

Dedham Parish Council

Consultation event: DPC recently held a consultation event at the Sports Club for residents to look at ideas for supplementing lighting in the village and also for the provision of additional play equipment. The event was very well supported; thank you to all of you for taking the time to come and meet with Councillors and complete the surveys. The results of this consultation exercise will be discussed fully at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

Annual meeting: Each year the Parish Council holds a parish meeting in the Assembly Rooms for residents to meet Councillors in an informal setting and to hear the Chair's annual report on the work of DPC. Thank you to those of you who attended. The numbers were low this year, despite the cake and coffee! If anyone has an idea for a new format or a particular topic of interest, please get in touch. This year we had an interesting presentation on the re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch and also an update on the Environment Agency's work on mapping flood risk for the local area (more on this to follow in a later edition of this magazine).

Dedham Post Office: The Parish Council has just received confirmation from Mandeep in the Pharmacy that he has advised the Post Office that he no longer wishes to have responsibility for postmaster services with effect from the end of June 2019. At the time of writing we are trying to establish what plans the Post Office has for continuing the service on either a permanent or temporary basis. You may have heard

the recent publicity about the general decline in post office services which appears to have followed revisions of the financial model within which post office services are delivered. There is no doubt that Mandeep has done his best to provide this service under extremely difficult circumstances and we are appreciative of this. Pharmacy services will of course continue as normal.

The Parish Council has already received concerns about this development which clearly threatens either the level of service provided or, worse still, no service at all. We are therefore looking at ways in which we can work with the Post Office to ensure the retention of this service in the village. In the meantime we hope residents will continue to use the service in order to maintain demand.

Resident Parking: We have just been notified that a formal submission and petition has been made to CBC by a Dedham resident for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be made to establish dedicated resident parking in the High Street. The Parish Council will be working with the NEPP to identify the impact this might have on the overall availability of parking provision within the High Street area for other residents and businesses. Further information on this will be available at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

The next meetings are: Monday 3 June & Monday 1 July 2019. All are welcome.

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