

Post office: The Parish Council is continuing to meet with Post Office representatives to find a permanent arrangement to retain the Post Office services in the Dedham. The initial interim proposal is likely to be the provision of a Mobile Post Office coming to the village, two or three times a week. A notice about this provision will appear on the Dedham Parish Council Website and on the DPC noticeboard when the days of the week are finalised. It is hoped that this will begin on 3rd July. It is important that residents use this facility as it will provide proof of continuing need for the provision of PO services in the village.

Play equipment consultation: The result of the recent consultation on additional play and exercise equipment was discussed at the June parish council meeting. The full report is available on the DPC website. A total of 31 questionnaires were returned, 29 of which were completed by Dedham residents and the remaining two by people who work in the village. Not everyone answered all the questions. In summary, 12 people were in favour of play equipment for older children and 17 against, with one person saying that we should provide an additional piece of equipment suitable for disabled children. The proposed location was favoured by only nine respondents with 22 saying it was unsuitable. There was a majority in favour of retaining and re-locating the existing wooden adult exercise equipment with 19 in favour and 12 against. With regard to alternative adult exercise equipment, 11 were in favour and 20 against. There was even less support for exercise equipment for children, with 3 in favour and 28 against. When respondents were asked whether they would support adult or children's equipment if it came to a straight choice, more were in favour of adult

equipment (9 for adult equipment, versus 6 for children with an additional 2 for disabled only). DPC will not therefore be providing any additional equipment for older children. However, we will be relocating and repairing where necessary the existing wooden exercise equipment to make it easier to use.

Lighting consultation: At the June meeting, the results of the consultation on additional lighting was also discussed. Again, the full report is on the DPC website. 84 responses were received in total. Of these 28 indicated a 'No' vote for all questions and 56 positive responses were received supporting at least one of the three options on which consultation was sought. 50 people were in support of additional lighting on the corner of Brook Street outside Dedham Hall and 52 people were in favour of low level lighting across the Drift, controlled by motion sensors. These two schemes will now be progressed to technical appraisal. We also asked about lighting in Royal Square, but this did not receive majority support (40 votes for) and so will not be progressed. Thank you to all of you who took the trouble to let us have your views.

The next meeting will be on Monday 1 July 2019 at the Duchy Barn. All are welcome. There is no scheduled meeting in August.

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