

77.2 John Clayton, Stansted Expansion

John Clayton of Essex Chambers of Commerce was welcomed and his presentation in favour of the Stansted Expansion followed:-

Essex Chambers of Commerce represented businesses and various stakeholders, and had completed 3 surveys with 2/3rds in favour of the Stansted Expansion.

Stansted was the 3rd largest major international airport, had more take-offs and landings than Heathrow on one runway, 180 tenants, 8 billion of cargo annually, 12,000 employees and was one of the biggest single-site employers.

A second runway for Stansted was first considered in 2003. A second runway would make the operation bigger and more efficient, and would not just be for more passengers. It would add to destinations, support businesses around the country, add to the local economy and wealth levels and would have a knock-on effect on other organisations.

Despite the recession there was still a lot of money available from other organisations such as port operators.

BA had considered environmental and climate change issues by installing rainwater flush toilets and charged employees for parking their cars.

Stansted's carbon footprint would be nil as this would be passed on to the airline operators.

30,000 new jobs would be created (not all at Stansted) but people from Danbury area could travel there by rail so not all employees would be using the roads.

Stansted had the infrastructure to expand if there was a demand for increased flight travel. If not Stansted airlines would go to the continent.

Timescales - works in cycles with 2nd runway opening in 2015, with 30 years to capacity serving 67/68 million passengers.

Danbury would be more affected by the expansion of Southend Airport than the Stansted expansion. Southend Airport currently had 30,000 users, and was the main airport for routes to Cologne used by the Ford Motor Company, also for aircraft maintenance and components. It was up for sale and a planning application had been submitted to extend the runway. Southend attracted big employers and low paid jobs and was a good booster for the economy, and as expansion was likely to be approved it would then attract 2 million users.

The presentation concluded that Stansted Airport was a benefit to our economy and a second runway deserved to be supported.

The Chairman said that there were many issues to be debated and he thanked John Clayton for his presentation.

John Clayton left the meeting.

78 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Hawkins and J Wells.

79 Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they must declare any personal or prejudicial personal interests in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. They were reminded that they would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the

meeting and leave the room if the interest was a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must similarly be declared at the appropriate time. None were declared.

80 Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

81 Minutes of Meeting 30th July 2008

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 30th July 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

82 Tennis Club Lease

No further approach had been made by the Tennis Club regarding the Lease.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

83 Vacancy for a Councillor

The resignation of Councillor A Wells was accepted and the vacancy be advertised in accordance with Chelmsford Borough Council deadline.

RESOLVED: that an advertisement would therefore be sent to Chelmsford Borough Council.

84 Parish Plan Review

A Report from Cllr A Wells was circulated.

RESOLVED: Members unanimously agreed that Alan Wells be approached to continue with the Parish Plan Review. Grant Aid would have to be sought for the works. The Parish Plan Review to be deferred until a response had been received from Alan Wells. Cllrs A Allen and H Clacy confirmed they wished to be involved.

85 Charters

The Chairman gave a report on his presentation to Chelmsford Borough Council on Charters, emphasising the need for CBC to have discussions as part of the White Paper and to table some decisions.

The Clerk had also attended a meeting at CBC on 16th July and had agreed to be on the Steering Group. There was a need to re-group and to be kept updated.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

86 Mid Essex Forum

Cllr H Clacy reported on the meeting he had attended – the main item for discussion had been the Maldon and Uttlesford Street Lighting Project 2007.

Statistics had been collated and indicated that no negative impact on crime or road accidents had been identified, although the fear of crime had increased. There had been a 22% reduction in CO2 omissions, on which there would be a 3 – 4 years return on investment.

Cllr S Berlyn declared an interest as he was on the Essex Ambulance Working Group, and confirmed that the street lighting project had not impacted on the Essex Ambulance Service.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

87 Timetable for Meetings for 2009

RESOLVED: that the timetable of meetings for 2009 be agreed – copies to be sent out with Minutes.

88 Publicity

The Clerk reported on the EALC Meeting that she had attended.

Danbury PC had come 2nd and had been Highly Commended for Communications and Community Engagement Competition 2008.

The Clerk had been awarded 1st Prize for a Statement of Intent for Training as part of the Quality Status document that she had submitted, receiving a voucher for £250 to spent on training.

The Chairman congratulated the Clerk for her quality piece of work that could now be included in the next Danbury Times.

Cllr M Wood confirmed that there would be a Danbury Times meeting the following week and contributions were awaited from four Chairmen, and these should be emailed to the Parish Office by 1st October to meet the deadline for the November publication.

Councillors names were listed in the Contact and the Journal as well as the Danbury Times as a requirement for Quality Status. A group photograph was taken around the table at the meeting to appear in the November edition of the Danbury Times . A new format would be explored for future editions with the suggestion that photographs appeared on the front page.

Cllr M Wood expressed thanks to all those who contributed to the publication and distribution of the Danbury Times.

RESOLVED: that Chairmen's contributions for the November edition of the Danbury Times be emailed to Cllr M Wood by 1st October, and that a new format would be explored.

Members took a 5 minute break before proceeding .

