



**Minutes of Annual Parish Residents Meeting of Dedham electors hosted  
by Dedham Parish Council  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 6:30pm at Duchy Barn**

**Present:** Cllr Smith, Cllr Neville, Cllr Beeton, Cllr Williams, Cllr Harrison Cllr Mole

**Attendees Clerk – Carol Harbach  
Cllr Lewis Barber  
12 Residents attended**

- 23/22 Welcome by the Chairman and apologies of absence received.**  
Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would be run and that this was the meeting of the residents and is hosted by the Parish council on their behalf.
- 23/23 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly meeting in 2022**  
These were agreed and signed by the Chairman  
Proposed Cllr Neville seconded Cllr Mole All agreed.
- 23/24 Parish Councils Chairman's report**  
This was read out by Cllr Smith and is attached
- 23/25 Parish Councils Finance Report**  
This was read out by Cllr Harrison and is attached  
Cllr Mole mentioned the Jubilee event which took place last year and thanked the village warden for her efforts around the village.  
Planning group are monitoring the Garden project in Tendring and what is happening with that, at the moment there is no northern link road.
- 23/26 Visitors reports from Community, Borough and County Councils**  
Cllr Lewis Barber picked up on the garden community project and does have an impact on this area. The county and district councils have asked for a report due to the increase of the traffic problems that may occur for the link road. This is all in Tendring district and some of these houses are allocated come under the Colchester allocation.  
The link road is expected to be a cost of £8 to £12 million for this new road. The traffic management was report was mentioned in particular the dismissal of the traffic plan and there is a lot of concern about this in the village. The main concern of things effecting the village comes under speeding.  
There have been the direct and correct procedures followed for the report and this was very dismissive and factually wrong and the council does not feel this is acceptable. The council response to this report has been published in the magazine and on the website and there has been no reply back from the county council to date. The PC would like to see a person from Essex highways

to visit the roads to see the traffic in the village itself, ideally at peak times to see what the problems are. DPC would like to meet with the Highway panel directly and some of the councillors would like to see how they can represent the views of the village.

Cllr Barber stated that the officers have been chased but he has not received a response as yet. Cllr Lewis will try and organise a meeting with them and the Local highway panel. CALC (Colchester Association of Local Councils) do have councillors from the parishes attend this panel. Cllr Neville will contact Ross Gill Ross regarding this. It was thought it would be worth having a meeting with the officer that undertook the report and have the officers as well attend the planned visit. The local highway panel would not likely look into a specific report, but this can be challenged. Cllr Barber stated that after the meeting with the officer then we can go on further. It will be tried to get Cllr Scott out to walk the roads to see the traffic in the morning so he can see what the residents are dealing with. The volume of traffic has increased and has not been taken into account within the report.

**23/27 Professor Douglas Bourn - sustainability for Dedham (15 min)**

Professor Douglas Bourn gave a short talk on sustainability for Dedham and how residents could become involved in this.

The professor thanked the PC for taking up his issues on this subject and environmental questions. The aim of the project is to see how to live in a sustainable way in the future. This undertakes looking at ways to progress things to resolve these issues. Dedham is well known in many areas and attracts many visitors, the issue is how we can work together to move this forward and involve the whole community, to look at to enhance the area for the future generations. There is a need to recognise this not just in this area but everywhere and what will happen in the future for everyone.

People need something positive to move things forward.

Housing – this area is becoming more popular for living and this needs to be looked at in a sustainable way to ensure that people are aware of these issues and are informed of ways to solve these issues.

Something of these are long terms and some are short term but some progress needs to be made on both these areas to get things moving forward. The East of England is now a central place in the country as the main area for energy coming into the country. There are also working group to look at these things that cover waste, trees, recycling and ensuring visitors to the village and how they should be reminded of the country code including the land owners of how the public use the pathways going across land. Education is the way forward in this. The action plan and the start of this and will be available soon on the website and this will give out responsibility to the stakeholders to start these things including member of the public. The regular monitoring of this is a start to get these things moving in the right direction.

