



**Minutes of the meeting of Dedham Parish Council held on
Monday 4th March 2024 at 6:30pm
at the Duchy Barn.**

Present: Cllr Jonathan Smith (Chairman), Cllr Stephen Mole (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Paul Harrison, Cllr Sheila Beeton, Cllr Sandra Williams, Cllr Douglas Bourn, Cllr Gill Neville, & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 6 members of the public.

23/187

Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from CCC Thomas Rowe.

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Declaration of Members interests

None

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Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident informed the meeting that there were issues in regards to horses and the roads around Petalo Lodge. Cllr Sheila Beeton informed the meeting that she had been in touch with the planning officer and was awaiting a response from Colchester City Council.

A resident informed the meeting that a shed had gone up in a site that had been planned for trees. It was suggested the site was being run as a commercial venture.

Cllr Sheila Beeton informed the meeting that she would write to Karen Syrett as this had already been reported to the planning officer without response.

Cllr Gill Neville suggested that the resident send a letter to the local MP or to attend the MP's surgery.

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To approve the minutes of the last meeting (5th February 2024)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Seconded: Cllr Steve Mole

Agreed by all

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Visitors Report (EDC Lewis Barber)

EDC Lewis Barber informed the meeting that EDC has now agreed their budget. This means that funding can be put towards footpaths & potholes.

Cllr Steve Mole raised the issues in regards to Grove Hill – EDC Lewis Barber said that he would chase this up with Essex Highways.

EDC Lewis Barber reported that the parking charges proposed by NEPP had been brought up at a meeting and he was awaiting a response on this. He will report back to us on this once he has had a response. EDC Lewis Barber stated that he would support the Parish Council on this issue.

Cllr Gill Neville reported that PFCC were looking at Dedham as a template for speed & management issues.

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Clerk's Report

To note the Ride London Bike Race would be coming through Dedham on Friday 24th May 2024. The Parish Clerk was actioned to add this to the Dedham Notes facebook page.

23/193

Group 1 - Finance, Standards and Procedures Report

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

Payments for February 2024

Parish Clerk Salary	£549.20
HMRC	£137.20
Mileage Expenses	£21.60
Home Working Allowance	£30.00
Colchester City Council – Street Lights	£88.52
Plumb Associates (Survey)	£1,440.00
Parish Council Warden	<u>£886.64</u>
Total	<u>£3,153.16</u>

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Seconded: Cllr Paul Harrison

Agreed by all

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Group 2 – Infrastructure & Asset Management

Cllr Steve Mole informed the meeting that the water fountain had now been repaired.

Cllr Douglas Bourn reported that the article on the friendly benches was now in the Parish Magazine and would offer responses that would let the Parish Council know how much interest there would be in regards to the friendly benches. Cllr Sheila Beeton suggested a site location outside the Duchy Barn for the friendly bench – Cllr Douglas Bourn would raise this with the Duchy Barn Management Committee at the next meeting.

EDC Lewis Barber joined the meeting at 6.54 p.m.

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Group 3 – Community Relations

Cllr Gill Neville reported that she had received a quote from LMC Media Management to renew the contract for Dedham Notes. It was agreed by all to accept this quote.

Proposed: Cllr Gill Neville

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Agreed by all

Dedham Therapy Farm deferred to the next meeting

Cllr Sandra Williams requested the Business Breakfast invite be shown on the Dedham Notes facebook page, the Parish Clerk was actioned to do this.

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Group 4 - Planning

Planning report recommendations on planning applications listed below:

Call for sites meeting on 12th February 2024. Three sites in Dedham submitted – Crossroads of Dedham Heath/Long Road West, Long Road West and Long Road East.

196.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

240227 – 38 Parsons Field, Dedham – application for variation of conditions 5, 6 and 7 of planning permission of application 213326.

