

Dedham Parish Council

Elections

The term of the current Parish Council is rapidly drawing to a close, with local elections scheduled to take place on May 6th. Last year's elections were postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic so all councillors have completed an additional year.

Our Clerk is also moving on to a new challenge so it really will be all change in Dedham! We are currently engaged in trying to tie up all the loose ends before putting out the rubbish and turning off the lights!

Parish Office

The pandemic has had a profound impact on the way in which we work. This has led to the decision to close permanently our parish office in the Dedham Art and Craft Centre. We thank Miriam and Michael Clark for making us welcome during our time there.

Highways

At its March meeting DPC voted to approach the North Essex Parking Partnership with a request to consider parking restrictions on Lamb Corner to prevent dangerous parking here.

We still await the installation of additional yellow lines along the B1029.

An initial meeting has been held to try to understand the causes of the recent flooding problem down Shoebridge Hill and a date has been scheduled to conduct some pipe investigations by using a camera.

Remote meetings

We will continue to meet remotely using 'Zoom' for the foreseeable future. Meetings are normally held at 7pm on the first Monday of each month. Full details are on our website and we welcome any member of the public who would like to attend. The April meeting will be on April 5th. We have not yet agreed a date for the May 2021 meeting, which will need to be held soon after the elections on May 6th. The most likely date is Monday May 17th, but please check the website for confirmation.

'Re-opening the High Street safely'

We are working with Colchester Borough Council to access funding from the above source. This is likely to involve the provision of additional hand sanitising points, signage and banners and queue management.

Play area

We will soon be replacing the unreliable 'Simon Says' equipment with something which is more robust!

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