

DANBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held  
on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in the Parish Office**

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Present: Councillors J. Thomson (Chairman), A. Keeler (Vice Chairman),  
S. Berlyn (ex officio), D. Bolwell, J. Langley,  
Mrs J Wells, D. Whiteing.

In attendance: Assistant Clerk, Facilities .

**Public Question time** One member of the public was present.

**94 Costings for Community Support Police Officer**

A presentation was given by Inspector Glenn Mayes, Territorial Policing Department, Essex Police. A copy of the presentation and a leaflet explaining the role of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) is attached to these Minutes. Members asked a number of questions. Inspector Mayes advised that if the Parish Council decided to go along the route of supporting its own PCSO there may be the opportunity to negotiate who that Officer would be. A Special Service Agreement with Essex Police would be entered into which would show that the existing PCSO resource would be maintained in addition to any resource the Parish Council matched funded. It is the decision of the Home Office that PCSOs are not given the same powers as those of Special Constables due to the types of offences that PCSOs are trained to deal with. Essex Police is one of the few Police Authorities left that is still recruiting Police Officers and PCSOs, the Chief Constable is keen to enter into matched funding agreements.

Cllr Whiteing estimated that a PCSO for Danbury would cost approximately £7.00 for each household in Danbury.

RESOLVED that a) This item be kept on the agenda of the Environment Committee.  
b) Mention of funding a PCSO would be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 March.

**95 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs A. Wells and Wood, The Clerk who was on holiday and Mr J Bowen.

**96 Declarations of Interest** None were declared.

**97 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 10 January 2007**

Minute 91 should show the correct spelling of Leigh House as Lee House.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2007 with the amendment were approved and duly signed as a correct record.

**98 Footpaths**

**98.1 Mapping for Danbury Footpaths Leaflet** The Footpath Leaflet is now with the Printers and will be distributed with the Danbury Times to all Danbury residents. It was verbally reported that cheques to the sum of £950 and £300 had been received from Essex County Council and The Danbury Society respectively.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**98.2 Footpath 18 The Heights to Beaumont Park** It was reported that Essex County Highways hoped this would happen next financial year 2007 – 2008. RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**98.3 Rights of Way** The request received from Essex County Council asking if the Parish Council knew of any works that were required was discussed. Cllr Bolwell reported that he had looked at maps, with Tim Gardiner Essex County Council P3 representative, with defined Rights of Way. He said that it was sometimes hard to see the routes when actually walking the land and posts showing directions would be helpful. Cllr Bolwell further advised that the posts would cost approximately £200. RESOLVED that the plan to install posts go ahead provided there was sufficient funding in the budget.

**98.4 Eves Corner** Cllr Berlyn advised that several business owners were parking their vehicles on the side of the road, sometimes all day, in front of the shops at Eves Corner. He expressed concern that this prevented shoppers from parking and also the impact it could have on the businesses at Eves Corner. Cllr Berlyn suggested that a traffic parking restriction could prevent this happening. Members felt that other action should be taken first. RESOLVED that all local businesses be written to requesting them not to park their vehicles on this road at Eves Corner all day.

**99 Report from Planning Committee** Nothing was reported.

## **100 Highways**

**100.1 Traffic Order** – to reduce the current 40 mph Speed Limit to a 30 mph Speed Limit on the following lengths of roads in the Parishes of Little Baddow and Danbury.

- The Ridge Little Baddow from a point 180 metres south of its junction with North Hill/Colam Lane/Spring Elms Lane in a southerly direction to its junction with Runsell Lane.
- Little Baddow Road, Danbury from its junction with Runsell Lane in a southerly direction for a distance of 194 metres.

Members considered the Traffic Order.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **100.2 Waiting and Loading and Parking Consolidation Variation No. 20 Order 2007**

**100.2 i) Belvedere Road Danbury** – No Waiting at any time – East Side from its junction with Maldon Road in a northerly direction for a distance of 14 metres

**100.2 ii) Belvedere Road Danbury** – No Waiting at any time – West Side from its junction with Maldon Road in a northerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **101 Quarries**

**101.1 St Clere's Hall** - Cllr Alan Keeler reported on the Awards Ceremony at County Hall on 23 January 2007. He said he had made contact with two people from St Clere's Pit and Cllr Keeler had requested that the Parish Council has more contact with the company. The Parish Council was invited to visit the quarry after March.

RESOLVED that Cllr Keeler follow up his contacts with a view to arranging a visit.

