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**Minutes of the meeting of Dedham Parish Council held on
Monday 4th November 2024 at 6:30pm at the Duchy Barn**

Attendees: Cllr Neville, Cllr Goodall, Cllr Mole, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Bourn,
Cllr McLaughlin, Cllr Martlew, Cllr Main, Cllr Sneddon

Present: Cllr Rowe
Clerk - Carol Harbach
19 Members of the public

24/113 Welcome and apologies

Cllr Neville welcomed everyone to the meeting. John Goldbrough has sent his apologies.

24/114 Declaration of Members interests

Any declarations of interest will be brought up and declared as they arise on the agenda. Cllr McLaughlin declared his wife was a trustee of Munnings 8 years ago.

24/115 Public Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

Cllr Neville stated that Andy Bell's funeral; is on the 27th Nov at 1:15pm at Weeley Crematorium. Flowers will be sent by the Parish Council.

It is noted that the Sports Club may need some help in the future due to the loss of Andy Bell.

A resident mentioned Petalo Lodge and asked for an update on this. Cllr Mole had contacted Karen Syrett and asked the questions previously raised by the resident. The resident was also copied into the email sent. Karen Syrett stated that she will contact the enforcement team. Cllr Mole will contact Karen Syrett to see if the enforcement team have been to site yet.

The resident has a concern regarding dog attacks of these dogs at this site. The council had not heard of this and suggested that if this is happening it needs to be directed to the police when it occurs. The resident mentioned that the block paving is still going on at the property and Box House Lane is now flooding. It seems that there are bats there as well in the trees. The resident was informed to let the enforcement officer know about this.

Lamb corner – hedges have still not been cut back, letters have previously been sent by the Parish council and suggested that as it is a Highways issue they be contacted by the resident to request that these are cut back.

24/116 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (7th October 2024)

There was an amendment to these minutes under 24/106.1 to be noted 241784 5-6 Barkers Terrace, East Lane, Dedham Colchester CO7 6BE This had been minuted before as approve conditional but had been refused by Colchester City Council.

These minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as a true and accurate account. Proposed Cllr Mole seconded Cllr Neville All agreed.

24/117 Matters arising from the last meeting

Speedbot costs – under traffic

Youth club update – The youth club has started up.

Blue Plaque – This has now arrived and the community group will be looking at organising an “unveiling” of this plaque in the future. Hannah Fry may be free to unveil this, Cllr Bourn will follow this up This will be installed in the meantime as per the planning approval.

Petalo Lodge – See above public forum

Goals – these have been ordered and are due for delivery and installation later this month.

Railings at Dunston Almshouses have been painted.

Christmas Wreaths have been ordered and will be with the council in time for the Christmas fair.

24/118 Visitors Report (CCC Thomas Rowe/ECC Lewis Barber)

Cllr Rowe – Gave an update of what is occurring at City Hall and there is a lot of talk of recycling. Dedham is now likely to be getting wheelie bins in the village. It is being looked in to by Cllr Rowe and is going through scrutiny at the moment and this decision is being challenged. Please let Cllr Barber know if you are for or against these bins. The planning Department has been contacted by the scrutiny department regarding the residents who do not have the space on the highway to store the bins. Cllr Rowe has been told these will be trailed in some areas but will keep us updated on the situation. This proposal will be in by 2026 in this area. If the Parish Council would write to Cllr Rowe and say that Dedham is in a AONB area where will these go. Cllr Mole will write to Cllr Rowe regarding this and he will try and get an exception for this. Residents will be requested to send their concerns to Cllr Rowe to help take this forward towards making this an exception for the village. The safety of buggies/pedestrians and dogs etc was also raised. It was mentioned about the time it takes for bins to be emptied against bags to be collected and put into the van at one time. The reply from CCC was staff were the main concern of them but the residents still need to be considered. It was mentioned that down Boxhouse Lane at the moment the rubbish is collected in a van as the dust vehicle cannot go through the lane as it is too small.

