

**DATES OF MEETINGS**  
2013

July		
Wed 24th	8pm	Resources
Mon 29th	8pm	Planning
Wed 31st	7.45pm	Parish Council
August – recess		
September		
Wed 4th	8pm	Environment
Mon 9th	8pm	Planning
Wed 11th	8pm	Facilities
Wed 18th	8pm	Resources
Wed 25th	7.45pm	Parish Council
October		
Mon 7th	8pm	Planning
Wed 23rd	8pm	Environment
Mon 28th	8pm	Planning
Wed 30th	8pm	Resources
November		
Tues 5th	8pm	Budget Facilities
Wed 13th	8pm	Facilities
Mon 18th	8pm	Planning
Wed 20th	8pm	Resources
Tues 26th	7.45pm	Parish Council

**THE FLYER**  
DANBURY COMMUNITY BUS

This serves Danbury, Little Baddow and Bicknacre. It runs 3 mornings per week – Mon, Wed, Fri (not Bank Holidays). It is open to all, and there are timetables in the Library, Post Office, and Co-op.

Roughly Route A starts from the Library/ Coop at 9.25, 10.25 and 11.25. It goes to Eves Corner, along Butts Lane, Maldon Road, the Avenue, Mill Lane, Pedlars Path and back to Maldon Road, Belvedere, West along Hopping Jacks Lane and back to the Library/Coop. The round trip is £2 and takes about 25 minutes.

Route B from the Library at 9.50, 10.50 (and 11.50 on request) along The Ridge as far as Spring Close, Little Baddow and back. Minor diversions on request at the driver's discretion. Pick it up anywhere along the route.

There is a run to Morrisons, Maldon, twice a month, and extras include use on election days.

**Ring bus mobile 07752 399309 but do NOT leave a message – if no answer, ring later.**

**DANBURY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CENTRE**

- Sat 6th July**  
Farmers Market - Parish Council Surgery
  - Sat 13th July**  
Ballroom Practice Night
  - Sat 3rd August**  
Farmers Market - Parish Council Surgery
  - Sat 7th Sept**  
Farmers Market - Parish Council Surgery
  - Sat 14th Sept**  
Ballroom Practice Night
  - Fri 27th Sept**  
Queen Tribute Show (The Bohemians)
  - Sat 5th Oct**  
Farmers Market - Parish Council Surgery
  - Sat 12th Oct**  
Ballroom Practice Night
  - Sat 19th Oct**  
Quiz Night
  - Sat 2nd Nov**  
Farmers Market - Parish Council Surgery  
Comedy Night
  - Sat 9th Nov**  
Christmas Craft Fair  
Ballroom Practice Night
  - Sat 23rd Nov**  
Ballroom Practice Night
- For more details T. 01245 224515  
[www.danburysportscentre.co.uk](http://www.danburysportscentre.co.uk)

**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NOTICE BOARDS?**

Our Village Hall boards have been for generations "the place you look to see what's going on" as a passer-by said while I wrestled with the locks on the ancient, dilapidated boards. Something had to be done! Danbury Village Hall Management Committee had already decided to buy a free standing board of "man-made" timber (MMT) which will not rot or warp, and will lock easily (hurrah!) This will publicise events happening on the premises & related information. We then approached Danbury Parish Council, and thanks to a very generous donation we have been able to order 2 new MMT boards, 1 for our Parish Council's essential information & agendas of meetings, etc, and the other to be used for Danbury Society publicity & other village events.

**If you want to display a poster please put it in the post box by the main Village Hall door.** Hopefully, by the time you read this the new boards will be up & last for many years, keeping Danbury residents up to date with "What's on & what's up!"  
Caroline Lambert.



OLD STYLE



NEW STYLE

**DANBURY**

SUMMER 2013

TIMES



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**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Owing to the importance of the decision on the Danbury Medical Centre by Chelmsford, key points are quoted inside on Pages 3 and 4. My remarks are therefore curtailed.

Thanks to Peter Martin and Sue Lees for their input at the **Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Arthur Pemberton** has retired from council for health reasons. Arthur was our much valued Chairman of Facilities. Being the largest spending committee, the workload was large and the commitment extensive. We wish Arthur well for the future and thank him for all his hard work.

**Congratulations**

On Tuesday 25th June I had great pleasure in presenting David Spiceley of Danbury, Bicknacre & Little Baddow First Responders, on behalf of the village, with a commemorative certificate

celebrating having responded to 600 health related emergency calls to the community since the group started. Many congratulations David, a fine example of the community supporting the community.

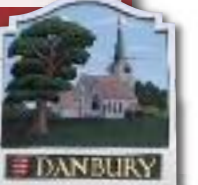
**Height Barriers**

You may have noticed that height barriers at the entrances to both car parks have been damaged by drivers unaware of the overall height of their vehicles. The repair costs are high and you risk losing your 'no claims' discount as we will always claim off your insurance. There are also additional costs of staff time trying to resolve matters. PLEASE TRY TO AVOID HITTING THE HEIGHT BARRIERS.