89 Emergency Plan for Village

Cllr S Freeman had now received induction training from Gerry Richardson at CBC, and had requested that the Clerk write to the keyholders of Emergency Buildings held on a list by CBC to ascertain permission for Cllr Freeman to visit and draw up plans and take photographs.

Cllr Freeman reported that he was seeking 15 volunteers from the village and was in the process of drafting a report for the Danbury Times, giving an in-depth explanation of the role of an Emergency Plan volunteer – hoping to identify volunteers with knowledge of first aid, first responders, counsellors etc.

90 Data Recorder

The Clerk had received correspondence from ECC Highways stating that the speed survey results would meet the criteria in terms of existing speeds against the speed limit for a Speed Indicator Device. This could be purchased by PC or by making an application to the Highways Community Initiative Fund, but the application had to be in by 29th September 2008. The cost of the device was between £6/7,000 if the PC purchased one and PC would need to identify 2 - 3 locations so that the device could be moved around the village.

Following previous advice from ECC confirming that there was no speeding issue in Danbury, Cllr M Telling proposed and Cllr A Allen seconded that Danbury did not need a Speed Indicator Device. There were no amendments to the proposal. 5 members voted for the proposal, 2 were against and there were 4 abstentions. The proposal was therefore carried

RESOLVED: that a Speed Indicator was not required in the village and that the grant application be not pursued.

91 Reports from Committees

In addition to minutes which had been circulated, the following reports were made:

91.1 Environment:

Cllr Freeman presented his report on the meeting he had attended on 3rd July regarding the new bus stop infrastructure planned for Essex. Cllr Keeler reported on the recent meeting of the Climate Change Working Party.

RESOLVED: to note these items.

91.2 Facilities:

Members were updated on the progress of essential works being carried out at the Sports & Social Centre and the renovations of the War Memorial at Elm Green. It was anticipated that these works should be completed by mid October.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

91.3 Planning:

91.3.1 Danbury Medical Centre: A decision had been deferred by 1 month awaiting comments from ECC Highways regarding a traffic plan.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

91.3.2 Danbury Palace : CBC hearing on 30th September.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

91.3.3 Danbury Planning Framework: Revisions and a period of public consultation before the document could be submitted to CBC Cabinet for approval as Supplementary Planning Guidance were with Derek Stebbing of CBC. Once the revisions were agreed, the document would be placed on the village website for consultation with residents.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

91.4 Resources:

91.4.1 New Computer System: Lodge Information Services had given a presentation and the best option recommended was now going ahead.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

91.4.2 Ratifying Training Statements : reported earlier and available from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: copy to be sent out with minutes.

92 NALC Competitions

Council noted that Danbury had been unsuccessful this year in the national competitions.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

93 Reports from Village Organisations

93.1 Landisdale Charity:

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July, 2008 were circulated. There was nothing further to report.

93.2 There were no other reports from village organisations.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

94 Essex Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009

Essex Fire Authority had produced a plan which was offered for Public Consultation until 29th September, 2008.

The plan covered the following areas: new arrangements for crewing special appliances, the role of fire-fighters and incident commanders, specialist rescue, incidents in rural areas, operational response and deployment, crewing and attendance standards. The complete plan was available on www.essex-fire.gov.uk.

Incidents in Rural Areas: It was planned in areas primarily protected by fire-fighters under the retained duty system, to establish greater availability by looking at innovative ways for crew mobilising and provision of appliances. This should allow more flexible and modern arrangements that increase the role of the fire-fighters conditioned to the retained duty system. Most of the county was covered within a 20 minute attendance, some of the county received 8-10 minutes response time. Investigation was taking place into the use of helicopters in the modern Fire and Rescue Service.

RESOLVED: that it be suggested that helicopters could be shared by the emergency services.

95 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.

96 Bowling Club Lease

After taking advice from our solicitors and discussing the options, Cllr S Freeman proposed that the Bowling Club be offered a 5 year Lease with an all inclusive rent. Cllr M Wood seconded the proposal and this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

- a) that the Bowling Club be offered a 5 year Lease with an all inclusive rent, and
- b) that the rent be formally ratified at the next meeting.

97 Drainage & Car Park Project

97.1 Members took 5 minutes to read additional information circulated at meeting.

97.2 After further discussion Cllr H Clacy proposed that work to Pitch 2 be left to complete with the maintenance of the pitches in a future year, and to proceed with C H Grounds at a cost of £41,667 plus VAT who have confirmed that their prices are held until April 2009. The works will involve the drainage of the site and the maintenance programme for the pitches in April, 2009. Cllr M Telling seconded the proposal. This was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that C H Grounds be appointed to proceed with proposed works, but excluding works to Pitch 2 at this stage, at a cost of £41,667 plus VAT to be taken from earmarked funds.

98 DCA (Verbal Report re Annual General Meeting)

A verbal report was given by members who had attended the DCA Annual General Meeting. The Parish Council had expressed their formal thanks to the DCA Board, and particularly to their treasurer; all members of the board were volunteers supporting a community service for Danbury.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

99 British Legion Hut Survey

RESOLVED: that this item would be deferred until the next PC meeting as the Clerk's instructions to the surveyor had been misinterpreted.

100 Dates of remaining Meeting in 2008

26th November.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.08pm.

Signed: Cllr Stuart Berlyn, Chairman

Date: