

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Mobile phone signal

Volunteer needed...Mobile operators publish coverage maps, OFCOM also provides maps based on data from the mobile operators. But these suggest that in the village centre we do have good outdoor coverage for all operators and, operator dependant, good indoor coverage.

In practice most people do not find this to be the case. Given that we supposedly have good coverage and that mobile operators are reluctant to invest in the costly process of building masts, can anything be done to improve the situation?

How about the Church Tower? In discussions with Antony, he explains the diocese is finding engagement with the mobile operators very difficult due to lack of funding.

We need to gather data on what the actual mobile reception is like and then try to get the operators to take note of their possible lost revenue.

We would like a village centre resident to volunteer to lead on gathering this data. This will need every village centre resident and business to return a form that records their operator and the service that they get.

With actual information, the Parish Council will then be in a position to challenge the mobile operators and see if they can improve their service. So if you are a village centre resident, unhappy with your mobile service, think that something should be done about it, then please volunteer to help try to improve the situation. **Kevin Taylor**

Planning applications

At each Parish Council meeting Councillors discuss planning applications for Dedham which have been submitted to Colchester Borough Council. Although DPC does not have an official role in the decision making process, the Council is a statutory consultee and we hope that CBC takes some note of our comments.

We can only base our views on the information presented to us, so if you are a householder who has submitted a planning application and would like to present additional information to the Parish Council you are most welcome to attend the appropriate meeting. The Clerk can let you know when your application is likely to be discussed.

Nicola Baker

**The next meeting
of the Parish Council is on
Monday 3 September 2018
at 7.30, venue to be confirmed**

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