

DANBURY PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2007 at the Parish Office

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

In attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council and John Bowen

Public Question time No members of the Public were present

114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Wells and M Wood.

115 Declarations of Interest. None were declared.

116 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 7th March 2007

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2007 were approved and duly signed as a correct record.

Comments were made regarding the Calor Village of the Year Entry 2007. The Clerk explained that the entry had been submitted. A request was made that a formal letter of thanks be given to the Danbury Society for the assistance with the map showing locations of key points within the village.

117 Footpaths

117.1 Danbury Footpaths Leaflet and Danbury Walks Leaflet

Expression of thanks had been sent to the Essex County Council and Danbury Society for their grant contributions towards the leaflet. The Clerk had received many congratulatory comments regarding the leaflet. It was also planned that during the next year the Essex County Council would reprint the Danbury Walks Leaflet prepared by the Danbury Society.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

117.2 Footpath 18 The Heights to Beaumont Park.

No further information - this item was to be permanently left on Agenda.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

117.3 Footpath 17

Cllr D Bolwell reported and circulated details of an oak tree which extended over the allotments behind the church and footpath 17 which had been cut back leaving branches which were quite dangerous. There was a tree preservation order on the tree and permission would need to be granted by Chelmsford Borough Council and the owner of the land. Also Essex County Council would be concerned regarding the works.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact owners.

118 Report from Planning Committee

The Chairman of Environment Committee reported that correspondence had been received from a pressure group regarding construction traffic for wind turbines which were to be installed at Bradwell-on Sea.

It was reported that applications had been received from Riffhams Farm to alter the class rating on the Agricultural Buildings; 12 Little Baddow Road at the bottom of the garden a new house which would front onto Hay Green development and Aurendene which was a narrow plot.

RESOLVED: that all the above items be noted.

119 Funding Police Community Support Officer

Discussion took place regarding the employment of an additional Police Community Support Officer for Danbury. A resident had written in support of this proposal. The majority of Members of the Environment Committee agreed that the proposal should be considered further. Cllr J Langley proposed that a recommendation should be considered by Parish Council that Environment Committee were in support of a further Police Community Support Officer at 50% funding level. Cllr D Bolwell seconded the proposal. 6 Members were for the proposal and 1 against.

RECOMMENDED: that the Parish Council consider further the proposal for a further Police Community Support Officer at 50% funding level.

120 National Health Service – Rurality of Danbury

Correspondence had been received from the NHS Family Services at Clacton that the Pharmacy Committee had divided Danbury into two localities and a map was circulated to members of the area.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

121 Highways

121.1 Community Speed Watch

A resident had written to Danbury Parish Council regarding concerns at speeding in Hopping Jacks lane and wondered whether the Parish Council would consider getting involved in a Community Speed Watch Initiative. He was offering to become a volunteer. Members were impressed that a member of the village was prepared to help to instigate the initiative. Several points required to be clarified. Implications regarding insurance and purchase of the speed gun needed to be considered.

The Clerk further reported that a communication had been received from Inspector Kilgallen regarding a speed survey in Maldon Road. The figure over the 85th percentile was 32.4 mph

RESOLVED: that the clerk write back to the resident and thank him for wishing to volunteer

b) the clerk ascertain more details from the Casualty Reduction Officer

c) the speed survey details were noted

122 Quarries

122.1 St Clere's Hall Nothing further was reported.

122.2 Royal Oak Quarry. Nothing further was reported.

122.3 Sandon Quarry. Nothing further was reported.

123 Hatfield Peverel Traffic Meeting

This item was deferred to next meeting as Cllr Mrs J Wells was unable to attend.
RESOLVED that the information be noted.

124 Bus Shelters

124.1 Cleaning Bus Shelters

When checked an Employers Liability Certificate had been received from the contractor.
Members felt that Public Liability Certificate should be in place.

The clerk to check that all quotes were current.

RESOLVED: that a) the Clerk contact the contractor and request the further certificate.
b) the Clerk to check that all quotes were current.

125 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.

126 Litter Pickers

The Clerk had purchased further litter pickers and they were available from the Parish Office if anyone made any enquiries.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

127 Neighbourhood Action Panel

Danbury Parish Council has been asked to send a representative. The first meeting was to be held at Sandon School on Wednesday 25th April, 2007 at 5 p.m. Cllr D Whiteing volunteered to attend on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: that Cllr D Whiteing was nominated as the Parish Council’s representative.

128 Matters for Report

128.1. Mouth of Simmonds Way

It was reported that this area would be re-planned.

128.2 Millfields/Mill Lane

It was reported that this area had been marked hopefully ready for works to be completed.

It was requested that these items be placed on future agendas until works completed.

129 Date of Next Meetings

6th June, 2007,

5th September, 2007, 17th October, 2007 and 5th December, 2007

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

J. Thomson, Chairman

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Signed

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Date