

*Just a reminder that the **Dedham Parish Council Office** is open in the Dedham Art and Craft Centre every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 10 and 12.*

*Anyone is welcome to drop in to see the Parish Clerk.*

### **Essex Rose**

The Parish Council has published the second in its 'Business Focus' series with an interesting profile of the Essex Rose on the Dedham Parish Council website. Now run by Wilkin and Son, the Essex Rose was for many years run by local residents Del and Peggy Bower and is known to be the reason that many visitors return time and time again to Dedham!

### **Environment Agency**

The Parish Council continues to liaise with the Environment Agency with regard to flood risks. We are pleased to note that clearance works along the Black Brook in Southfields has taken place.

### **Sports Club works**

After many months of planning, all the funding is now in place for improvement works to the Sports Club building.

As well as internal re-configuration of the changing rooms, the main work will be a new ramp and

veranda to the front of the building which will make wheelchair and buggy access possible.

The work should be completed by the middle of March. Any short term damage to the corner of the Duchy Field will be made good once the construction is completed.

### **Grounds maintenance contract**

The Parish Council has appointed Mortimers as its new contractor to look after the playing fields. They have experience of working with other parish councils in the area and will be regularly mowing and strimming to keep the green spaces in the heart of our village looking their best. We look forward to a productive working arrangement with them.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 4 February 7.30 in the Duchy Barn**

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