



Minutes of Dedham Parish Council

Planning Committee meeting

6pm 5th October 2026

Duchy Barn, Dedham

Attendees: Cllrs Bourn Beeton, McLaughlin

Present: Clerk
12 Members of the public

26/030 Welcome and Apologies
Cllr Bourn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26/031 Declaration of Interest
None were raised

26/032 Agreement of the last minutes 7th September 2026
These had been circulated and we agreed Proposed Cllr Bourn seconded Cllr McLaughlin. All Agreed.

26/033 Matters arising from the last meeting
033.1 Comments of Dedham Meadows Planning Enforcement Appeal
Cllr McLaughlin gave an update of the appeal and our submission update has been put in to the planning inspectorate. The Parish Council had received an acknowledge confirming it had been received. This appeal was very detailed and Cllr McLaughlin was thanked for the work that he had completed on this.

26/034 Public Forum
(This will be restricted to 15 minutes)
Residents present had many questions and comments regarding planning application 261545 Oakview Coopers Lane.
These were noted by the council and will be sent as part of the Parish Councils reply to the Colchester City Council planning department.

26/035 Planning report recommendations on planning applications listed below:
026.1Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting.

26/035.1

261579 - Brannam Court, High Street, Dedham Colchester CO7 6DE

T1 - Walnut – Re pollard and aerially inspect growth points

DPC Comment: No comment

261657 - 3 Brook Cottages, Brook Street, Dedham Colchester CO7 6AD

T1 - Fig - Fell due to it being unable to support its weight anymore

DPC Comment: No comment

261669 - Brook House, High Street, Dedham Colchester CO7 6AB

T1 - Oak - crown lift by approx. 0.5m and removal of small drooping limb T2 -

Macrocarpa - deadwood clean

DPC Comment: No comment

261700 - Monks Farm, Coles Oak Lane, Dedham Colchester CO7 6DR

Application to discharge conditions 6 (Door and Window Details), 9 (Facing and Roofing Materials) and 10 (Roof Tile Details) to application 241466.

DPC Comment: discharged

261545 -Oakview, Cooper's Lane, Dedham Colchester CO7 6AX

Increase in ridge / eaves height to form new first floor habitable space. New single storey rear extension and front gable entrance. Internal replan to suit changes, and conversion of existing cartlodge to an annex.

Various comments from residents and councillors were made and a recommendation of an objection will be put forward to the full council at the next meeting.

Cllr Bourn has visited the site and contacted residents he stated the committee will recommend to the full council to object to the application.

The residents were asked to send in their concerns to the council before the council submit their response.

26/035.2 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

None at time of posting of agenda

26/036

Locality plan update

036.1 To propose and agree DPCs response to the consultation on the Local Plan

The committee will put forward its objections to this Locality plan after agreement with the council and this will be forwarded to Colchester City Council. **Action: planning committee to produce a draft response for agreement by Thursday 8th Oct 26.**

This is an opportunity for parish council to make comments on behalf of Dedham.

The shortage of parking in Dedham remains a significant concern and is also identified as a conflict within the current appeal. The Sports Club has an identified need for additional parking.

Cllr McLaughlin attended the meeting in Langham concerning the Langham 900 objection and its potential impacts, which are expected to be felt in Dedham.

There is a proposal to establish a group of local councils/parishes across the Dedham Vale area to work collectively on issues affecting the wider area, also

involving neighbouring parishes and councils to strengthen collaboration and coordination on joint issues.

There is an opportunity to establish a wider lobbying group to support and represent the interests of the National Landscape and the communities within it.

- 26/037

To review the terms of reference for the Planning Committee

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints

Next meeting agenda item
- 26/038

Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 6pm 2nd November 2026
- 26/039

Chairmans closure of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 6:30pm.

Signed

Cllr Bourn

Date