Recommendation: Amendment to previously approved plans – Comment: The Parish Council would like the porosity of the surface to be a condition of this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr Sheila Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Agreed by all

240282 – Great House, High Street, Dedham – proposed internal alterations to bathroom sanitaryware **Recommendation:** Support this application

Proposed: Cllr Sheila Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Agreed by all

240291 – Orchard Blossom House, East Lane, Dedham – single storey front, rear and side elevations and alterations.

Recommendation: No Objection

Proposed: Cllr Sheila Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Agreed by all

240303 – Peartree Cottages, 8 Coopers Lane, Dedham – erection of a purpose-built timber storage shed to provide secure storage of Massey Ferguson tractor and Teagle pasture topper

Recommendation: Support this application

Proposed: Cllr Sheila Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Agreed by all

196.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting

196.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

231880 – Brook Farm House, Grove Hill, Dedham – repair and re-render of eastern gable end (Revised Description).

Decision: Approve Conditional

232803 – Mill House, Mill Lane, Dedham – use of existing annexe building as self-catering holiday let

Decision: Approve Conditional

231746 – Little House, High Street, Dedham – alterations to existing rear extension. New glazing to extension. New lead roof. Adding secondary glazing to front windows. Restoration of existing windows.

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Decision: Approve Conditional

196.4 **Royal Square Update** – The Parish Council will display the report on the Royal Square in full on its website, apart from data which needs to be redacted for data protection reasons such as specific postcodes.

Cllrs Smith and Bourn will review the report and remove as necessary prior to publication

Chairman Jonathan Smith read out the following:

Dedham Parish Council welcomes the response from residents to its consultation on changes to Royal Square and acknowledges there is a general feeling of concern that the impact of doing anything to the Square might impact negatively upon the rural nature of the village. This was clearly not our intention.

We also take seriously the comments that have been made about the decline of provision of services and maintenance of the village a lot of which is not under the direct control of the council.

The Receipt of the Report's findings which include both positive and negative comments are being published in their entirety in the interest of transparency and are available to all on the Parish Council website at Dedham Parish Council Website.

It is the view of this Parish council that given the proximity of the end of our current term of office that it would be neither desirable or sensible at this stage to put forward alternative or any proposals at this juncture. Coming also at a time when it has been made clear that the NEPP also wishes to propose changes to parking arrangements in Dedham (which have not yet been discussed with the Parish Council) it is also sensible for these issues to be incorporated into the decision-making process for Royal Square so that wholistic decisions are made for the benefit of Dedham as a whole. This will also give the current Parish Council the opportunity to look at the detail of some of the recommendations in this report and evaluate their potential and funding implications for the benefit of the new Council.

196.5 Petalo Lodge (see Residents section)

196.6 **Pylons** – Cllr Steve Mole reported that he attended the latest ESO meeting where it was suggested that it could be possible to go completely underground along the whole route, however, National Grid are looking to continue with the consultation process in April 2024 and it is unlikely this latest alternative proposal would be accepted by them.

23/197 Group 5 – Traffic & Highways

Nothing to report

23/198 Dedham Family Sports Day – 30th June 2024

To discuss funding request for the Dedham Family Sports Day – Grant £2,000 Approx.

The Parish Council agreed to financial support and funding towards the Sports Day Event

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Seconded: Cllr Steve Mole

Agreed by all

23/199 Memorial Tree for Iris Hindley

Cllr Sheila Beeton proposed a memorial tree for Iris Hindley. Cllr Steve Mole suggested a bench would be a better option – as locations for new trees in Dedham was very limited.

It was agreed to purchase a bench.

Proposed: Cllr Jonathan Smith

Seconded: Cllr Steve Mole

Agreed by all

23/200 Coffee Morning for Potential Parish Councillors

Cllr Sheila Beeton discussed the coffee morning for potential councillors on the 9th March 2024 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. In the Duchy Barn. The Parish Clerk was actioned to put this notice on the Dedham Notes facebook page.

23/201 Training/Events

201.1 Reports on attended events

None

201.2 Nominations for new events

None

23/202 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

None

23/203 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Monday 11th April 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 7.41 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....