

Cllr Allen's email and decision on works for next year was circulated and his comments were noted – items were to be kept on the next Agenda.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

60.2 Footpath 18 The Heights to Beaumont Park

Essex County Highways hoped that this work would now start after Christmas, and be completed by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

60.3 Footpaths Map

This had been passed to the Assistant Clerk Planning and IT to complete.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

61 Highways Matters

61.1 List of Roads for Repair

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

This was now on the reserve list for 2008/2009. It would be submitted for next year. The Clerk had complained to the County Council who had agreed they may look at the parking area at Eves Corner separately if there were any monies left in the budget.

ii) Gay Bowers Lane/Mill Lane

Lack of yellow lines at end of pavement.

A further letter had been written to ECC Highways, who confirmed that if residents were not happy with the waiting restrictions the matter would have to be taken to CBC to re-instate the yellow lines.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to CBC requesting yellow lines were re-instated.

iii Hyde Lane/Maldon Road

The levels and wet weather slime by pillar box.

There were still problems reported, and CBC had confirmed that the matter was allocated on a contractors list.

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

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

Work had been completed on rattling ironwork, however members reported that there were still problems reported:-

- a) outside Management College still sinking
- b) near ski shop still bad
- c) several noisy ironworks down the Maldon Road
- d) areas in Mill Lane sunken – photographs taken

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts ECC Highways again to bring the problem areas to their attention, stating that the ironworks are rattling 'and sunken'.

v) **Woodhill Road** – temporary road closure 1st December 2008. CBC agrees there were additional works to be done which were being put on a list, and the surface was being brought to the attention of ECC Highways.

vi) **Sign and Posts outside public conveniences** – allocated to an engineer

vii) **Danbury Palace sign** – allocated to an engineer.

viii) **Road Markings on A414 outside Bell Public House** – the Clerk had chased.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

62 Quarries

62.1 St Cleres Hall

An email had been received from ECC apologising for the delay in writing. However, the clean up had been down to the authorities at the quarry and PC had written to them and complained about the mud on the back of the lorries.

Members commented that the road surface had deteriorated due to stones falling from lorries – a member had recently suffered a broken windscreen and was pursuing the matter through insurers.

Members felt that PC should now wait for the results of Mr Davenport's enquiry.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

62.2 Royal Oak Quarry - Nothing further to report.

62.3 Sandon Quarry - Nothing further to report.

63 Parishes Transportation Group/ A 12 Inquiry

63.1 The next meeting was to be held at the Blue Boar in Maldon. There had been a request for Danbury to pay £100 for next year.

Cllr D Whiting proposed and Cllr M Wood seconded that DPC pay £100 for 2009/2010 budget. Unanimous.

RESOLVED: DPC pay £100 for 2009/2010 budget.

63.2 Minutes of Meeting held on 28th October, 2008 were received and accepted.

63.3 Cllr M Wood proposed and Cllr D Bolwell seconded that as Cllr Mrs J Wells would not be available for 6 months, that Cllr J Thompson's offer be accepted to temporarily take her place. Unanimous.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Thompson would temporarily join the Parishes Transportation Group for six months.

64 Bus Shelters

64.1. Bus shelter opposite The Avenue (Maldon side)

No progress as yet.

64.2 Bus Shelter near the Avenue (Chelmsford Side)

No progress as yet, although not urgent need to keep up pressure to be done.

64.3 Bus Shelter Runsell Green

The bus shelter had now been repaired and the Clerk had applied for a grant from ECC to cover the repairs.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

65 Neighbourhood Action Panel and Policing

Cllr D Whiting reported that very few people had attended the last NAP meeting, and the Police had apologised that they were unable to attend and had not sent their apologies. NAP should not be a police run committee, meetings were non-minuted, had no powers at the moment and needed community involvement.

The Police had advised since the meeting the dates of the Police Surgeries, now to be held at the Sports and Social Centre on Farmers Market Day, the next one being Saturday 6th December. The date was in the Journal again this week and it was hoped that a member would call in.

Cllr Whiting had received notification that 3 youths had been arrested in relation to the concrete being thrown from bridges onto the A12; however they had been let off on bail.

The outcome of the planning application re the youth shelter was awaited.

It was reported that the 'No Parking' sign for the farmers market was illegible – the matter to be referred to Facilities.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted, and the matter of the farmers market 'no parking sign be referred to Facilities Committee.

66 Climate Change

66.1 Cllr Keeler had been attending an event in Ipswich, Community Action on Climate Change at a cost of £60; however he decided not to attend as it was a very short and limited programme for the cost and the travel distance.

66.2. Assistant Clerk Facilities reported that the request from the DCA to improve the lighting throughout the centre had been approved by Facilities Committee. The DCA were applying for a loan from the Carbon Trust to fund the works.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

67 Danbury Times

Cllr Wood reported that most of the Danbury Times had now been delivered. PCSO Samways had submitted an article which had been too late to publish, but would go into next edition which would be out in early May.

Member commented that he did not like the colours chosen and Cllr Wood stated that the same colour had become monotonous.

Other members commented on the delivery times, suggesting the Danbury Times were delivered separately from the Royal Mail and possibly on a Sunday or Saturday. There had been a complaint received regarding a Sunday delivery, however members felt this was still the best day.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

68 Hedges overhanging Footpaths

This item had been referred from Planning 3rd November, 2008 – Minute 163.4 refers. Cllr Bolwell raised concerns re hedges on the Main Road, however not in a specific location. He hoped that when members or residents were around the village they would report any overhanging hedges for the next meeting.

Members commented on the empty property on the corner of Colmans Lane where the corner of the pathway is cut off because of lack of maintenance to the hedge.

Another member commented on the sub standard footpath in Woodhill Road/South View where the hedge was overhanging into the footpath thus restricting the limited width of the footpath.

Members proposed an official letter being sent from the Parish Council in the first instance, as had been done previously, and a letter from the CBC as a second resort.

RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to Parish Council for a decision - Environment Committee recommending that a letter be sent to offenders in the first instance.

69 Stop the Drop Litter and Fly Tipping Campaign to Protect Rural England

A Parish Council Toolkit had been received on litter and fly tipping.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted and sight of the ‘toolkit’ be deferred to the next meeting.

70 Matters for Report only

Planning - Cllr Wood reported that the sign at the Bakers Arms had been taken down, except the framework. Cllr Wood also reported that signs had been put up on the Main Road, also a large sign on the field side advertising the Sunday shop, and another for the Christmas trees from the lay-by on Sundays.

John Bowen reported that Bedfordshire CC had appeared on ‘Look East’ in relation to the graffiti toolkits that they had introduced. He felt that a brush, rag and solvent would be useful to be kept in the Parish Office to keep bus shelters graffiti free. However, the Clerk has advised that special kits are held and available from the Parish Office.

There were no other matters for report.

71 Dates of Meetings in 2009

Wednesday 14th January, 4th March, 10th June, 9th September, 14th October, 2nd December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Cllr A Keeler, Chairman

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Date