

**Danbury Parish Council**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office,  
The Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs A Chapman (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B Hallett (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Berlyn,  
Cllr G Chapman, Cllr A Keeler and Cllr N Orange

**In Attendance:** Mrs M Dyer (Assistant Clerk)

**22/23.82 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**22/23.83 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 at this point.

**22/23.84 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.

There were no Members of the Public present.

**22/23.85 Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 10 January 2023**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 10 January 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hallett, seconded Cllr Chapman, all Members agreed.

**22/23.86 Actions**

Members noted the actions from the minutes.

**22/23.87 Environment Committee Strategic Plan Updated**

Members considered, but agreed that no further actions were required at the moment from items included in the Environment Committee Strategic Plan.

### **22/23.88 P3 Group**

Cllr Chapman updated Members advising that paperwork for proposed works identified by the group on the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) would be completed and submitted to ECC PRoW Officer for checking and approval within the next few days.

### **22/23.89 Community Woodland**

Cllr Chapman updated Members on the woodland in regards to the after effects of the fire last summer, the demise of some of the trees planted by Chelmsford City Council (CCC) and replacements planted by CCC. Members were advised that support from CCC finishes in March 2023. Cllr Chapman outlined works required, including planting of some mature whips, which would kindly be provided by Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Chapman and repairs to the rabbit fencing. Members were advised that P3 group had offered to assist with these works. It was noted that there was no money in the Environment Budget for watering to be undertaken by the Grounds Contractor, necessary for the new trees (circa every 3 weeks from June to August, depending on weather conditions); Cllr Mrs Chapman would approach Resources Committee for funds to cover these costs.

### **22/23.90 Highways Matters**

Members noted regarding the issues reported and logged under the pothole scheme on Maldon Road near the garage and in West Belvedere that validation was awaited.

Members noted that the issue in Cherry Garden Lane reported under the pothole scheme had been fast tracked via the highways team as it had been classed as a safety risk.

Cllrs Chapman and Orange gave a report to Members regarding the walkable verge at Penny Royal Road. Following discussion, it was agreed that a possible application for yellow lines at this area would be deferred until after works are completed and the outcome monitored. Cllrs to take photographs as applicable and report back to July meeting.

Members discussed issues raised by a mobility user at Hoynors and Eves Corner; it was agreed site visits would be undertaken and reported to ECC Highways.

Members discussed the issue of pavement parking raised by residents and Cllr Mrs Hessing. Members were reminded that this had been raised with the Community Policing Team in the past and were advised that if there is a parking restriction such as double yellow lines in place, it should be reported to the South Essex Parking Partnership: [Essex Parking Partnership](#) or if a vehicle is causing an obstruction, it should be reported to the Police online: [Home | Essex Police](#) Cllr Mrs Chapman advised she had raised this issue at a recent online meeting with the Police. It was agreed that this issue of 'inconsiderate parking' be included in the next issue of Danbury Times and in a Parish Council editorial in Focus Magazine.

### **22/23.91 Road Speed Limited: 20's Plenty**

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

### **22/23.92 Path from Mayes Lane Carpark to Bowling and Tennis Pavilions**

It was agreed that reducing the hedge to allow access to the hand rail, be passed to the Facilities Committee for action.

### **22/23.93 Matters for Report (for information only)**

Cllr Berlyn brought up the subject of where coffee pods and batteries can be recycled and was advised that Morrisons have bags for pods to be put into and that there is a battery recycling box in the Parish Office; Cllr Mrs Hallett added that plastic waste from tablets can be taken to some branches of Superdrug.

Cllr Chapman advised that the plastic bollards are all down at the ford in Sporhams Lane.

Cllr Mrs Chapman advised that there were interesting features in the RHS Magazine relating to plants and pollinators and that this would make a useful topic for inclusion in a future issue of Danbury Times.

**22/23.94 Matters for Communication**

Pavement parking per minute 22/30.90

Plants and pollinators per minute 22/23.93

**22/23.95 Dates of Meetings in 2023**

Wednesdays 17 May, 12 July, 13 September and 15 November

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm

Signed: Chairman..... Date: .....