



the agenda that BDC have seemed intent on from the outset. Some members of the public reminded him that unlike the Lindsays who are private property owners, BDC are a public body whose first duty should be to consider what the village feels serves them best. However, their views were dismissed with unseemly haste and arrogance. I was disappointed that Graham Butland failed to attend because had he done so I would have reminded him of a conversation that we had when he visited the old allotment site last year. I indicated the danger of placing a children's playground in an area which was not sufficiently overlooked and was surprised when he answered that it could be rectified by building a couple of houses within the section of land which is within the village envelope."

Councillors welcomed the suggestions of residents that they should write to BDC and to our MP James Cleverly to raise their concerns.

## 5. PROGRESS CHECK

**5.1 Parking De Vere School.** Following concerns expressed by residents at the January meeting, Lisa Hinman, Area Manager of North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) visited the school with a foot officer on the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks were noted to BDC Cllr Richard Van Dulken who is on the NEPP Joint Committee and supported the Parish Council in contacting the NEPP. The clerk had also spoken to the head of De Vere Primary regarding the parking issues. Points to note:

- The school has staggered start times to relieve parking congestion
- Parents are encouraged to park elsewhere e.g. Memories and walk but cannot be forced to do so
- The planned new access to the school field from Bowmans Park has not been installed.
- Essex County Council are visiting to deliver road safety skills training to pupils
- NEPP Parksafe vehicle is unsuitable for visiting the school as it would cause more congestion
- NEPP will ensure the yellow zig-zag lines are on the top of the priority list for repainting
- Residents can contact NEPP to give written permission for their dropped kerb to be enforced, either at all times or just between the hours of 2.30pm and 3.30pm. This would mean their own vehicle could receive a Penalty Charge notice if they are parked blocking their own driveway.
- H bars across dropped kerbs deter some motorists and can be repainted by NEPP at a charge of £120. The Parish Council has new line marking equipment and may also be able to help with this.

**5.2 Village Defibrillators.** The 3 village defibrillators have now been installed at the telephone kiosk by the Village Shop in St James Street, on the outside wall at Memories and at Rushley Green Farm barn. They will be available for use as soon as the registration process with the ambulance service is completed. All defibrillators are the Lifeline View model which is easy to use for untrained members of the public with video and audio instructions. They were bought and installed with Big Lottery funding.

**Action:** An initial Community Awareness event will be organised in the near future to introduce residents to the defibrillators and their use in an emergency situation.

**5.3 Action:** Clerk to contact BDC Planning Enforcement to find out what action has been taken regarding the continued subletting of the Old Vicarage as a party venue.

## 6. HIGHWAYS

**6.1** A 40mph SID sign on the A1017 at Crouch Green has been approved by the Local Highways Panel (LHP) but funding is an issue. Representation at the March meeting of the LHP may help.

**Action:** Clerk to confirm date of meeting (possibly Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March). Cllr Johnson agreed to attend.

**6.2 Parish Paths Partnership (P3).** The footbridge at Footpath 16 by Maiden Ley was replaced by PROW officers in January. Cllr Toocaram, Cllr Worley and Mr Charlie Bird have completed a P3 footpath audit and identified around 15 waymarkers together with a small number of stiles and bridges that need replacement and repair. A work proposal application is being prepared to send to the P3 officer at Essex County Council. Repairs, equipment and training can be funded via the P3 scheme.

**Action:** Clerk to submit work proposal during this financial year

**6.3** Consideration of resident request for reorganisation of traffic calming section at Nunnery Street bridge. Many near miss altercations have been observed at the Give Way sign on Nunnery Street bridge, and it had been suggested that reversing the vehicle priority would help visibility.

**RESOLVED:** Not to complete a LHP Scheme request. This would certainly be unsuccessful since the current Give Way priority prevents traffic queuing back onto the main road.

**Proposed:** Cllr Southgate

**Seconded:** Cllr Toocaram

Agreed unanimously





#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

**Rural Services Network:** A round up of current grant funding available has been forwarded to Councillors and other possible interested groups.

**Brain Tumour Research:** request to help improve awareness of brain tumours and raise funds for research into finding a cure, including participation in national Wear a Hat day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March [www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day](http://www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day).

**Superfast Essex:** Parish Engagement Event presentation slides circulated from event on 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**Essex Police:** The Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket suffered a burglary and damage to exhibits at the end of January. Suffolk Police are appealing for witnesses and asking for the public to keep an eye open for the stolen property which it has been marked - contact Stowmarket police on 101, quoting crime reference 37/5439/18.

#### 15. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

**15.1 Burial Board:** A quote for a memorial to the fallen of the village in the World Wars is being prepared, The memorial will be sited near the cemetery at Sheepcot Road and the newly planted Memorial Avenue of trees.

**Action:** The Burial Board will meet at the Clerk's house at 11am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the memorial and to consider work to be carried out at the cemetery during the spring and summer.

#### 16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Staff Pay Review**
- **General Data Protection Regulations from May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**
- **Invitation for Parish Council to adopt the Listening Bench in St Nicholas churchyard – the recordings have been listened to around 5,000 times.**
- **Parish Council plans in the event of the death of Queen Elizabeth II**

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

**Ordinary Parish Council** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

**Ordinary Parish Council** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

#### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY 10TH MAY, 8PM at the MEMORIAL HALL

**Annual Parish Council** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

**Ordinary Parish Council** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE