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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at The Duchy Barn on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Meeting open at 19.30

**Present:**

Chair: Cllr S Beeton

Councillors: Cllr P Gibbins, Cllr N Baker, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr T Regan, Cllr S Vinter, Cllr Clark

Clerk: Mrs Emma Cansdale

**1. Apologies for absence**

None.

**2. Declaration of interest**

Cllr Regan: Item 13, Planning-application 131830. Item 10, footpath diversion as is crossed Cllr Regan's property. Cllr Clark: Chair of Dedham Sports Club

**3. Minutes**

IT WAS RESOLVED that Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Speaker- Sharon Jenkins**, from 'In Touch' magazines gave a talk on the new 'In Touch with Dedham, Flatford and East Bergholt' magazine, covering proposed content and how DPC could contribute. Sharon became aware during the meeting that not all residents had received this and would therefore look into potential drop off points for the magazine, so residents could collect them. Ideas on how the magazine could be better grouped were also put forward. Suggestions included Stratford St Mary, Langham and Boxted.

**5. Update on items from last meeting: nothing not already covered.**

**6. Have Your Say part 1**

One resident highlighted the issues caused by the highways works on Mill Lane, and the inconvenience cause to many. To be covered in more detail in Cllr Vinters report under 'Highways'

**7. Accounts**

a) Cheques to be signed

Clerks Salary September- £249.48  
Dedham PCC- Duchy Barn hire July -£15.00  
Andrew Hodson P3- £235.44 Sept, £9.47  
Essex Police & Crime Commissioner-PCSO - £4216.00  
EALC- budget precept course- £45.00  
Accent Stationers- £11.95  
Chris Clark- RAB repair kit- £240.00  
Bark chippings- £712.50  
ROSPA inspection- £170.40  
CBC streetlighting- £82.12  
PFK Littlejohn- external audit-£360  
I Hindley- litter picking- £168

A late payment charge was added to the last P3 payment, which DPC agreed to pay. The clerk is to write to Mr Hodson, asking him to send the invoice to the chair as well as the clerk, so the work can be checked in time for payment to be made at the following meeting. Proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Beeton, agreed.

b) Annual Account – audit completion certificate received and displayed

**8. Reports from representatives \*For full reports, please see appendix (a)**

Sports field -Cllr Hughes\*

Communications Group- Cllr Taylor\*  
Media and Public Relations- Cllr Hughes

Community Safety Group-Cllr Vinter\*  
Police Neighbourhood Watch, Highways & Transportation, NAP

Actions- Clerk to write to Highways regarding the work on Mill Lane, a mirror at the junction of Princel Lane, and a pavement on the lhs of Crown St into Manningtree Rd.

Footpath and Tree Group- Cllr Beeton: Nothing

Tree Warden- Cllr Baker: Nothing

Dedham Primary School- Cllr Regan  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November- governors meeting  
8th November Bonfire night party.

Emergency Co-ordinator- Cllr Clark

Actions- Clerk to chase EoE Co-op regarding the defibrillator.

Income Generation- Cllr Baker: Nothing

Parish Plan- Cllr Beeton Nothing

Verbal update on Car Park- Cllr Beeton

Cllr Beeton has written to CBC asking for further information on specific aspects; a response has very recently been received and will be considered by the Car Park working party within the next fortnight.

#### **9. Co-option of Councillor**

It was agreed that the clerk and chair will put together another advert for the vacant post, and advertise on the notice boards, parish magazine and in 'In Touch'.

#### **10. Footpath Diversions- Cllr Regan stepped aside, as having stated an interest**

DPC have received a notice from ECC regarding the diversion of footpaths.

Essex County Council intend to make 4 orders to divert Footpaths at Great Horkesley, Langham and Dedham in the Borough of Colchester.

As well as diverting many footpaths from across field to field edge paths where the public generally walk already, the landowner is willing to create 3 new paths: 1 at Langham and 2 at Dedham.

Furthermore he is willing to upgrade FP 18 Dedham to a Bridleway, (although this does depend on the consent of 2 other landowners). A report was made that the map received may not be the latest version and the clerk was asked to check this.

Because of some uncertainty it was agreed that the clerk would ask for an extension to the deadline for comment, from ECC, and in the meantime the footpath working group would meet to discuss the implications of the diversions in the Dedham Parish.

#### **11. Over grown hedges- ECC position and DPC hedge letter**

Proposal to accept the DPC hedge letter circulated to councillors, which will be sent to residents who do not cut back overgrown hedges.

The letter was accepted, with the condition that it would only be issued outside of the nesting period.

#### **12. ECC Bus Service Review**

ECC are carrying out a bus service consultation, to look at how savings can be made on ECC subsidised services. Dedham would be affected by this review in respect of its only 247 service and the two late 103/104 service from Colchester to Harwich both of which are subsidised. The consultation runs until 9th December. ECC request that residents fill in the form available at [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview), through Essex libraries or by calling 0845 603 7631.

