

## Dedham Parish Council

### **Elections:**

Residents may remember that this year's local elections, which were scheduled for May, were delayed by twelve months as part of the government response to Covid-19. This meant that the term of office of the current members of DPC was extended for one year. We hope that elections will be held in May 2021 and we know that a number of current councillors will be standing down, most having served nearly nine years.

Please, please take a moment to consider whether you could serve your community as a parish councillor. Parish Council work is voluntary, rewarding and wide ranging. Anyone interested in standing for election is encouraged to get in touch with either the Clerk or any of the Councillors (contact details may be found on our website). If there are insufficient nominees then Colchester Borough Council could be asked to step in!

### **Precept:**

Each year Dedham Parish Council sets its budget for the year to come. Full details of the expenditure for the current year and our spending plans for next year can be found on our website. The headlines are that we will precept for £41,225 and that the resulting Parish Council element of the Council Tax will be £45.38 (Band D equivalent). This is a 0% increase on this year.

### **Highways:**

We continue to press Essex County Council, which is the Highways authority, and Essex Police on matters such as speeding and traffic levels as well as trying to take some action on the inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking on Lamb Corner.

### **Remote meetings:**

We will continue to meet remotely using 'Zoom' for the foreseeable future. Meetings are normally held at 7pm on the first Monday of each month. Full details are on our website and we welcome any member of the public who would like to attend.

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