

Dedham Parish Council

Elections: We are pleased that there has been sufficient local support for a contested parish council election on May 6th. Thank you to all those who have put themselves forward for election, and good luck to the next iteration of Dedham Parish Council.

The Drift: The works to re-surface the Drift and install bollard lights will be undertaken in May. We hope that they will be welcomed by pedestrians in the darker winter months.

The lights will have passive infrared sensors so that they only come on when pedestrians approach and will be on a timer so that they are not activated during the night.

Highways: Parking restrictions have been implemented at Lamb Corner by the North Essex Parking Partnership and parking is no longer allowed on the verges either side of the Birchwood Road exit at Lamb Corner.

We continue to monitor the progress of the installation of additional yellow lines along the B1029 and are still expecting them to be installed before the forthcoming summer season.

A recent flooding problem down Shoebridge Hill has now been investigated by ECC Highways and we await news on the proposed remedial action.

Play area: A new 'noughts and crosses' game has been installed to replace the defunct 'Simon Says' panel. Parents are

encouraged to continue to use the playground responsibly with their children in line with Covid guidelines posted on the gate. And please remember, no dogs are allowed in the fenced off area.

Meetings: The format of future meetings is as yet unclear, but face to face meetings are likely to be introduced soon. The date of the May meeting has yet to be announced, but must be held within fourteen days of the elections on May 6th. Details will be posted on the DPC website.

Clerk: DPC is pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Parish Clerk. Her name is Jayne Cole and she is an experienced Clerk with an impressive CV relevant to Parish Council work.

Thanks: Many current members of the Parish Council are stepping down after nine years of service. All of us would like to thank residents for their support and to thank our Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman for his help, our Essex County Councillor Anne Brown for her years of service to Dedham and our volunteer 'Webmaster' John Goldsbrough who has been responsible for our comprehensive and up to date website which is the envy of many parish councils.

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Parish Clerk, Jayne Cole