



Danbury Parish Council

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Dear Councillors

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) you are summonsed to attend the Environment Committee meeting of Danbury Parish Council. The meeting will be held at the Parish Office on **Thursday 25 January 2024 at 7.30pm**

Yours sincerely

M Harper

Ms M Harper
Clerk to Danbury Parish Council

Distribution: Members of Environment Committee as follows:

Councillors: S Berlyn, A Chapman, G Chapman, B Hallett, M Hessing (ex officio), A Keeler

AGENDA

23/24.95 Apologies for Absence

23/24.96 Declarations of Interest

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept and the DCA.

23/24.97 Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to address the Council, give their views and question the Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration (at the discretion of the Chairman). Members of the public may not take part in the Council meeting itself. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 5 minutes. Members of the public should address their representation through the Chairman of the meeting

23/24.98 Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 15 November 2023 and the Extraordinary Environment Committee dated 5 December 2023

To consider and approve the minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 15 November and 5 December 2023

23/24.99 Actions – Appendix 1

To note: actions from the minutes

23/24.100 P3 Group

To note: the PROW will deliver more Public Footpath signs (single arrow only) to the Parish office this month

To note: end of season debrief meeting still to be arranged with P3 Members at which a new Footpath Officer will be appointed

To receive: report from Cllr G Chapman

23/24.101 Community Woodland

To note: that Resources approved the request for £6,000 to cover capital expenditure for the first two tasks recommended in the Management Plan to be carried out by February 2024.

To consider: quotes for fencing **Appendix 2**

To agree: appointment of The Conservation Trust to undertake work to locate planted trees/shrubs, install planting tubes and mulch and purchase of mulch, sleeves and stakes **Appendix 3**

To note: grants for the woodland e.g., Rural Communities Grant, Awards for All etc. will be applied for when costs for other works within Management Plan have been received.

To note: locations for bird boxes being investigated

To receive: update from Cllr G Chapman

23/24.102 Highways Matters

To receive: updates if available for matters reported to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways

To receive: update re boundary at Pedlar's Path (Bridleway) **Appendix 4**

To note: report from resident re Hyde Lane safety concerns will be presented at March meeting.

To note: salt received from ECC Highways was delivered to Salt Team Members; remaining stock is being stored in compound

23/24.102.1 A414 Review – Appendix 5

To note: communication from Cllr Spence

To note: letter sent to Transportation Planning and Infrastructure Manager

To consider: submitting a request to Local Highways Panel (LHP) re white lining at Well Lane and cleaning/or stronger lights re orange beacons if works are not carried out using highways maintenance budget

To consider: submitting a request to LHP for school crossing signs near Well Lane

To consider: funding a Speed Indicator Device (SID)/submitting an application to LHP for validation

To receive: any other updates

23/24.103 Allotments

To note: two plots vacant which will be advertised as those on waiting list not able to take up plots at this time; meeting with plot holders still to be arranged.

23/24.104 Ponds

To note: Bakers of Danbury have repaired the Duck House

23/24.105 Trees

To note: works carried out as a result of storm damage

To note: nothing to report from resident regarding tree from Pedlars Path bridleway overhanging their property

23/24.106 Chelmer Valley Landscape Group (CVLG) - Appendix 6

To note: next meeting 29 January 2024 (agenda and support notes supplied)

23/24.107 Hedgehogs – Appendix 7

To consider: request from 'Hedgehogs R Us'

23/24.108 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) - Appendix 8

To note: Cllr A Chapman and Assistant Clerk attended webinar (link supplied)

To receive: report from Cllr A Chapman

23/24.109 Essex County Council Bus Network Consultation 2023 - Appendix 9

To note: A decision has been made on the outcome of the recent local bus consultation carried out between 13 July – 5 October 2023 and details supplied.

23/24.110 Matters for Report (for information only)

23/24.111 Matters for Communication

To identify any matters from the meeting for communication to residents

23/24.112 Meetings in 2024

Wednesdays: 13 March, 15 May, 17 July, 11 September and 13 November