

Minutes of meeting held on 9th February 2011

DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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in the Assembly Rooms

Present: In the Chair	Cllr. R.Laverick
Councillors	R. Appleby, Mrs. A. Cannon, R. Cannon, M. Dempsey,
	B. Hindley, S. White
Ward Councillor	C. Garnett
PCSO	M. Hibben
Parish Clerk	Mrs. J. Flewin
Electors	None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from Cllr. Stock.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING having been circulated were approved.
3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Sports Club – Grass Cutting A letter from the Sports Club confirms their agreement to the grass cutting programme for the forthcoming year for the sum of £1,400. They reserve the right to review the situation at the end of 2011.

(b) High Street Smells Cllr. White reported on a very positive meeting held with Anglian Water at the end of January. Anglian Water are confident that they have sorted out the problems from their end but the trouble with Blackbrook Nursing Home remains. This private establishment is discharging septic sewage into the system and following a visit by CBC and Anglian Water, Blackbrook have been given a few weeks in which to rectify the situation with a dosing station.

(c) Duchy Barn Shed Representatives of the Duchy Barn Committee, Dedham Vale Society and Parish Council met on site with

local Building Adviser Peter Gibbins on 20th January in order to progress the project of restoring the Duchy Barn Shed. Examination of the roof structure clearly shows that the timbers need to be replaced – existing pantiles to be carefully removed and stored on site. The rear wall is in a serviceable condition but the gable end and front wall are in poor condition and need to be taken down. Any reusable bricks to be included in the re-building to be stored on site. Because of the requirements of the Youth Club there will be a need for an additional door in the gable end and a fire wall built internally to section off this end of the shed. Having established the minimum work needed it was agreed that a drawing showing these proposals would be produced by Cllr. Cannon . This would be used to establish a “ballpark” cost which Mr. Gibbins will kindly provide. Cllr. Cannon has already consulted with CBC who advise that planning consent will be required to demolish and rebuild.

Financing of this proposal will need to be sought from outside sources including the local sports clubs who must also be prepared to empty the shed of its present contents. Cllr. Laverick agreed to write to the Sports Club explaining the proposals and the need for their support.

(d) Other outstanding matters Cllr. Laverick reported that the grit bins have been re-filled. He will be discussing the re-siting of the bus stop and the possible introduction of a bus shelter in Crown Street with C.Cllr. Ann Brown. Before following up the idea of a “community volunteer force” as used during the recent snow and ice, Cllr. Laverick requested information on insurance. The Clerk will follow this up.

Cllr. Cannon has written to Beverley Jones, CBC, regarding the resolution taken at the last meeting that CBC give consideration to extending the 106 agreement in respect of new houses/developments in the parish to include so called Extensions or Annexes over 30% of the original floor area.

Cllrs. Cannon and Hindley had attended the joint training programme held in Langham and had found this to be very informative, particularly in clarifying procedure on planning and enforcement.

The road sweeper had been through the village but Cllr. Mrs. Cannon asked if the small sweeper could clear the pavements. This had not been done earlier because of the weather. Cllr. Garnett will deal with this request.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Traders’ Market – Royal Square A group of traders enquired about holding a once a month market in Royal Square selling provisions (bread, preserves, pies, cheeses, etc.). Whilst viewing the request favourably in principle members asked for more information and the Clerk will contact Mr. Marrison. This item will appear on next month’s

agenda.

5. REPORT OF PCSO There have been seven reported incidents during the month, all of which were burglaries. The investigations are on-going.

6. FOOTPATHS/PLAY AREA The footpath representatives will be meeting shortly with Mr. Botelho for a re-appraisal of the footpaths under the PPP scheme.

The ferreter has been in action on the sports field and also on Mr de Muscotte-Morris' land with some success. He will continue with this operation.

ROSPA are happy to include the new keep-fit structures on the playing field in their annual check of the play area at an extra cost of £3 per item. Their next visit is due in May.

7. ACCOUNTS It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:

£

Mrs. O.M. Ruff – Litter

210.00

D.S. White – Mr. Trimmit

380.00

A. & J. Lighting Solutions

216.60

Friends of Historic Essex

10.00

Assembly Rooms

70.00

Income: Dedham Horticultural Society - £25.00

8. PLANNING The Planning sub-Committee has discussed the following applications:

COL/2457 The Boathouse, Mill Lane, Dedham.

Landing stage for launch.

Comments: Recommend refusal. Conditions need to be resolved.

COL/2564 Shelley Glebe Barn, Grove Hill, Dedham.

Erection of replacement barn.

Comments: Recommend refusal. Previous application to be resolved.

(Unsuitable for AONB)

COL/0056 Dedham Oak Cottage, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham.

Demolish existing garage and rebuild new detached garage.

Comments: Recommend approval.

COL/0077 13 Kiln Cottages, Crown Street, Dedham.

Two storey extension to side and ground floor rear extension.

Comments: Over development of site. Concern over details. Recommend refusal conditionally.

9. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR. The Decent Homes programme has been affected by the weather inasmuch as work crews have had to deal with emergencies. However this should now ease. Highway repairs have also been affected by lack of funding. Cllr. Garnett warned that CBC might be looking for more greenfield sites for future housing if the Myland Parish Council appeal against the overburden of too much new housing in their parish is upheld.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Stratford St. Mary PC has contacted Dedham PC seeking support for a **lobby group regarding the condition of the A12**. Cllr. Laverick has asked that we be kept informed. Cllr. Laverick was concerned that **parking around the war memorial** has become the norm and sought the views of members regarding the installation of yellow lines round the base. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with C.Cllr. Ann Brown.. Following the heavy rain and the flow of water down Castle Hill drains had been jetted here and on Dedham Meade. Despite ditches having been cleared in Coles Oak Lane there was still anxiety regarding the **amount of water from the lane which freezes** at the junction with Colchester Road. This has been extremely hazardous this winter. Further similar problems existed in Long Road East where the road has become very worn. Cllr. Dempsey will contact ECC Highways to report this.

New powers to clarify **SatNav information** it is hoped will improve the situation for rural roads and help alleviate the problem of heavy

lorries coming through Dedham.

Cllr. Hindley had attended a local Highways meeting and reported that **new cycle ways** have been introduced throughout Colchester town and he had a supply of maps.

Princel Lane had been inspected by Highways and did not meet their criteria for re-surfacing. It was on the list for some attention and C.Cllr. Mrs. Brown was monitoring the situation. Cllr. Hindley will check with the Community Service regarding the work on the **sports pavilion** now that the weather has improved.

Revenue Support Grant Cllr. Hindley has written to Cllr. Garnett regarding the CBC Budget for 2011/12 asking that he attend the full CBC meeting to be held on 16th February and on behalf of the Dedham Parish Council refuse to accept the proposed budget unless the 50% reduction in the RSG is replaced by a lower percentage figure. This is in line with the views of other members of the Colchester Association of Local Councils.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 9th March, 2011, at 7.30 p.m. in The Assembly Rooms**. Cllrs. White and Appleby gave their apologies for that meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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