

Danbury Parish Council
FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Armstrong, Cllr Berlyn (Ex Officio), Cllr Mrs A Chapman (Ex Officio),
Cllr G Chapman (Chairman), Cllr Mrs M Hessing (Vice Chairman),
Cllr A Keeler and Cllr N Orange

In Attendance: Mrs M Dyer (Assistant Clerk)
Ms M Harper (Clerk)
Mr R Carlton (Danbury Cricket Club)

21/22.25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thombs (who 'attended' the meeting remotely, therefore, whilst Cllr Thombs participated in discussions, he was not allowed to vote on matters).

21/22.26 Declarations of Interest

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point, or as soon as they become aware of the interest. 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 pecuniary one. They are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting if they have not previously notified the Monitoring Officer about it. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the DCA.

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

21/22.27 Public Question Time (Limited to 15 minutes)

The meeting may be temporarily suspended for up to fifteen minutes if members of the public wish to comment on agenda items or items of interest or concern to the parish

Mr Carlton from Danbury Cricket Club conveyed thanks to the Parish Council from Danbury Cricket Club and the other two Cricket Clubs (Oaklands and Marshes) for facilitating cricket on Dawson Memorial Field. There was then an extended open discussion/question session between the Members and Mr Carlton regarding the past two seasons (both affected by COVID-19) and going forward in relation to provision for youth cricket and possible 20/20 matches weekday evenings, including All Stars and grants from various sources, including Danbury Parish Council, English Cricket Board and Essex Playing Fields Association to finance wicket hire and coaching.

With the agreement of the Members agenda item 21/22.30 relating to Cricket was brought forward.

21/22.30 Cricket Season 2023

In relation to the discussion during Public Question Time and taking into account the report supplied to Members, Members discussed whether to support the continuance of cricket beyond March 2023. Cllr Berlyn proposed that the Parish Council supports the provision of cricket for 3 years to March

2026 (i.e. seasons 2023 to 2025) with a review prior to December 2023; this was seconded by Cllr Orange; all Members were in agreement.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council supports the provision of cricket for 3 years to March 2026 (i.e. seasons 2023 to 2025) with a review prior to December 2023.

21/22.28 Minutes of Facilities Committee Meeting held on 2nd November 2021

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2021 be approved and duly signed as a correct record.

21/22.29 Play Project Sub Committee

Following consideration of the proposed Terms of Reference, Cllr Berlyn proposed that these be agreed; Cllr Mrs Hessing seconded the proposal; all Members were in agreement.

RESOLVED: that Terms of Reference for the Play Project Sub Committee were agreed.

20/21.31 Budget 2022-23

Members considered each line in the budget proposal and all Members were all in agreement to the creation of a new budget line 'Ad hoc repairs to Assets' with a £2,000 budget to be used as and when assets need minor repairs as authorised by the Clerk. In regards to the 'Parish Office' section of the budget proposal, Cllr Chapman proposed that this be returned to the Resources Committee; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Hessing; all Members were in agreement. Cllr Chapman then proposed that £78,919.69 be put forward to the Resources Committee for recommendation to full council for 2022-23; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman; all Members were in agreement.

RESOLVED THAT: i) a new budget line 'Ad hoc repairs to Assets' be created with a £2,000 budget to be used as and when assets need minor repairs as authorised by the Clerk.

ii) Parish Office costs be returned to Resources Committee

iii) £78,919.69 be put forward to Resources Committee for recommendation to full council for 2022-23

21/22.32 Danbury Times

Cllr Mrs Chapman advised that winter 2021 issue was currently being delivered to all homes in Danbury.

21/22.33 Community Engagement

There were no issues from this meeting the Members believe residents should be made aware of at this time.

21/22.34 Matters to Report

There were no matters reported.

21/22.35 Meetings in 2022

Subject to approval by Parish Council, the first meeting in 2022 will be Wednesday 12th January.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.34pm

Chairman

Signed Date