

Traffic

Everyone in Dedham is aware of the pressure on parking spaces during busy weekends. In particular the Parish Council is concerned about unsafe parking over the Mill Lane bridge on the Suffolk side. There have been a number of occasions when it has been difficult to pass in a large vehicle which has implications for emergency vehicles. Although DPC has a good working relationship with the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) who are responsible for parking fines and parking restrictions on the Essex side, it has not been easy to exert any influence on the Suffolk side. Suffolk does not have the equivalent of NEPP and therefore the responsibility for monitoring parking infringements rests with Suffolk Police who so far seem disinclined to take the matter seriously. We are engaging with County and District Councillors in Suffolk to try to find ways to improve the situation, but it would be useful if local residents could report potentially dangerous situations to Suffolk Police on the non-emergency 101 number. You will need to ask to be put through to the correct force. Alternatively, you can complete an on-line form at www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/contact-form

Playing Field

We have recently done some tidying up on the Playing Field, removing redundant concrete posts and broken benches. We now have space for a number of new benches and would like to invite anyone who is interested in sponsoring one of these in memory of a loved one to get in touch. We are also planning to review our position regarding dogs on or off lead on the Playing Fields.

Play equipment consultation

We have been in touch with Dedham Primary School and the Youth Club with a view to establishing what we could reasonably do to provide play equipment for older children. A number of ideas have been suggested and we plan to have a full consultation in the autumn/ winter. We particularly want to hear the views of local residents once we have some proposals for discussion.

Centenary of the end of WW1

At its September meeting the Parish Council agreed unanimously to provide a financial contribution to the planned concert to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. The names of Dedham men who fell during this conflict are shown on the War Memorial in Royal Square, along with the names of those who died during WWII. If anyone knows anything about any of the 33 WWI service men listed on the memorial, or of any Dedham men who returned from the conflict, we would be very pleased to receive any information via the Parish Clerk; or please leave at the Parish Office, including your contact details. Many of the names are familiar village names. You might also like to look at the following website www.roll-of-honour.com/Essex/Dedham

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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 1 October in the Assembly Room (Reading Rooms) at 7.30. Don't forget that the Parish Office in Dedham Art and Craft centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning. 01255 871483