Many thanks.

**Stuart Berlyn - Chairman**

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## COUNCILLORS

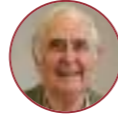
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Member of Environment and Planning

## ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

**John Alexander**



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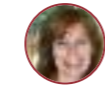
**Paul Walton**  
Danbury Society



Planning

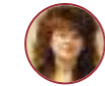
## PARISH COUNCIL STAFF

**Margaret Saunders**



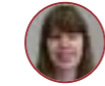
Parish Clerk

**Maria Dyer**



Assistant Clerk

**Hannah Mayes**



Assistant Clerk

**Robin Dickens**



Groundsman

## NORMAL PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 9.15 am to 1 pm.  
The Old School House, Main Road,  
Danbury, Essex CM3 4NQ  
Tel: 01245 225111 Fax: 01245 226798  
E-mail: [parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk)

## INFORMATION

As well as the new **website**, which gives village events and Parish Council information, don't forget the **notice boards** at Eves Corner, Runsell Green and Elm Green. You can contact the Parish Office directly or see a Parish Councillor at the **Parish Surgery** at the monthly Farmers' Market – see Page 8.

## DANBURY MEDICAL CENTRE REFUSAL

Chelmsford City Council has refused planning application 13/00432/FUL for a new Danbury Medical Centre.

### Reasons quoted directly from the report:

**1. Core Policy CP5 seeks to contain urban growth.** The policy states that this will be achieved by defining the physical limit of the urban areas of Chelmsford, South Woodham Ferrers and the Defined Settlements. Within the rural areas of the Borough beyond the Metropolitan Green Belt as defined on the Proposals Map, the Borough Council will protect and enhance the character and openness of the countryside. Planning permission for development within the rural areas beyond the Metropolitan Green Belt will be refused other than for the categories of development expressly identified in the relevant Core and Development Control policies. Medical facilities, assisted living units or specialist residential accommodation do not fall within any of these categories.

The site lies within the rural area, outside of the Defined Settlement. Whilst a proposal for a medical facility, pharmacy and caretakers was previously approved on this site, this followed a comprehensive site search of alternative locations which identified the application site as the most suitable for replacement medical facilities. The application proposal now demonstrates that the site is no longer viable for medical facilities without the provision of additional "enabling development", which would be contrary to Policy CP5. The proposal represents a significant departure from the development plan which cannot be justified. The entire proposal no longer provides a significant local community benefit which could exceptionally outweigh a departure from the up to date adopted development plan.

**2. The site lies within the rural area, outside of the Defined Settlement.** Policy DC2 states that the countryside within the rural area beyond the Metropolitan Green Belt will be protected for its own sake, particularly for its landscapes, natural resources and areas of ecological, historic, archaeological, agricultural and recreational value. Planning permission will be refused for development within the rural area unless for one of a number of prescribed purposes. The provision of a medical centre, assisted living dwellings and an autism centre are not one of these prescribed purposes. The proposal is therefore unacceptable in principle, contrary to Policy DC2.

Whilst a proposal for a medical facility, pharmacy and caretakers flat was previously approved on this site, this

followed a comprehensive site search of alternative locations which identified the application site as the most suitable for replacement medical facilities. The application proposal now demonstrates that the site is no longer viable for medical facilities without the provision of additional "enabling development", which would be contrary to Policy DC2. The entire proposal no longer provides an exceptional local community benefit which could outweigh the harm to the character of the countryside.

**3. The site lies within the Conservation Area** where Policy DC17 applies. Policy DC17 states that all development proposals within Conservation Areas must preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the area. Planning permission will be refused where the siting, form, massing, height, proportions, elevation design, or materials would harm the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

The site currently contributes to the Conservation Area by reason of its open landscape character which is a feature which contributes to the heritage significance of the area. The proposed development would not preserve or enhance the Conservation Area and would be inherently at odds with its significance as a landscape feature. Whilst a proposal for a medical facility, pharmacy and caretakers flat was previously approved on this site, this followed a comprehensive site search of alternative locations which identified the application site as the most suitable for replacement medical facilities and sought to mitigate its impact on the conservation area. The application proposal now demonstrates that the site is no longer viable for medical facilities without the provision of additional "enabling development" which would not result in exceptional local benefits. The entire proposal no longer provides a public benefit which could outweigh the harm to the character of the Conservation Area.

