

Flood risk assessment: Since the flooding in the village a few years ago, DPC has continued to be in contact with the Environment Agency which has been working on mapping flood risk in Dedham. We are now pleased to report that the Environment Agency is organising a drop-in event to discuss flood risk in the village. All residents are welcome.

A number of properties which may be particularly susceptible to the risk of flooding were surveyed during the summer and these householders will be invited to attend and discuss their individual survey results.

Flood Resilience Engagement Advisor, Tina Starling said, "We would encourage residents to come along and find out more about flood risk in Dedham and how the public can become more flood resilient".

The event will be held on Thursday 24 October between 2pm and 7pm. The venue is yet to be agreed; please check the Dedham Parish Council website or the notice boards for details.

For further information please email tina.starling@environment-agency.gov.uk

Wooden exercise equipment: Some changes will be made soon to the wooden exercise equipment on the playing field. This will involve moving some pieces of equipment to make access easier, minor modifications and repairs.

Environment, safety and

infrastructure group: This DPC group, chaired by Cllr Ann Follows, has had a busy summer dealing with concerns about maintenance of public rights of way, hedges and verges. DPC is currently looking at ways in which it can be more pro-active in ensuring that hedges and verges are maintained to an acceptable standard by liaising with landowners and/or commissioning some of the necessary maintenance work.

There have also been concerns about damage to the village environment caused by the large number of visitors to our rural location. As has been previously reported, DPC has been active in effecting changes to parking arrangements in the village and we continue to monitor this. The August bank holiday was particularly sunny and busy. We will continue to do everything in our power to facilitate dialogue on this topic between interested parties.

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The next meeting will be on Monday 7 October 2019 in the Duchy Barn.
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