

27 Footpaths

27.1 Parish Paths Partnership

Grant

£350 had been awarded to Danbury to spend on works on Parish Paths. To date no monies had been spent of the budget. The Footpaths Officer would consider how this should be spent and bring back details to next meeting.

Installation of Waymark Post

Cllr Bowell, Cllr Freeman and Cllr Thomson had completed installing a further post on Footpath 1 at Old Hare Woods. Members of the public were now using the correct route. Thanks were relayed to all involved.

Annual General Meeting

P3 Annual General Meeting would be held at Feering on Wednesday 24th September, 2008. Cllr Bolwell will be attending.

RESOLVED: that a) Cllrs Bolwell, Freeman and Thomson were formally thanked for their work

b) that Footpaths Officer considered how the grant monies could be spent.

c) Cllr Bolwell to attend Annual General Meeting of P3.

27.2 Footpath 18 The Heights to Beaumont Park

It had been reported from Essex County Highways that it was hoped that this work would commence before Christmas.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

27.3 Footpaths map

A request from a member of the public for the footpaths map to be placed on the web had been received.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk investigate the Footpaths Map being placed on the web.

28 Highways

28.1 Community Speed Watch

No further support had been received from the village.

RESOLVED: that this item be taken off the Agenda.

28.2 List of Roads for Repair

i) Little Baddow Road including Eves Corner (2008 – 2009 Budget)

This is now on the reserve list for 2008/2009. It would be submitted for next year.

ii) Gay Bowers Lane/Mill Lane

There was a lack of yellow lines at the end of the pavement. The Essex County Highways had explained that there had been left a gap for two cars.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Essex County Council Highways asking why the gap had been left as this was a hazard for people with push chairs and the disabled.

iii) Riffhams Lane

Essex County Highways were contacting the owner regarding this area.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

iv) Hyde Lane/Maldon road

This was the result of national guidance for crossings of this type which should have no kerb up-stand between the road and the tactile surfacing. Consequently on the low side of the junction surface water does not lie in a film and stains the tactile pavements green. The long term solution would be to install a gully just ahead of where the water collects assuming that a suitable outlet point can be found. This was to be investigated further.

RESOLVED: that the matter will be investigated further by Essex County Highways.

v) Complaints had been passed to Essex County Council re rattling ironwork on A414

The double manhole outside the Spinney was further upgraded to now be locked down with even larger bolts (the previous ones sheared on one side). The general condition of the ironwork was still of great concern. The cover at Cherry Garden Lane was a BT cover. The area was on a monthly inspection route and any urgent works or dangerous defects would be actioned.

Apologies were given to the lack of progress due to a staff shortage.

Members further reported a manhole at Hoynors on Maldon Road. Three manhole covers at Riffhams Lane near Riffhams house which should be reported to Essex and Suffolk Water. Also Manhole outside Danbury Park had dropped further.

There was also a hole in the centre of the road outside Nightingale Cottage Well Lane.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk will write to the appropriate authority and request the works to be completed.

28.3 Proposed Traffic Schemes

The only scheme listed at present was the change of speed limit on B1418 from Oak Corner to Bicknacre.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Cllr Ian Wright to ascertain the progress of the Woodhill Road project.

29 Quarries

29.1 St Cleres Hall

The Clerk had written to Essex County Council regarding this matter. A reply had now been received. Members all agreed that the road had been cleaner with less stones. Members to monitor the situation.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

29.2 Royal Oak Quarry Nothing further to report.

29.3 Sandon Quarry Nothing further to report.

30 Parishes Transportation Group/ A 12 Inquiry

30.1. Replies from Lord Hanningfield, 20th June, 2008 Lorraine Gorman 25th June, 2008

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

30.2. Minutes of the Parishes Transportation Group held on 29th July, 2008

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

30.3 Letter to Lord Hanningfield 13th August, 2008

RESOLVED: that the contents were noted.

30.4 Letter to John Whittingdale 13th August, 2008

RESOLVED: that the contents were noted.

30.5 Letter to Lorraine Gorman

RESOLVED: that the contents were noted.