**4. Policy CP4 of the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan.**

Document states that the Council will require, through the use of planning contributions, that all new development meets the necessary on and off-site infrastructure requirements necessary to support the development and mitigate the impact of that development. In this case, a contribution for new assisted living dwellings would normally be sought by way of a Unilateral Undertaking which would be utilised towards

## cont...DANBURY MEDICAL CENTRE REFUSAL

strategic and local open space provision in line with Policies CP4, DC40 and the Councils adopted Supplementary Planning Document: Planning Contributions. However, no such Unilateral Undertaking has been signed completed and returned to the Council and as such the proposal is contrary to Policies CP4 and DC40.

### Positive and proactive statement

The Local Planning Authority provided advice to the applicant before the application was submitted but the applicant did not take on board all or some of that advice. The local planning authority has identified matters of concern with

the proposal and the report clearly sets out why the development fails to comply with the adopted development plan. The report also explains why the proposal is contrary to the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework to deliver sustainable development.

**Date: 26 June 2013 Signed:**  
**DAVID GREEN**  
**Director of Sustainable Communities**

The full text of the policies may be inspected at the Council's offices. Other comments can be read on the Chelmsford City website: [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

## TWO NEW COUNCILLORS



**DAVID HARVEY**

I was born in Maldon, raised in Chelmsford and have lived in Danbury with my wife since 2004. I hold a master's degree in Biomedical Sciences and work at Broomfield Hospital as a Biomedical Scientist carrying out blood tests from across the region. I have two young sons; the eldest a pupil at St John's school; the youngest goes to Danbury Preschool but will be moving to St. John's in September

I have admired Danbury since childhood with trips to Danbury Common a particular favourite. The main road retains much of its original charm with many intriguing buildings along the way. The views over Chelmsford and the Hanningfields are spectacular, especially at sunset. The acres of unspoilt woodland are a constant delight for myself and my outdoor-loving family and we can often be seen "going on a bear hunt". I feel that Danbury is the perfect place to raise my children and feel very lucky to live here. I have joined the council as I would like to devote some of my spare time to the benefit of the Community.



**PAUL HOWE**

My wife and I have lived in Danbury for about nine years. Since my retirement two years ago, I have felt that I needed to continue to keep my mind alert and occupied in some useful and fulfilling way.

When the opportunity arose to join Danbury Parish Council I seized the chance. I now look forward to playing a useful role in the local community.

I do a lot of long distance walking, and going regularly around the village and its footpaths helps with my Parish Council involvements. As well as joining Environment, in which I have an abiding interest, and the related Planning Committee, I have become a Tree Warden.

Danbury has a history that can be traced back to the Iron Age and it will be rewarding to be able join a parish council who will play a part in the future history of the village.

## HOW DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL SAVE MONEY?

Following the Annual Parish Meeting and questions regarding how the Parish Council is saving money. I will try to explain some of the ways.

- A comparison with local parish councils regarding stationery found that Danbury was already using the cheapest supplier.
- Staff reviews found that the best option was to employ the clerk with two assistants, all on a part time basis. The hours worked are less than 2 full time equivalent members of staff, and cover both day time and evening meetings. For the majority of the year the Parish Office can be manned between 9.15 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. The only full-time member of staff is our Groundsman.
- Three quotations are required for contracts between £2,500 and £40,000; above £40,000 a tendering process is entered into. Contracts are in place for grass cutting through the village, maintenance of the bowling green and of the cricket wicket, and all have been subject to competitive quotes.
- Minutes are now circulated by email to most councillors to save paper and money.
- There is little return on Parish Council investments in the current climate.
- An insurance review made nearly £4,000 saving, which helped to keep the precept at the same level for 3 years from 2010-2012.

- The Parish Council found a voluntary group to help with the ponds and with the aid of other volunteers has reduced the budget for ponds.
  - Two of the biggest outlays are water and sewage which cost the Parish Council over £3,000 a year, and fuel for the machines which our Groundsman uses. We buy petrol for the tractor and grass cutting machines since we are not permitted to use red diesel as the tractor goes on the roads sometimes. We keep trips to a minimum.
  - Another large budget of £3,000 is for the tree works on our properties, completed after annual tree surveys.
  - The Parish Council also has to maintain the buildings on Dawson Memorial Field. After a buildings survey for the Sports and Social Centre, it has been updated in line with current legislation; some of this is not readily obvious eg. electrical works.
  - The Parish Council is part of a larger organisation called the Essex Association of Local Councils. They also are constantly exploring ways to make savings for councils, and Essex County and Chelmsford City Councils also offer advice and services.
- I hope this article has given a flavour of how the Parish Council operates.

**MARGARET SAUNDERS PARISH CLERK**

## LITTER PICK

Due to lack of response, there appears to be no demand for the Annual Litter Pick which has always been held during the Spring. The Parish Council has a list of people (now amounting to 27) who have either provided their own litter picker or who have obtained one from the Parish Office, and regularly clear areas of the village.

If you would like to become one of this team please contact the Parish Office by email on [parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk](mailto:parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk) or telephone 01245 225111 and you can be supplied with a litter picker.