Resident Ann Follows gave an update on the research she has carried out on the bus review. Cllr Anne Brown will try and obtain some copies of the survey from ECC and lodge these with the village pharmacy for easy access by residents. This initial consultation will look at all ECC subsidised services and a further consultation will be held covering the specific services that will be affected. It was agreed that DPC should also talk to Langham PC about protecting the shared 247 service.

Initially, PLEASE COULD ALL RESIDENTS COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SURVEY.

### **13. Planning Group**

*Cllr Regan left the room as he has declared an interest in this application.*

Cllr Taylor reported on the following:

131830 former Heavy Horse Centre, East Lane- Lawful development certificate for existing use.  
Recommendation- no objection, carried.

Cllr Regan reported on the following:

131829 Applewood Cottage, Dedham Meade- Erection of a cart lodge  
Recommendation- no objection, carried.

131904 39 Parsons Field- Two storey side extension with demolition of existing garage  
Recommendation- no objection, carried.

131900 The Gables, The Heath- Certificate of lawful development for proposed rear extension and alterations  
Recommendation- no objection, carried

131914 Mount Pleasant, Birchwood Road-Internal works to a listed building  
Recommendation- no objection provided the heritage authorities are happy with it. Carried

131917 Loke End, High Street-Works to trees  
Recommendation- no objection, carried

131939 Meadow Cottage, Mill Lane- Fell row of 8 conifers and replace with new hedge and shrubs  
Recommendation- no objection, carried.

Cllr. Regan reported that although CBC are no longer providing paper copies of planning apps, the applicants are being asked to send copies to parish councils.

Cllr. Regan also reported that a developer (Hills Group) had s approached DPC to discuss revised plans for the Hallfields site. The Chair and members of the planning committee will meet with Mr Hills to look at his initial plans. Cllr Gibbins declared an interest in this matter and will not participate in this meeting.

### **14. Report from PCSO Appendix (b)**

### **15. Report from Borough Councillor**

Cllr Mark Cable reported on the following:

The CBC customer Service Centre is moving to Colchester Library, and will be open from the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.  
Food Waste collected by CBC goes to a plant in Cambridge to be turned into fertiliser or energy.  
Land at Hall Farm is up for sale and Dedham Vale AONB and National Trust are looking into purchasing the land.

### **16. Report from County Councillor**

Cllr Anne Brown reported on the following:

ECC will be withdrawing some of the Local Highway Panel money.

### **17. Correspondence**

### **18. Matters for information - none**

**19.** Land at Coles Oak Lane/Monks Lane. ECC have confirmed they plan to dispose of this parcel of land, subject to a restrictive covenant prohibiting residential/commercial development.

- a) Road Closure- Harts Lane 14<sup>th</sup> October for 25 days.
- b) Rural Crime Awareness day- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Gt Notley. Emma Cansdale attending on behalf of the Parish Council
- c) DPC have received their certificate for the short course they undertook, provided by the EALC.

### **20. Have your say part 2; nothing raised.**

**21. Date and Time of next meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 7.30pm

*Appendix a*

**Dedham Community Safety and Infrastructure Group**

**Report for Parish Council**

**SPEEDWATCH**

1 new member trained, 2 to be trained. Speed gun requires calibration. BRAKE Safety week 18-24 November, a Police motorcyclist will work with Dedham Community Speedwatch during that week

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Suggest that each parish Councillor takes on a volunteer role for an area of their road or nominate someone to do this in their place, to set an example and encourage others to volunteer.

**RURAL CRIME AWARENESS DAY**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Braintree, will cover areas such as theft, security, poaching

**HIGHWAYS**

Issues have arisen following repairs to footway on Mill Lane such as damage to garden walls, the length of the diversion, and inconvenience and disruption to businesses

20mph speed limit in village centre. Chris Stoneham from ECC visited with a group of us. This was a positive meeting where speeding on Shoebridges Hill, through the village centre, parking issues were discussed and seen. Various ways of addressing these issues were debated. Speed surveys will be undertaken in appropriate places

**TRANSPORT**

Bus service issues discussed. Useful contact details:-

[www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview)

timetable information: [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) 0871 2002233

**NAP**

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October at Bluebell Centre. Cllr Anne Turrell will contact CBC legal team re: Parish council accreditation for FPN ie parking/dog warden capabilities. Lead burglaries in village. Request made for crime reports to be issued promptly.

*Appendix b*

**Crimes in Dedham September 2013**

Brook Street, Dedham – Garage Burglary – Lawn mower and strimmer recovered in driveway of address. This occurred in the evening.

High Street, Dedham – Theft of lead from roof in early hours of the morning