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**23/28 Public Open Forum with questions from the public**

Residents asked the following questions;

Douglas Bourn was thanked by the residents and was asked how are you going to put these things in practically on litter for example

The reply was there may need to be a short-term option to litter pick in a positive way to help to get guidance from the police and other experts involved.

A resident asked a question regarding the bins on the river on the Suffolk side are not being collected, as these are in Suffolk it comes under their jurisdiction and the rubbish is being collected and is dealt with as fly tipping and is costing Suffolk £300 a time to remove this rubbish from this area. More advice is needed from the police and other bodies on how to approach people regarding this as a starting point and more signage would be useful. It was thought that there needs to be bins that need to be put there by Suffolk by the residents.

A resident asked about a large green wheelie bin which is on highway property opposite his house. The resident has been told it is for the Bakery shop and he thinks that this area is not suitable for business use and he would like this to be removed. The owner of the property was represented and informed everyone that the bin is there only temporarily and they had an unofficial arrangement with a neighbour for this to be collected. The assembly room have been contacted to see if there is a chance to store the bin there for collections. It was thought to speak to the trustees of the assembly rooms to see if this can be sorted out and a solution can be found to this problem. Legally there is nothing wrong with this but there is a solution possible for everyone. There was a conflict of interest mentioned by Cllr Smith as he is a trustee of the Assembly rooms. The address of the clerk will be contacted to see if there is a possible outcome to this problem.

Another resident raised the issue with the jumping off the bridge in the summer by visitors– the council replied with that bridge is under Suffolk Councils responsibility and there have been meetings regarding and other issues at the river to try and rectify this situation. There was a solution put forward for netting at this point where people jump in. The parapet height of the bridge has been checked and is correct. There is some work being completed with regard to the water quality of the river and the authority will be considering banners about the condition of the water to be displayed.

A discussion followed regarding putting up signage about the dangers of jumping in the water and this will be investigated legally.

A resident asked when the footpaths are being cut and they were informed that there was a schedule for these and the cutting had already started on these. A resident would like to see a schedule for the footpath cutting and this will be put on the website for all residents.

The residents felt that the craft licenses were needing to be checked by the Environment Agency, this has been asked by the council for but has not happened. Cllr Mole will talk to them to see if they can come down.

Luke Marshall came to speak about the pylons update and explained how he got involved with this subject. There is a Facebook page and email distribution list which can be joined. Luke has also met with the energy

minister and is part of Rosie's local campaign group, has also met Councillors  
The next meeting scheduled is with Ofgem he is trying to pull this all together  
and is looking at all the different areas involved.

Luke's group are currently covering all the leg work and paperwork so the  
message is consistent and there are a lot of things going on at the moment.  
There is a wind farm that is going up at the moment and this has increased  
extra types of farms on land and this includes hydrogen farms etc. Luke stated  
that if you agree with this anti-pylon project then please keep in touch. An  
energy trader has a committee working with her and there is also an anti-  
pylon group and they are currently trying to get network providers who have  
proved it is cheaper to use offshore grid rather than on land by £6 billion  
pounds. People are now starting to listen and the Government is now asking  
groups to work together. This area is a unique situation and we have a chance  
to get the pylons offshore in this area.

The next stage of consultation will be the region of the whole of east Anglia  
including the AONB and the group are still trying to get things organised to  
work together. There are some key dates to look at, we have until the 14<sup>th</sup>  
July which is the first date to be concerned about, papers for this have been  
prepared and sent on. Some of the energy providers are now getting heavy  
handed and taking letters personally to householders and landowners and  
can be intimidating. The rights to apply for compensation is now passed if you  
have refused them on your land.

99% of the people around the country are not being affected by this pylon  
proposal but those it does hit are being heavily affected.

**23/29**      **Date and Time of the next meeting**  
May next year date and time to be confirmed

**23/30**      **Chairman's closure of the meeting**  
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at  
The meeting was closed at 19:40pm