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Agenda

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sheila Beeton (chair), Cllr Nicola Baker (vice-chair), Cllr Kevin Taylor, Cllr Ann Follows, Cllr Christine Frost, Cllr Jane Meakin, Cllr Jonathan Smith
13 members of the public.

078.19. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Herbert

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

None

080.19. Minutes

The minutes of meeting 13.05.2019 were accepted as a correct record and duly signed by the chair.

081.19. Update on items from last meeting, not reported separately and other updates and reports.

a) Update on parking restrictions on Mill Lane/Dedham Road. Cllr Beeton reported that we are awaiting the installation of the parking restrictions on Mill Lane, which have been programmed by Suffolk County Council.

b) To report CBC's receipt of an Application for a Traffic Regulation Order to remove some general parking spaces and replace with Residents Only Bays on the High Street for High Street residents without off street parking. To agree any immediate action from the Parish Council.

There is no immediate action to be taken by the Parish Council at this stage. CBC will formally advise and consult, and at this point DPC will be able to object and raise the concerns already addressed regarding the loss of spaces for ALL residents in the High Street.

082.19. Have Your Say.

Parking restrictions- does this mean all residents can park there? No, only the few on the High Street without off street parking.

Mill Lane- When will this be complete and who will enforce it? Double yellow lines over one side are imminent and will be policed by Suffolk Police, until the civil partnership takes place. This will then be enforced by an enforcement agency, similar to the NEPP

Cross road Long Rd and Coggeshall Road, by the Heath. Someone has cut back the verge a little bit.
Also, on Long Road West junction

Closure of the Dedham Post Office- A resident registered their disappointment at the proposed closure. This sentiment was supported by the other residents (and councillors) present.

End of Birchwood Road, Lamb Corner- candidate for a mini roundabout.

Long road east, under the bridge, rut in the road. Reported to ECC by the clerk

Brook alongside the tennis courts are getting blocked. Trees and hedge clipping inside the brook. The clerk to report to Environment Agency. The Brook is badly blocked by Lower Park, near fp 38.

Report from Cllr Nigel Chapman. Ward Councillor.

Cllr Chapman reported that there is a new and revived cabinet in Colchester. There is no news on the Local Plan at this stage.

Report from Cllr Ann Brown. Essex County Councillor.

Not present- The clerk reported that Cllr Brown will be working alongside her, in speaking to ECC regarding the lighting on Parsons Field.

083.19. Accounts.

- a) To receive accounts and agree payments. Total payment £
Proposed: Cllr Baker
Seconded: Cllr Follows
Agreed by all.

084.19. Planning Advisory Group. Cllr Christine Frost.

To receive and agree recommendations on the following planning applications.:-

191129. Demolition of two storey side extension, single garage and outbuildings and erection of two story side and rear extension, single storey rear extensions and single garage.

Saddlers Cottage, The Heath, Dedham Colchester CO7 6BT

Recommendation: No objection, however conditions relating to the privacy of neighbours.

191249. Amendment to previously approved roof extension and conversion (approved under 181640) to amend rear dormer from flat to pitched roof and to render dormers.

Lindisfarne, Monks Lane North, Dedham CO7 6DP

Recommendation: No objection

191146. Demolition of existing double garage and erection of replacement double garage with home office above.

Arley Grange, Ipswich Road, Dedham Colchester CO7 6HR

Recommendation: No objection.

West End Garage has been refused again.

Proposed: Cllr Frost

Agreed by all

085.19. Play Equipment**

- a) To note a report on the recent consultation on play equipment. **See report on the website.**
b) Following a discussion it was resolved to relocate and modify where necessary the existing wooden adult equipment, subject to agreement on specific proposals at the July 2019 meeting of DPC.

Proposed: Cllr Baker.

Seconded Cllr Taylor.

Agreed by all

086.19. Lighting**

To receive a report following the consultation event and agree recommendations.

See report and response summary on the website.

A number of key points were raised both in favour and against the outcome of the consultation:

Residents:

- *not in agreement with additional lighting in the village, thin end of the wedge. The consultation highlighted some areas are dark, and we could end up with lights everywhere. However, there may be merit for low level lighting in The Drift, but we must guard against widespread.*
- *The Drift- people who live on the other side of the village, want to be able to safely use the village after dark. They have been asking for this for three years. It is essential to be able to safely walk home after work, etc*
- *Brook Street area is vital- pavement is narrow. And very dark, particularly in winter when it is dark by 4pm.*

- Will the bollard across The Drift be directional? **DPC** - Yes. Lighting will be away from residents.
- Royal Square-would prefer low level, below the level of the Church wall
- Regarding the survey, a resident would like to see a break down of the areas. Surmises that the people who will regularly see the lights were the ones against it.
- Concern was raised that the survey was small in its scope. Would like to see the break down. Will we be applying for planning permission? Think it's safer in the dark, not when illuminated.
- Corner of Brook Street is very dark- tripped over on the corner on the way home from work.
- Southfields is one of the darkest areas

Councillors:

DPC will seek planning permission if required.

DPC will adhere to the Dark Skies Policy.

a) Royal Square

Given the in-principle support for additional lighting in this area it is **proposed to undertake a detailed survey of the technical options available to provide additional low-level lighting**. The coincidence of work to the adjacent church wall presents an opportunity for discussing with the church whether something might be incorporated into the renovation which might provide some discrete and acceptable lighting to the dark area.

Proposed: Cllr Beeton

Seconded: Cllr Frost

5 in favour, 2 abstained

Carried

b) Brook Street

The favoured solution for a Victorian lantern now needs detailed research to establish whether we can source something similar to the two lanterns in Mill Lane. We also need to consider the technical issues of connecting either to a private electrical supply or through a new connection via a mini feeder pillar. We also need to identify the costs for either option. **It is proposed to report back in due course.**

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Meakins

Agreed by all

c) The Drift

Improved lighting across The Drift is the favourite of the options with all those supporting it favouring low level bollards. We have identified a suitable fitting and have an indication of installation costs. The installation is straight forward technically, and will be undertaken on land owned by the Parish Council.

To resolve to progress this project at an estimated cost of £10,000. Formal quotes will be received and a contractor appointed in due course.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Baker - subject to any necessary planning permission

Proposed: Cllr Follows

Seconded: Cllr Frost

Agreed by all.

087.19. Post Office

To receive a report on the closure of Dedham Post Office and to look at the possible options for maintaining a service. Cllr Frost reported on a meeting with a post office area change manager. Expressed a disappointed at the lack of consultation with the Parish Council.

Key points raised:

Interim arrangements in the village must be in place.

Community Model- does not apply to Dedham

Outreach Model- only available for 2 mornings a week. DPC and the PO are discussing a venue. The Duchy Barn appears to be a good option for the interim arrangements.

Transaction figures from previous post office would be useful to establish peak times.

See website for full notes of the meeting with Wendy Hamilton.

088.19. Correspondence. Clerk

089.19. Matters of continuing reference.

- **BT Manhole leakage.**

Date and Time of the next meeting. Parish Council Meeting, Monday 1st July 2019, 7.30pm Duchy Barn

** reports available on the website or from the clerk