



arrests had been made. Chief Inspector Parker also noted the impact that the Gypsy Communication Group were having.

There was further discussion on the perception of crime and that a police presence makes people feel safer. Chief Inspector Parker advised that Community Police work with Neighbourhood Watch and can undertake 'directed patrols' to ensure that locations can be identified where there are areas of concern and that the visibility of fluorescent jackets can change the dynamics of an area – WhatsApp is used to coordinate information but relies on Neighbourhood Watch coordinators to facilitate communication flow.

There was some discussion regarding increasing the number of police and how to address the fear of crime in villages and towns.

Chief Inspector Parker ended by summing up the initiatives discussed:  
Growth of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme  
Attendance at events such as Coffee With Cops and Farmers Markets  
Dedicated patrols with Neighbourhood Watch  
Use of social media to communicate issues

#### **19/20.55 Public Question Time**

The members of the public present, including fellow Councillors from surrounding parishes contributed to earlier discussion with Chief Inspector Gerry Parker.

#### **19/20.56 Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council minutes from 31 July 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **19/20.57 Ongoing policing in Danbury**

Following on from the discussion with Chief Inspector Gerry Parker, it was agreed that the Community Engagement Committee would be asked to discuss how the Parish Council could aid Neighbourhood Watch and that a Crime Working Group would be formed to meet and discuss initiatives to be considered for the budget period 2020/21. Cllrs Baker, Chesterman, Hessing, Sutton and Thombs volunteered to form the Working Party and provide details of their meeting availability to the Clerk.

Cllr Baker suggested that a visit be made to the Essex Control room in order that members could familiarise themselves with how the system worked. Members were asked to email available dates to the Clerk,

It was agreed that the £3,000 held in the Community Specials Earmarked Fund be used to fund the police overtime scheme that had been in place over the summer holiday period, although it was acknowledged that this may not be a viable long term solution.

RESOLVED; that the £3,000 Community Special Earmarked Fund be used to continue the police overtime scheme, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Hessing, all agreed.

#### **19/20.58 Poppy Wreath**

19/20.58.1 RESOLVED; to purchase the Poppy Wreath at a cost of £20.00, proposed by Cllr Berlyn and seconded by Cllr G Chapman, all agreed

- 19/20.58.2 RESOLVED; to donate £100.00 to the Royal British Legion, proposed by Cllr Chesterman and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed
- 19/20.58.3 Cllr Hessing is to act as representative of the Parish Council for laying of the Poppy Wreath on Remembrance Sunday

**19/20.59 Youth Council and Youth Co-Ordinator**

It was noted that the Clerk is carrying out research and is liaising with other Parish and Town Councils to determine the most effective process. A report on the options will be presented to the Parish Council meeting on 27 November 2019.

**19/20.60 Reports from Village Organisations**

Cllr Chesterman noted that he had been re-elected as Hawks Close Residents Association Chairman and had quoted previous comments from Cllr Berlyn with respect to aspects of Hawks Close to the Estates Manager and refurbishments were being undertaken.

**19/20.61 Reports from Committees**

19/20.61.1 Resources Committee

61.1.1 The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

61.1.2 It was agreed the recommendation from the Resources Committee that a Grounds Maintenance contractor be appointed from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 to carry out maintenance and tasks.

RESOLVED; that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor be appointed for a one-year contract commencing 1 October 2019, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Baker, all agreed

19/20.61.2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

19/20.61.3 Environment Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

19/20.61.4 Facilities Committee

61.4.1 The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

61.4.2 It was agreed that the recycling collection be taken up for the Parish Office at a cost of £35.00 per month for the cardboard, paper and plastics

RESOLVED; that the cardboard, paper and plastics be recycled from the Parish Office at a cost of £35.00 per month, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr G Chapman, all agreed

19/20.61.5 Community Engagement Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted; Cllr Hallett advised that the Christmas Tree lighting event would take place on 5 December

19/20.61.6 Health & Wellbeing Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted; Cllr Hessing advised that the Mental Health First Aid training had been well supported and the next session would be held on Saturday 26 October, that a meeting with ECC was to be held on 15 October regarding using the library as a Community Hub. A member queried actions with regards to substance misuse in the village and was advised that the Health & Wellbeing Committee were looking into training and awareness sessions.

19/20.61.7 Land Slippage Sub Committee

It was noted that the monitoring process had commenced.

**19/20.62 Save Our Libraries Essex (SOLE)**

This agenda item was withdrawn by Cllr Chesterman.

**19/20.63 Councillors' Surgeries**

To note and agree attendance for Councillor Surgeries to be held in the Sports and Social Centre –

- 5 October 2019 - Cllrs Hessing and Keeler
- 2 November 2019 - Cllrs Chesterman and Berlyn
- 7 December 2019 - Cllrs A Chapman and G Chapman

**19/20.64 Matters for Report (for information only)**

Ongoing litter picking would now be part of the Grounds contract; it was noted that the Farmers Market was poorly attended in September; Members were reminded to forward any budget suggestions to the Clerk by the end of October if possible.

**19/20.65 Dates of next meeting:**

Wednesday 27 November 2019 to be held at the Danbury Parish Committee Room, Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman .....

Date .....