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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 06<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Attendance: Cllr Sheila Beeton-Chair, Cllr Nicola Baker-Vice-chair, Cllr Kevin Taylor, Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Jane Meakin

**163/17. Apologies for absence.**

**Cllr Jeffrey Herbert**  
**Cllr Christine Frost**

**164/17. Declaration of Interest.** Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interests not already declared.  
 Rye Farm- discuss the bus stop SB

**165/17. Minutes**

The minutes dated Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair, Cllr Sheila Beeton.

**166/17. Have Your Say.**

Concerns were raised regarding speeding in Manningtree road, in the morning and afternoon particularly during the school run. It was agreed to ask the Community Speed Watch to contact the police and request they designate the area for Speed Watch.

**Report from Ward Councillor Nigel Chapman.**

**Report from County Councillor Anne Brown**

**167/17. Update on items from last meeting. Not reported separately.**

- Sports Club Refurbishment. Cllr Baker reported that we are waiting to hear from the Football Foundation to pronounce on the amount of funding they will give. We have all the tenders in place and a preferred contractor identified. These cannot be advised until the grant funding has been confirmed.
- Monks Lane By way. No further update
- Flower Tubs. These are in place and are looking lovely.
- Essex Mobile Libraries. Having looked in detail at the criteria set, Dedham would be left with one stop, and therefore did not feel the need to object to the recommendations. Very little usage at the any of the stops \*insert figures\*  
 SB, Jenny Salisbury and JM to carry out some research into training residents on e-readers.

**168/17. Accounts:**

- a) To receive and approve list of cheque payments – Clerk. See attached list.  
**Proposed: Cllr Baker**  
**Seconded: Cllr Taylor**  
**Agreed by all**
- b) To receive the external auditors report for 2016/17  
The clerk reported on the External Audit report, which is available to view on the parish council website.

**169/17. Planning Advisory Group – Cllr Taylor.**

- a) To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications.

172528. 1 Frog Meadow, Brook Street. Beech next to the house, reduce branches back off the house, maximum reduction in length 3m. Oak crown lift lower sucker growth on overhang max length 3m. Large oak in the corner deadwood clean. Yew reduce by 30% get a good shape ready for a yearly trim

*Recommendation- none*

172553. Lyndon, East Lane, Application to discharge conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission.

*Recommendation- none.*

Cllr Taylor reported that the appeal for the additional affordable homes at Saunders Field, has been dismissed by the State.

**170/17. Wooden Barrier and Lockable Posts to The Drift.** To discuss the barrier padlock at the Royal Sq. end and broken lockable posts at the pavilion end of the Drift, to recommend whether or not the barrier should be locked and to recommend that the posts be repaired. Cllr Beeton & Asst-Clerk,

Following a discussion it was agreed that the clerk to write to the properties advising the gates should not be locked, so that emergency access is always maintained.

**171/17. Tennis Club Path**

To approve the architectural Footpath Plans submitted by the Tennis Club.

Following a discussion relating to the proposed route and materials it was agreed the route is acceptable, however, the materials are not. This needs to be reconsidered and returned to the parish council with some alternative options. It was also agreed that the proposal should be run past the Football Club, and pre-application advice should be sought from CBC.

A map of the route will be made publicly available.

**Item 174/17 brought forward.**

**174/17. PRow**

To receive a report on the meeting at Essex County Council attended by Cllrs Beeton and Follows and ECC members and officers.

Cllr Beeton reported on the meeting.

**172/17. Local Services Fund.**

**To receive a report from Cllr Beeton regarding the Local Services Fund application.**

- a) To resolve to submit an application for £15,000 over 3 years, for vegetation cutting on footpaths, currently managed by Essex County Council and additional hedges and verge maintenance  
**Proposed: Cllr Beeton**  
**Seconded: Cllr Follows**  
**Agreed by all**

- b) To resolve to match fund, £15,000 over 3 years for the projects above.

**Proposed: Cllr Baker**

**Seconded: Cllr Follows**

**Agreed by all**

Concerns were raised regarding what happens after the 3 years.

**173/17. Long Road West bus stop**

**To report on the position on the remaining bus stop in the refurbishment project.**

Cllr Beeton reported that the final bus stop hard standing has not been completed due to engineering issues, involving BT infrastructure. This could be rectified at a cost of approximately £30,000, but was deemed excessive.

**175/17. Land registry**

To approve expenditure to register the Playing Field on Land Registry. (Cost TBC at the meeting) £500-£750

Following a discussion, it was resolved to appoint the solicitor to register the title, The exact boundary must be specified. **Proposed: Cllr Taylor**

**Seconded: Cllr Baker**

**Agreed by all**

**176/17. Email change over. Cllr Taylor**

To resolve to spend an additional £25 to provide IMAP facilities for the new email addresses.

It was reported that some councillors were having difficulty setting the new accounts up, whereas others were set up without problems. It was agreed to purchase the IPAM settings which should resolve some of the issues.

**Proposed: Cllr Baker**

**Seconded: Cllr Taylor**

**Agreed by all**

**177/17. Matters of continuing reference. – BT Manhole leak. Find out what's happened.**

**178/17. Correspondence:** The Essex Playing Fields have awarded DPC the Certificate of Merit Best Kept Playing Field Gold Award, Runner Up. And Best Kept Football Pitch gold award, The Duchy Playing Field, gold award, for Children's playground. A note of thanks to all those involved was recorded.

**179/17. Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 04<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Duchy Barn.

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