Dedham Parish Council

Community Policing: At its next meeting in March, DPC will be discussing the relative merits of two different community policing initiatives, both of which are seeking financial support from the Parish Council. Residents are invited to attend to listen to the discussion and to make their views know.

On a similar subject, there will be a 'Coffee with Cops' session on 22 March between 10am and 12 noon at the Craft Centre. You are invited to meet members of the community policing team and voice any concerns that you may have.

Dedham Mill Bridge: We have been notified of the imminent temporary closure of the bridge for repair works. The closure is expected to last for 21 days and the work should be completed by Easter. The exact date of the closure has not been notified at the time of writing. As soon as any further information is available it will be posted on the Parish Council website.

Parking: DPC has had a productive meeting with Stratford St Mary Parish Council and other partners about the parking problems on the Suffolk side of the B1029 and further meetings are planned to discuss initiatives.

Neighbourhood Watch: Residents may have seen recent press coverage about the importance of the Neighbourhood Watch movement. The scheme was originally set up in the USA in 1964, with the first UK scheme beginning in 1982. We have an active group in Dedham and anyone interested in finding out more is invited to contact Cllr Ann Follows on 01206 323038 or e-mail

ann.follows@dedhamparishcouncil.co.uk Alternatively, please complete the form available on the Parish Council website.

Parish Office: The Parish Office and Tourist Information Point celebrated its first birthday on February 14th. DPC is pleased to have a High Street presence for residents to make contact with us.

Ever wondered what the Parish Council does? Next meeting will be held on Monday 4 March at 7.30 in the Duchy Barn. All are welcome. **Nicola Baker**

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