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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 1st July 2019

Attendance: Cllr Sheila Beeton (chair), Cllr Nicola Baker (vice-chair), Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Kevin Taylor, Cllr Jeffrey Herbert, Cllr Jane Meakin, Cllr Johnathan Smith

090.19. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Frost

091.19. Declaration of Interest. Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interests not already declared.

092.19. Minutes

The minutes of meeting 03.06.2019 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

093.19. Update on items from last meeting, not reported separately and other updates and reports.

- **Lighting Consultation- correction.** Following the meeting on Monday, DPC have reviewed the outcome of the questionnaire and can confirm that whilst the figures reported were accurate an error had been made in reporting a majority vote for Royal Square. There were 40 positive responses, and 44 negative responses. As such DPC will not be pursuing additional lighting on Royal Square. We apologise for this mistake. We have received 2 items of correspondence on the consultation, which will be dealt with in due course.
- **Post Office-** Cllr Beeton update on the position of the Post Office closure. DPC have worked hard to push for a service within the village. The Post Office have agreed and seem to be committed to ensure a substantial service is resumed. Due to the tight timescales a full building-based service could not be implemented, but have agreed to host a mobile van, 2 days a week with the full service previously offered by the post office within the Pharmacy.
Going forward, they are looking for a business to run the post office in conjunction with their own business- which will include sharing of staff, and paid on a transaction fee basis.

Resident: Use it or lose it? Do we have sight of the financial viability? Financial model has changed, so difficult to judge at this stage.

- **Highways verge cutting-** DPC have been advised residents have made complaints to ECC regarding the quality of the cutting. The clerk will also write to ECC to express their disappointment. DPC have also received complaints about the overhanging trees in the High Street.
- **Old email addresses-** Reminder to all councillors to delete the old email addresses.
- **Parking-** DPC are very concerned that the parking restrictions are still not in place on Dedham Road. This has been escalated to Cllr Gordon Jones SCC, Highways Portfolio holder. Further correspondence has been received regarding resident parking for the properties on the High Street without off-street parking. DPC's position has not changed.

094.19. Have Your Say.

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman. Ward Councillor.

Report from Cllr Ann Brown. Essex County Councillor.

Resident: Appreciate the work of the parish council.

Resident: The weekends parking was disgraceful.

Resident: Would residents collect incident details relating to poor parking by the river (whilst not breaching data protection)

095.19. Accounts.

- a) To receive accounts and agree payments.

Proposed: Cllr Herbert

Seconded: Cllr Beeton

Agreed by all

096.19. Planning Advisory Group. Cllr Kevin Taylor.

To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications.:-

191454. Rose Cottage, Long Road West. Single storey rear extension to existing ancillary accommodation annexe

Recommendation: No objection

191573. 2 Lower Barn Farm Cottage, Manningtree Road. Proposed single storey sunroom

Recommendation: No objection.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor

Agreed by all

097.19. Play Equipment**

To resolve to relocate and modify where the existing wooden adult equipment in line with the report. Quotes to be taken under a closed session- item 104/19

Deferred until September.

098.19. Public Rights of Way- additional cut.

To resolve to fund an additional cut on the PRoW, in order to maintain them to a reasonable standard, at a cost of £2,247.80 for a total of 11239 meters @ 20p a Mtrs

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Herbert.

Agreed by all

099.19. Tea and Tablets leaflet

To resolve to approve a budget of £100 costs associated with the Tea and Tablets event.

Proposed: Cllr Meakin

Seconded: Cllr Baker

Agreed by all.

The event will take place on September 19th at 2-4, in the Duchy Barn.

100/19. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) relocation Local Highways Panel (LHP) request

To resolve to put in an application to the LHP for a VAS at Castle Hill, near Anchor Lane.

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Meakin

Agreed by all.

10119. Highways Devolution.

To receive a report from the clerk regarding the Highways Devolution update.

The clerk gave a brief report on the follow up meeting she attended. She will produce a full briefing report at a future meeting, following receipt of the full agreement, and initial one to one negotiation.

102.19. Correspondence. Clerk

River- letter regarding swimmers in the river.

103.19. Matters of continuing reference.

- **BT Manhole leakage.**

Date and Time of the next meeting. Parish Council Meeting, Monday 2nd September 2019, 7.30pm Duchy Barn
Closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960

104/19- Wooden Play Equipment relocation

To receive quote for the relocation of the Play Equipment- as agreed on item 097/19

The wooden play equipment item was deferred but it was agreed to lift the tree overhanging the toilets and adult equipment at £70 and £30 +VAT

** reports available on the website or from the clerk