



## **Danbury Parish Council – December 2020/January 2021**

This being the last newsletter before Christmas and of the year 2020 we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the festive season. It has been fantastic to see the community pull together through the Danbury Coronavirus Support Group during this year and our thanks go to all those involved.



We look forward to seeing your entries, for our festive scarecrow competition, spring up around the village in readiness to be judged over the weekend of 19th and 20th December. More details on how to enter and prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be announced in the next edition of The Danbury Times and be available on the Parish Council website from 1 December 2020.

The next session of the Virtual Carers Group will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. These are informal sessions to provide an opportunity for local residents caring for a loved one to share experiences, information and mutual support. If you would like to join, please contact Michelle Harper, the Parish Clerk on 01245 225111 or by email: [parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk).



A date has now been set for the planting of the Community Woodland on Pitch 4 at the Dawson Memorial Field and the areas for planting and the pathway marked out. It will take place during two sessions on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. A local school will be participating during the day.

If you would like participate in the planting, booking is required due to Covid 19 restrictions and details of how to book can be found on the Parish Council Website and Facebook page or by emailing [parksvolunteers.booking@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:parksvolunteers.booking@chelmsford.gov.uk).

The tree planting has been organised and funded by Chelmsford City Council, with a donation of 15 mature trees from the Parish Council and Danbury Society. At present, the area is underutilised and the Parish Council were keen to create a recreational space for residents. Over time, it is envisaged that picnic benches and recreational/educational equipment will be provided so that residents can enjoy the new space. We anticipate that there will be further opportunities for community involvement over time as this will be an ongoing project.

The Planning Committee considered the Consultation from Low Carbon regarding their proposal for a Solar farm at St Clare's. After some discussion, the Committee decided that it would be more appropriate to reserve their comments for when a formal planning application is submitted with detailed information about the proposed installation.

The Parish Council is still looking for new Councillors. If you would like to engage with residents, have a say in local issues that affect the village, influence the provision of local services and take part in decisions on local spending, please contact Michelle Harper, the Parish Clerk on 01245 225111 or by email [parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk).

### **Council Meetings**

Council meetings have now been resumed and are being held remotely via Zoom. Residents are welcome to attend the meetings and will have an opportunity to address the Council during the public questions item. The links to join the meetings are published on the Agendas which are posted to the Parish Council Website and also on the Parish Notice Board.

**December Meeting Dates:** Tuesday 8th Health and Wellbeing, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Resources, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Planning.



**Please visit our website at [www.danbury-essex.gov.uk](http://www.danbury-essex.gov.uk) and 'like' us on Facebook to get up to date information on meetings, local events and village information. Village events can be publicised on the website diary and Facebook. There are also listings for Danbury businesses, clubs and organisations on the website. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to be included or to make any amendments.**

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