dedham last month involved a sudden death, two car thefts and the continued theft of heating oil. PCSO Hibben has details of a Fuel-Oil Alarm which is widely recommended.. Action is to be taken against users of vehicles on Fpth.18 to access land at the rear of Brook Street..

9. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA/SPORTS FIELD Following heavy rain the footpath alongside Winterflood House (Essex Way) has been flooded owing to a blocked drain.. Cllr. Laverick has spoken to the residents who are now in contact with CBC.

Cllr. Ann Cannon has discussed with Del Bower, Chair Sports & Social Club, the possibility of putting hoggin down in the parking area behind the sports pavilion. This will be discussed further.

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

	£
David Lavender Electrics - Duchy Barn Shed 440.00	
P.J. Gibbins Ltd.- Duchy Barn Shed	18,975.00
Mr. A.P. Hodson - Hours worked in April – Maintenance	162.00
PPP	287.14
Mrs. I.M. Hindley – Litter	168.00
Assembly Rooms - Meetings	129.50
Zurich Municipal Insurance	1,061.67
Dynamic Fireworks	2,250.00
Income: Precept (half-year)	£ 15,795.00

Dedham F.C.	75.00
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	1,470.00
106 Grant (DBS)	950.00
Essex Env. Trust (DBS)	5,000.00
SDF (DBS)	2,250.00
Big Society Fund (DBS)	5,000.00
Allotment Assn.	220.38

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

COL/634 Mill House (LB), Birchwood Road, Dedham.

Internal alterations and replacement windows.

Comments: Not enough information awaiting CBC

COL/0661 Gun Hill Garage, Gun Hill Dedham.

Two portacabins and one secure unit.

Comments: Approve conditional

COL/0384 5 Kiln Cottages, Crown Street, Dedham.

Conservatory to rear.

Comments: Approve.

COL/0658 Heath Farm, Long Road East, Dedham.

Single storey rear extension.

Comments: Approve.

COL/0486 Old Church House (LB) The Heath, Dedham.

Two storey rear extension to workshop.

Comments: Recommend refusal due to design issues.

COL/0683 Mount Pleasant (LB), Birchwood Road, Dedham.

Removal of larder and construction of all to Snug.

Comments: Approve.

COL/0783 Rose & Crown, Crown Street, Dedham.

Variation of Condition 14.

Comments: Recommended conditions of variation.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr. Beeton asked if any thought had been given to running a **heating oil consortium** in Dedham. She agreed to contact the Langham Clerk for information about their scheme. The **footpath from Munnings** used by the school walking bus was in need of trimming. The Clerk will contact Andrew Hodson.

An **overhanging tree is Stratford Road** will be investigated by Cllr. White. Mrs. Perry who for many years has looked after the **tubs by the village pump** can no longer carry out the task. Cllr. Ann Cannon agreed to take on this task for one year. It was thought that perhaps a joint venture by the Allotment Association and the Horticultural Society might be the way forward in the future. Cllr. Cannon reported that five seats were available on the **Manningtree Community** bus taking residents over 60 years to Tesco, Highwoods, at a cost of £2.50 return. The bus will leave Royal Square at 8.30 a.m. and anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact Cllr. Ann Cannon.

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

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

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