**101.2 Royal Oak Quarry** Nothing further was reported.

**101.3 Sandon Quarry** Nothing further was reported.

## **102 Hatfield Peverel Traffic Meeting**

The notes from the meeting were received.  
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **103 Bus Shelters**

**103.1** Resources Committee had requested Public Liability Insurance for the Bus Shelter Cleaner. A deadline had been given as 31 March 2007. If not received it would be necessary to employ a new cleaner. It was verbally reported at the meeting that a resident had reported that the bus shelter at The Avenue was filthy and the light vandalised. The Assistant Clerk, Facilities inspected the shelter and found it to be very dirty with mud smeared down the inside and cable dangling from the smashed light fitting. Mr Armstrong, Ace Bins was asked to clean the shelter. However, he advised that he had written to us in February to say that the cost of Public Liability Insurance was not viable against the money he earned from the Parish Council and he would not be able to continue. That letter had not been received and he will send a copy. Mr Armstrong will try to clean the shelter if he can.

Danbury Electrical replaced the light fitting (work done without a quotation as it was deemed a safety matter) and it advised that there was still no electrical supply to the shelter. The nearest supply would be from a feeder pillar one metre away.  
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**103.2 The Bus Shelter at The Avenue** It was reported that designers had been looking at this. The new location position was not acceptable and investigations continue.

RESOLVED that this item be left on the agenda.

## **104 Time Capsule**

Members considered whether they wished to recommend a time capsule.  
RESOLVED that an article be published in the Danbury Times asking the residents of Danbury what they about a time capsule for Danbury.

## **105 Calor Village of the Year Competition 2007**

Members considered whether they wished to enter the competition again, the deadline for entry submission is Friday 30 March 2007.

RESOLVED that a) A copy of the report from the 2006 results be circulated to Members. *A copy has been circulated with these Minutes.*

b) An entry for 2007 is made.

## **106 Annual Litter Pick**

This was scheduled for Saturday 28 April 2007 between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Litter pickers would meet at Mayes Lane Car Park. The Parish Office would be open for teas and coffees. Events would also be held with the local schools during the preceding week. It was requested that Members do their best to support this event.

RESOLVED that a) The information on the litter pick be noted.

b) A list of litter pickers and the area they cover be circulated to Members.

## **107 Update on St Johns School Travel Plan**

Cllr Whiteing gave a verbal resume of the Working Party's views on the Plan that had been circulated with the agenda. Members agreed that the school should be complimented on a superb presentation and the involvement of the school children. Discussion took place over Item 9, bullet point 3 of the Working Party notes and it was agreed that it was contradictory to have 20 mph and a 'Part Time Flashing' sign.

RESOLVED that a) Item 9, bullet point 3 of the Working Party notes be removed.  
b) The recommendations, with the amendment, go to Parish Council on 28 March.

### **108 EALC Consultation Response – Common Land**

Members considered the response.

RESOLVED that the response to the EALC should

- a) Part 1, finish the response after "...in which it was registered originally".
- b) Part 2, finish the response after "...accountable to the public".
- c) Parts 3 and 4, include as shown.

### **109 St Georges Day – Monday 23 April 2007**

Members were asked to consider if the Parish Council wished to do something for St George's Day. *"After the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Thomson, requested that the letter from the St George's Day Organiser be circulated to all Parish Council Members with these Minutes."*

RESOLVED that this item be referred to Parish Council on 28 March 2007.

### **110 Clearing Litter**

Members received a copy of a congratulatory letter from a resident regarding concerted efforts being made by Chelmsford Borough Council.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

### **111 Litter Pickers**

The Clerk had been approached by a resident for a litter picker. All litter pickers previously purchased had been distributed to residents of Danbury.

RESOLVED that additional litter pickers be ordered up to the cost of £100.00.

### **112 Matters for Report**

**112.1** It was reported that a Police and Community Consultative Meeting was to be held at Champions Manor on 22 March 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

RESOLVED that Cllr Whiteing attend on behalf of Danbury Parish Council.

**112.2** Cllr Thomson mentioned the condition of the road at the junction of Maldon Road and Hyde Lane. When the A414 improvements were done the levelling of this section was wrong and there are permanent patches of muddy and greasy road. This had been raised before with Highways.

RESOLVED that Highways be contacted again regarding this matter.

### **113 Date of Next Meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> April, 2007, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2007,

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2007, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 and 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2007

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

J. Thomson  
Chairman

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Signed

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Date