A big thank you to Caroline Lambert for all her help in organising past litter picks, and to all those who already participate in the scheme.



## NEWS FROM DANBURY SPORTS & SOCIAL CENTRE

### Solar panels are coming to the centre.

Yes, it's true, with the help of the Parish Council we now have Chelmsford City Council planning permission to install 63 solar panels on the roof of the centre. By the time you read this they may be installed. It supports the centre's commitment to investing in green initiatives and at the same time generates over £3,000 per annum to protect us from rising electricity costs. The Centre is funding the investment itself and we are running 2 initiatives to raise money to help pay for the panels:

### Could you sponsor a Solar Panel?

Each panel costs £365. Sponsors' names will be displayed prominently in our Reception beneath the public display monitor showing real time statistics of the electricity generated.

### Join our 500 Club – Support the Centre.

This is a monthly lottery – you pay for a £5 stake each month. You're assigned a unique number for your stake. If that number comes up – you've won! There will be 3 prizes drawn each month, the 1st prize is £625 if 500 tickets sold. You will ALWAYS be playing for 50% of the total we collect. The remaining income will be used to fund the cost of the solar panels. The first draw is August 2013.

**Remember... the greater the number of participants, the bigger the prizes.**

If you want to be part of the above initiatives, please either call into the centre or **phone 01245 224515** for further information. You can also check out our web site **www.danburysportscentre.co.uk** where you will find full details and the forms to join the 500 Club.



## DANBURY COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

You may have noticed recently that a group of Danbury residents are participating in a Speedwatch scheme for the village. Danbury carries a large volume of through traffic and in a recent survey conducted by the Parish Council, 65% of respondents thought speeding to be a problem on the roads in and around Danbury.

The Speedwatch initiative allows members of the community to become actively involved in monitoring traffic at designated locations, and to work with the police to help address this issue. The aim is not to "catch" as many speeding motorists as possible but to make drivers aware that a monitoring activity takes place, thereby allowing them to consider the speed they are travelling at and adjust their driving practice accordingly. Essex Police have followed up the Speedwatch initiative by contacting drivers who significantly exceed the legal speed limits. We have had many local residents and drivers give us positive feedback and, of course, a few drivers have not been quite so impressed!

We would be delighted to welcome some new volunteers to join our team. Training takes about an hour and you don't need any previous experience.

If you would like some further information, please contact either PSCO Sarah Martin at Essex Police: **sarah.martin@essex.pnn.police.uk** or **Danburyspeedwatch@talktalk.net**



## PLAY IN THE PARK

### Thurs 1st August 2013 Play in the Park 10am to 12 noon.

FREE session for 6 – 11 year olds. Dawson Memorial Field Children can join the sessions supervised by Chelmsford City Council Play Workers for sports, arts, crafts, games, and free-play. Children aged five and under are able to attend on a 'free play' basis but **must** be supervised in all activities by their parents or carers.

### Thurs 22nd August 2013

### Play in the Park

### 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

FREE session for 6 – 11 year olds. Dawson Memorial Field & Dawson Suite at The Sports & Social Centre. Children can join the sessions supervised by Chelmsford City Council Play Workers for sports, arts, crafts, games, and free-play, **plus** in the Sports Centre Reptile Handling with 'Snakes Alive' - Snakes, Lizards & Tarantulas. Children aged five and under are able to attend on a 'free play' basis but **must** be supervised in all activities by their parents or carers.



## SCHOOL VISITS BY THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

One of the aims of this group, which was established in July 2012, was to improve communications and raise awareness of the Parish Councils' activities. Councillors have been liaising with local schools as a part of this, and participating in activities to promote the work of the Council.

Our visit to Danbury Park School was to take part in their Localism Week, and we also visited St. John's and Heathcote which involved a presentation on the role of the Parish Council in Danbury. This was followed by group discussions on how the pupils would improve Danbury. Some of their ideas included a better play area, a helipad, and better facilities for older villagers.

Later, St. John's and Heathcote Schools sent 3 groups, on different days, to attend a meeting of the Communications Group. The pupils acted as councillors, electing a chairman, a minute taker and spokesperson. They were given a set of 6 projects with costings and a budget, and asked to select

up to 3 proposals, to prioritize and explain their reasoning. Their discussions were very interesting and they made informed and sensible choices. Some of these were similar to those discussed and in some cases activated by Council in recent meetings.

### Feedback from pupils included comments such as

- Please come back – we learned from your visit
- We hope you enjoyed your visit to our school – we certainly did
- I want to be a councillor when I grow up
- Thank you for giving up your time
- We learned a lot about local government and will never forget the experience.

The pupils' commitment, input, enthusiasm and behaviour was to be commended and they appreciated the certificate which was given to each on leaving. We are exploring with the schools ways to continue this link next year.