30.6 Report of the Commission Inquiry – published July, 2008

Members were disappointed that the Inquiry had not included feeder roads to the A.12. A further meeting of the Transport Group was to be held in October to consider the next step.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

31 Bus Shelters

31.1. Bus shelter opposite The Avenue (Maldon side)

No progress as yet.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

31.2 Bus Shelter near the Avenue (Chelmsford Side)

An order had been placed with Cartledge to connect the supply to the bus shelter.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

32 Neighbourhood Action Panel and Policing

Dates of the next meetings were: 10th September, 2008, 26th November, 2008 and 21st January, 2009. Cllr D Whiteing was to attend the next meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding the Youth Shelter and the time limit on the funding.

RESOLVED: that a) the Clerk writes to Inspector Killgallen regarding the current position on the youth shelter and explained the time restraint on the grant together with the requirement of details so that a Planning Application could be submitted.

b) Cllr D Whiteing also to bring the matter up at the NAP meeting on 10th September, 2008.

33 Climate Change

Notes from the Meeting held on 24th April, 2008 were circulated. Discussion took place regarding information on the Cycle Path. Cllr Bolwell explained the Cycle Route 1 as promoted by Sustrans. from Blakes Wood through Riffhams, Graces Walk, Rumbolds Farm, the Sewage Works to Chelmer Village. This could also join the third phase extension to the Park and Ride at Sandon. Cllr Bolwell also explained that there were Volunteer Maintenance Rangers appointed.

Cllr Bolwell requested that an article be placed in the Danbury Times to publicise the route this was seconded by Cllr D Whiteing. A recorded vote was requested and taken there were five for the proposal Cllrs, David Bolwell, Stephen Freeman, Alan Keeler, John Thompson and David Whiteing. Cllr Stuart Berlyn was against the proposal and Cllr Mrs J Wells abstained. Therefore the proposal was won.

RESOLVED: that an article be placed in the Danbury Times to publicise the cycle route from Danbury to Chelmer Village with a facility to join the extension the Park and Ride.

34 Danbury Times

Cllr Wood was not present. The next meeting of the Danbury Times group was to be at the Parish Office on Tuesday 9th September at 2.30 p.m.

The second item regarding the public conveniences was taken under private and confidential items.

35 Danbury Medical Centre

The revised application had now been received. The Chairman of the Council raised concerns that the access and egress from the new centre did not go far enough. He further requested that the Environment Committee submit to the Planning Committee a request that:

- a) an appropriate controlled pedestrian crossing
- b) a mini-roundabout to maintain the traffic flow and safety issues on the A414 be included in the scheme.
- c) that Essex County Highways visit the site at peak times in the evening i.e. 5.00 – 6.30 p.m.

This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Wells. This course of action was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that a request be taken to Planning Committee for a) an appropriate controlled pedestrian crossing and b) a mini-roundabout c) the Essex County Highways visit the site at peak times in the evening i.e. 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. d) that a copy of the Planning Committee's submission be copied to Essex County Highways.

36 Best Kept Village

36.1 Remarks from Competition

The remarks from the Competition were circulated. Thanks were expressed to all concerned with the competition as there had been a lot of hard work. The Clerk had also chased the brass plaque but there was a problem in manufacture at the current time.

RESOLVED: that thanks were expressed to all concerned with competition.

37 Dates of Meetings in 2008

15th October, 3rd December

38 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: that, in accordance with S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the nature of the business to be discussed members of the Press and the Public be asked to withdraw from the meeting.

John Bowen left the meeting.

39 Public Conveniences in Danbury

39.1 Police

An email was circulated received from the Police. Members considered the contents. It was unanimously agreed to request a multi-agency meeting. The Chairman of the Council be the representative of the Council at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that a) a multiagency meeting be requested
b) that Chairman of the Council be the representative of Council at the meeting together with the Clerk

Cllr Mrs J Wells left the meeting.

39.2 Chelmsford Borough Council

Request from Chelmsford Borough Council re Opening and Closing Public Conveniences

It was agreed that Chelmsford Borough Council could put an advertisement in the Danbury Times.

RESOLVED: that Chelmsford Borough Council could place an advertisement in the Danbury Times.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Cllr A Keeler, Chairman

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Signed

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Date