Cllr Barber has helped with the clearing of Shoebridge Hill and this has made it able to be walked down without now walking in the road. Cllr Barber has been thanked for this.

24/119

**Possible development by Munnings Museum for a dog field
(Maximum 10 minutes)**

There had been 10 people contact the council regarding this item with their concerns on this possible development. To date there had been no paperwork received by the clerk regarding this from Munnings Museum.

There has to date, been no planning application sent to Colchester City Council and therefore the council cannot record any comment on this.

The representative from the Munning Museum is unavailable for this meeting tonight, but a resident who was acting as a spokesperson for the many residents who had concerns regarding this read out a summary of the concerns and issues. There is strong opposition to this within the village and outlined the concerns of the residents and gave details that she had received. These included It is normal practice for a dog field to be surrounded and enclosed by a 6 - foot mesh fence. Results from a recent poll undertaken by the British Dog Fields Association found that across social media, 95% of people who regularly used dog fields required those fields to have a minimum fence height of 6ft. In addition to this user- expectation, there are obvious risks associated with operating a dog field with a fence that is less than 6ft high. There are various users of these fields and range from dogs being let off leads to dogs that are not socialised.

The residents would like to know when Munnings are going to respond to this.

Cllr Neville thanked her for the input from the residents but as stated before as there has been no planning application so there is nothing to comment on at the moment, but all the resident's comments have been noted and kept on file. Although this is a frustration for residents, a file is being kept in case an application does come in.

The question was asked if this goes through as a change of use will it go through the same way as a planning application. This was confirmed that this would go through the same process.

A resident has reinforced the concern at the crossroads at the bottom of the road where this possible development would be. The road sign is still missing in this area.

The only contact we have for the trustees is an email address. Cllr McLaughlin will contact them to see if any further information is available.

Group 1 - Finance, Standards and Procedures

120.1 To approve payments in accordance with the Budget
Payment made last month

Finance and Standards meeting was held on 30th October.
Cllr Harrison reported on the financial status at the moment.
Payments made last month not previously reported.

Croft casting – for Blue Plaque £414.00

This month's Payments for November 2024

Warden invoice	£819.00
Materials	33.29
Clerk Salary	595.00
HMRC	148.60
LMC Media Dedham Notes	125.00
Moser Groundcare Inv 79	612.00
DPCC Barn hire Inv 43	80.00
Andy Slocombe – new work on lock at barrier at field	400.00
DPCC rent of playfield toilets	50.00
EALC Training course for Cllr Main and Cllr Goodall	480.00
Dedham Vale tree Surgery cutting of hedge in field	1,560.00
Community Action Suffolk – website hosting	56.00
C. Harbach Mileage for meetings/notices	30.08
SWT Trading Ltd – Survey for river (£2,976.20 ex Vat)	3,671.44
AE Howard – painting of railings outside Dunston Almshouses	675.00
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Total	£ 9,450.41

Grants approved after section 120.2

DPCC – Parish Magazine	£1,500
DPCC – Village amenity grant	£1,700
PTA Grant Christmas Fair	£2,000
Portage board approval	
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Total	£5,200

Overall total £14,650.41

Balance of accounts

Community account	£1,000.00
Business account	£284,155.83
Total	285,155.83

Income: £ 18,521.17.

Expenditure: £ 72,087.88

Car park variance yet to come in. Capital projects not completed. Cllr Harrison read through report. The double payment is still being followed up with Barclays and is still ongoing.

The first draft budget for 24/25 will be circulated in December

Payments proposed Cllr Harrison Seconded Cllr Mole All agreed.

120.2 Grant applications received

The council has received completed grant forms from the PTA regarding a grant for the Christmas Fair and a request for the Parish Magazine and Village maintenance from DPCC.

All these applications have been circulated to the council prior to this meeting and were discussed further.

Agreement for PTA Christmas Fair grant of £2000:

Mr Thorkildsen will be contacted to see if he will contact the Church to see if they can provide the Church at cost for the PTA.

