

Danbury Parish Council – August/September 2020

Dawson Memorial Field

Whilst the Parish Council wishes that residents make use of and enjoy the open spaces and facilities at the Dawson Memorial Field, unfortunately we are experiencing some damage to trees and littering, with evidence of drug taking and alcohol consumption. The local Police have been informed and will be patrolling the area.

Two dens have been constructed in wooded areas and trees have been damaged with one being stripped of all its bark and its trunk was cut leaving it in a precarious position. It appears that branches have been removed from some trees to create the sides of one of the dens. There have also been some fires, one of which was abandoned whilst still alight and had to be extinguished by the Parish Clerks. Another on the cricket wicket has damaged the grass.



The dens fall within the Danbury Conservation Area and there are penalties of up to £20,000 for undertaking works to or damaging trees in a Conservation area without permission having been obtained from the Local Planning Authority.

Due to the damage being caused to trees, littering, evidence of drug taking and fires, the parish Council has no choice other than to remove the dens. The cost of rectifying the damage and cleaning the sites will inevitably be borne by residents through your council tax. It is likely to reach around £750, not including Parish Council Staff and Chelmsford City Council Officer time to organise the necessary planning permissions to make the trees safe and make the necessary arrangements to clear the litter and dens. The cricket wicket is maintained to a high standard at a significant cost which cannot be recouped if the area becomes unplayable and rental income is lost.

Dawson Memorial Field Play Area

We are pleased to announce that the playground on the Dawson Memorial Field re-opened on Saturday 4th July. However, Danbury Parish Council will not be doing any cleaning or disinfecting of the playground equipment and asks that visitors observe hygiene practices such as washing and sanitizing hands prior to and as soon as possible after using the equipment. Please do not eat food or snacks in the playground. Please also observe the 2m social distancing rule. Signs will be installed as a reminder, please read them before entering the playground.

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

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Volunteers Needed – can you be a Public Footpath Teammate?

Danbury Parish Council Parish Path Partnership Scheme (P3) Sub-Committee is looking for volunteers with an interest in green spaces, public footpaths, walking and conservation to:

- ✓ join the Sub-Committee and/or
- ✓ join working parties to maintain local footpaths, finger posts and way markers.

This is a fantastic way to serve your community whilst enjoying physical activity in the great outdoors!

P3 is supported by Essex County Council and training and equipment will be provided.

For more information and how to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office:

Tel: 01245 225111

Email: 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. There will no meetings in August due to the summer recess.

September Meeting Dates: Monday 7th Planning, Tuesday 8th Health and Wellbeing, Wednesday 14th Environment, Wednesday 16th Facilities, Monday 21st Community Engagement, Wednesday 23rd Resources, Monday 28th Planning, Wednesday 30th Parish Council.

Michelle Harper, the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email: Parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk or by telephone: 01245 225111.