

Minutes of the Community Engagement Meeting held on 25 January 2021
at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs S Berlyn, A Chapman, B Hallett (Chair), M Hessing

In attendance: Ms M Harper (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

20/21.44 Apologies for absence

None

20/21.45 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.

There were no declarations of interest

20/21.46 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public

20/21.47 To approve Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held 23 November 2020

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 23 November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record

20/21.48 Actions from Minutes

The actions were noted

20/21.49 Review of Christmas 2020 activities

Christmas Tree – The Committee discussed whether there needed to be more coloured lights on the tree for next year. The Clerk to investigate hiring a cherry picker to enable the lights to be better placed. It is hoped that we are able to hold a larger event this year.

Christmas Scarecrow Competition – it was noted that there were 9 entries and the prizes were awarded and have been collected. The Committee felt there had been a good level participation and engagement and it is hoped that another competition would be arranged for this year.

20/21.50 Phone Kiosk

It was noted that the phone kiosk has been re-installed and the contractor will be carrying out the refurbishment. Once this has been completed contact with the residents will be made to establish ongoing use.

20/21.51 Danbury Times

The Danbury Times was successfully printed and delivered by the Focus and they will be printing the next edition. Cllr Chapman to contact the Clerk to arrange meetings for the editorial team.

20/21.52 Engagement Activities - Planning

Easter - Several ideas were discussed including a trail of laminated easter posters or painted pebbles for residents to find. Clerk to contact the Danbury Mission to find out if they have a planned event

Jubilee 2022 – The Committee considered combining the Danbury Festival (planned for this year but now deferred due to the ongoing Coronavirus restrictions) with a large ‘street party’ on Dawson Memorial Field in celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Clerk to find out if there are any national events planned and whether it is possible to relocate the Beacon or purchase a new one. A commemorative statue or symbol was also discussed, along with the purchase of a flagpole.

20/21.53 Other Committee Engagement Activities

The Clerk advised the following:

- Environment - potential new volunteer day regarding Community Woodland (will be arranged via Chelmsford City Council)
- Health & Wellbeing - Potential recruitment for Citizen Advice Volunteers, Advertising Carers Group, Potential consultation on Walking For Health and Identified Gaps in Physical Activity Provision
- Leisure & Activities - Play Equipment Project

New Neighbour Packs – advertising to go into the Danbury Times, the Clerk will review the packs and bring a sample to the next meeting for discussion

Community Woodland – the Committee to think about the wording to go onto a board dedicating the Woodland (or area) in memory of those residents effected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Terracycle Recycling– discussion was held over advertising of the recycling services

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Chapman attended the Chelmsford Group meeting and explained the scheme; details and request for volunteers to be Coordinators will be put into the Danbury Times

Village Noticeboards – discussion was held regarding the presentation and updating of noticeboards in the village and Cllr Hallett offered to update them. Clerk to review the condition and take back to the Facilities Committee

Cllr Berlyn left the meeting during the item

20/21.54 Matters for Report (for information only)

There were no matter for report

20/21.55 Dates of next meeting

Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Chairman

Date