Proposed Cllr Harrison Seconded Cllr Sneddon

Vote For 9: Against: 0

Application Agreed

These grants were discussed and comments were taken on board.

The village amenities grant was discussed in more detail both for and against.

Agreement for DPCC Application for village amenities for £1700

Proposed Cllr Neville Seconded Cllr Mole

Vote For: 8 Against: 1

Application Agreed

Agreement for DPCC grant of £1500 for the Parish Magazine

Proposed Cllr Harrison Seconded Cllr Bourn

Vote For: 9 Against: 0

Application Agreed

These will be added to the list above for payment

A grant application form has been sent to the Angling Club but has not yet been returned. The resident who works with the Angling Trust who wishes to start the club spoke about the club and stated that it will have a small number of members (30 to 40) and the aim is to train other people to be other coaches to work with younger people. The land owners were thanked for the use of the land to get this club started. This club is for all ages and if for also for anyone who also wants to return to fishing. This club is at an early stage and WhatsApp and facebook pages have been started Meetings will be held monthly in the future at the Sports club. The resident was thanked for his help and another resident, stated if we can get the local children to get involved it may help preserve the area. This was thought to be a good idea for the village and to also work with the Stour Trust, the coach will contact them and other local organisations will be contacted to work with the Anglian Trust.

24/121

Group 2 – Community Environment

121.1 Replacement of portage boards at Pond Mill at a cost of £580. Cllr Mole stated that the boards at the portage point at the Mill Pond had rotted away and needed replacing and the quote of £580 + VAT has been received.

Proposed to go ahead with this repair due to H&S Proposed Cllr Mole seconded Cllr Bourn All agreed. The contractor will be contacted to go ahead with work.

Playground companies will be contacted to give us some ideas for a playground expansion in the future for the older children in the village. The ideas will be brought forward to the main council.

24/122

Planning report recommendations on planning applications listed below:

122.1 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting

Cllr McLaughlin declared an interest in 241985

241965/6 - Pound Farm, Manningtree Road, Dedham Essex CO7 6AE
Removal of conservatory and erection of a rear extension; replacement windows; and internal alterations

241985- Ivy House, High Street, Dedham Essex CO7 6DE

T1 - Pseudo acacia to reduce by up to 3m. T2 - Laurel to be reduced by up to 2.5m. T3 - Birch up to 2.5m reduction on sides. T4 & T5 - 2 holm oak to remove T6 - Japanese cherry to remove. T7 - Mulberry crown lift up to 1m and sides reduced up to 1m

PC Comment: No comment

242011 - Monks Farm, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham Essex CO7 6DR

Application to discharge condition 11 (asbestos investigation and risk assessment) and 12 (remediation) of planning permission 241466

PC Comment: No comment

242072 - Hegeston, Long Road West, Dedham Essex CO7 6ES

Removal of porch and replace with new 2358x2567mm entrance porch. Porch finished in a brick plinth and timber which matches the Timber Panel Kitchen extension to Rear. Timber finished in a sage green. Remove existing concrete roof tiles and replace plain

PC Comment: No comment

242085 - 13 Saunders Field, Dedham Colchester CO7 6FE

The proposal involves the alteration of the garage with the addition of a dormer and external staircase. The revised layout above the garage will allow for a home office for the growing family.

PC Comment: No comment

242095 - Brook House, High Street, Dedham Essex CO7 6AB

T1 - Ash tree to remove due to ADB T2 - Ash tree to remove due to ADB T3 - Macrocarpa to deadwood clean.

PC Comment: No comment

There have also been 2 applications come in since the agenda for Great House, High Street, Dedham Essex CO7 6HJ this will be on the next agenda as this came in after the agenda had been posted.

122.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

Since the time of publishing of the agenda the following decisions have been received.

