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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting in the Assembly Rooms on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Attendance:** Cllr Sheila Beeton (Chair), Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Christine Frost, Cllr Jane Meakin, Cllr Jonathan Smith  
Clerk, Emma Cansdale. Asst-clerk, Brian Hindley  
CBC Councillor Nigel Chapman.  
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**42.18. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Taylor, Cllr Baker, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Millican

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

None

**44.18. Minutes of meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

**45.18. Update on items from last meeting. Not reported separately.**

- **Sports Club Refurbishment.** None at this stage
- **Tennis Footpath.** None at this stage
- **Discharge into ditch Coles Oak Lane.** Residents clearing it.
- **Leaping Horse Bridge.** No further action to be carried out unless the local authority wish to do anything more, which is unlikely. However, it is not as bad as it was prior to the work carried out.
- **Condition of The Drift.** The surface condition of The Drift remains an issue, partly due to the extra use as a result of The Co-op being in the duchy barn, and other unauthorised vehicles using The Drift. The Co-op have agreed to make a contribution to the short term repair of The Drift, and DPC will be considering the appropriate action short term and long term. Discussed under item **55.18**
- **Email changes.** Progressing.
- **Lighting Working Group.** The initial meeting is booked for the 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- **PROW. Service Level Agreement.** Discussed under item **54.18**
- **Parish Office & Tourist Information Office.** The launch was successful, despite having a reduced number of businesses attending, due to school holidays. The office has encouraged groups and residents to contact the council. It was noted that additional signage to Munnings within the village would be useful. BH to investigate. Brown tourist signs on the A12 are unlikely to be appropriate, due to the high cost.
- **Removal of mound – play area.** No further action at this stage.
- **Additional Tree Work.** Work to be carried out in September.
- **Hedges.** Left hand side as you drive down East Lane. Brook Street hedge complete.

#### **46.18. Have Your Say.**

**Report from Ward Councillor Nigel Chapman.** AONB and Stour Valley Project have recruited a dedicated planning officer, to deal with planning issues. Bev McClean, from CBC.

**Report from County Councillor Anne Brown.**

Not in attendance

John Goldsbrough reported that there were fresh vehicle tracks through the snow on The Drift and playing field

**47.18. Accounts.\*\*** The list of cheques/BACS payments were received and agreed, including a £500 donation to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project. Total payments £4,650.73

**Proposed: Cllr Beeton**

**Seconded: Cllr Follows**

**Agreed by all**

#### **48.18. Planning applications: -**

180432. Salmons Farm, Long Road East. Retention of swimming pool enclosure.

*Recommendation: Objection, due to insufficient information about the building and the swimming pool and the over development of this rural site.*

*The Parish Council does not support developments being started without the appropriate planning consents in place and in the case of permitted developments in or adjacent to the AONB without the advice of the planning officers.*

180169. Gun Hill Trading Estate, Ipswich Rd, Dedham, Colchester, CO76HR

Alterations to the previously approved planning application 072222. Revision to skylights and windows, removal of personnel door, and increase to the ridge height of the two-storey element of the building by approx. 815mm.

*Recommendation: No Objection but some consideration might be given to the impact of proposed external lighting on the DVS/AONB dark sky initiative*

173284 Parkside, Boxhouse Lane, Dedham, Colchester, CO76HZ Application for a Horse Menege; proposal to build a horse riding arena 25mx45m to the rear of the stables on land currently used to exercise horses.

*Recommendation: No Objection but restriction might be placed on any proposed external lighting in light of the DVS/AONB dark sky initiative*

180296 Freemans Farm, Grove Hill, Dedham, Colchester, CH76DT

Notification for prior approval for a change of use of two agricultural buildings to a vehicle workshop and storage building.

*Decision: To note the withdrawal of this proposal. Councillors raised concerns regarding the untidy condition of the area and agreed to write to the land owner, asking them to clear and tidy the area.*

**Proposed: Cllr Frost**

**Seconded: Cllr Beeton**

**Agreed by all**

#### **49.18. Bin Contract CBC**

Following a discussion, it was resolved to renew the contract with CBC for emptying the bins on the playing field, at a cost of £889.85 for 2018/19.

**Proposed: Cllr Beeton**

**Seconded: Cllr Smith**

**Agreed by all**

#### **50.18. Local Crime report. Asst. Clerk.**

**51.18. Correspondence- Clerk.**

1) The council received a request to allow the scattering of John Hills ashes on the Playing Field. Following a discussion relating to the various issues with allowing the scattering of ashes, and the setting of precedents, it was agreed. This is in recognition for the outstanding contribution John made to the village, in particular the maintenance of the playing field, and the numerous awards it garnered, largely due to the quality of the work he carried out.

2) Parking restrictions. The amendment to the limited waiting bays to include Sundays from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Notices will appear on street furniture early next week.

**52.18. Matters of Continuing Reference.**

- **BT Manhole.**
- **Yellow Lines EC.**

**53.18. Date of Next Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Reading Room Assembly Rooms.**

*This section of the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission Act 1960 due to items of a commercially sensitive nature.*

**54.18 Public Rights of Way- maintenance contract**

To receive quotes and resolve to appoint a contractor to carry out the cutting schedule for 2018.

Deferred to an extraordinary meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March

**55.18. Drift repairs and barrier installation**

- a) To receive a recommendation for work to improve The Drift condition.
- b) To receive quotes for the work and to resolve to appoint a contractor.
- c) To receive quotes for the installation of 2 bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicular access onto the playing field.

The requirements were discussed and amended, and new quotes will be brought to an extraordinary meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March.