241930 - Oakbank, Ardleigh Road, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6EG

Approve conditional by CCC

241948 - 38 Dedham Meade, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6EU

Approve conditional by CCC

122.4 Appeals

241439 - Mill House, Mill Lane, Dedham, Colchester, CO7 6DH

Erection of detached 3-bay building for the undercover parking of domestic vehicles Further conversation will be had on this.

232394 - Petalo Lodge, Boxhouse Lane, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6HZ

Refusal of planning permission.

232292 - Petalo Lodge, Boxhouse Lane, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6HZ

Refusal of planning permission.

232290 - Petalo Lodge, Boxhouse Lane, Dedham, Essex, CO7 6HZ

Refusal of planning permission

24/123

Group 4 – Traffic & Parking (NEPP Sub Group) To discuss latest updates

123.1 Esses Highways Survey

A reply has been sent but the survey was pretty vague at the moment.

There was a report from a resident that today a Tractor came round Lamb Corner as the bus came the other way and a tree branch went through the bus window this will be followed up. The location was outside Mount Pleasant.

123.2 B1029 emergency clearing of path

Cllr Neville reported that here has been work on this road by Highways in getting this cleared,

There has been liaison with the Fire and Police commission with trying to get Highways on side with things regarding speed. With speed watch - there now needs to be three people present which is hard to find.

There have been accidents at the bottom of Grove Hill- someone went through wall and in the ditch but these are not recorded due to not being Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) list. Also, there was the Pony and trap incident which was a serious accident last week. The PC want this to be on the Traffic Web records under serious injuries.

Highways reported we can now have gateways and have some on Birchwood Road and Ardleigh Road. As permission has now been given for these a grant has been applied for to obtain some more gateways around the village.

Speedbot – This was explained by Cllr Sneddon and shows where we could track the speed of traffic on the Dedham and Ardleigh roads. It only works on A and B roads, this only gives you data but does not show individuals or registrations details. This data can be given to the police to show the amount of traffic speeding in these areas.

This data would be brought to meetings every few months to report to the public. The cost is dependent on how much it is used and how much are recorded. This will pick up the outline of the speeds over a certain area.

Cllr Sneddon will bring this back to the next meeting.

24/124

Group 5 - River Impact

124.1 To approve a budget for professional advice after receipt of the Suffolk Wildlife Survey Report.

Cllr Goodall and Cllr Bourn reported that they have just received the survey back which has been circulated to the council. The outcome of this was summarised however will need to be looked at in more detail as the report has only just been received. It is noted this will also be shared with the Manningtree group in due course regarding the quality of the water and will be available in the future to the public.

As an outcome of the survey, the group would like to enlist professional services to understand and explore the feasibility of options moving forward. This may be up to £5,000 + VAT. Proposed Cllr Goodall seconded Cllr Bourn All agreed.

Signs on the bridge stating that it is not permitted to jump – there have been discussions with the Environment Agency (EA) and they also support signs on the bridge. They will send over some high-resolution images so that a draft sign can be produced and submitted into the Suffolk County Council approval process.

Cllr Neville thanked both Cllrs for all the work they have put in to this by working with other bodies they have contacted regarding the river, and for the amount of work that they have put into this themselves.

24/125

Training/Events

125.1 Report on attended events

Cllr Main and Cllr Goodall reported back on the training events they attended at EALC for new councillors. This was over 2 days and they found it more useful than they first thought and it gave them ideas to look at in the future.

It made them think of long-term plans for the future and SID.

Cllr Sneddon and Cllr Martlew are attending Cllr training zoom meeting calls in November.

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125.2 Nominations for new events

Any requirements please contact the Clerk.

24/126

Clerks Report

The clerk had received communications from residents regarding the possible Munnings Museum development which had been discussed earlier.

24/127

Items for next agenda

Grant applications

Planning for Great House, High Street, Dedham

Speedbot

Youth Club update

Report back from Dedham Primary School meeting.

24/128

To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd December 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

24/129

Chairmans closure of meeting.

Cllr Neville thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:48pm