

145 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of Parish Council meeting held 27 February, 2019 were accepted as a true record.

146 Reports from Village Organisations

Nothing to report.

147 Reports from Committees

147.1 Resources Committee – Chairman to Report

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

147.2 Planning Committee – Chairman to Report

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

147.3 Environment Committee – Chairman to Report

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

147.3.1 Councillors were requested to advise the Assistant Clerk – Environment if they are interested in joining the Parish Paths Partnership Sub Committee

147.4 Facilities Committee – Chairman to Report

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

147.4.1 After some debate it was agreed that a storage container be purchased for the storage of the cricket roller and placed on the car park next to the Old Pavilion at a cost of £2,155.00, proposed by Cllr Mrs A Chapman and seconded by Cllr M Hessian, vote was carried.

147.5 Communications – Chairman to Report

It was noted that there had been discussion regarding the school visits this year including an item relating to the Tree Charter, the P3 walks, potential lighting of the beacon for the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting, dressing a tree linked to Play in the Park, the Christmas Tree and potential event around the switching on of the lights and a photo competition during the summer. Councillors were asked to submit articles to the Clerk promoting Council activities for inclusion in the Essex Association of Local Councils journals.

147.6 Health and Wellbeing Group

It was noted that the Group were awaiting the results of the library consultation. Cllr S Berlyn advised that he had been invited to attend a NHS Commissioning Group for Mid Essex. Cllr Mrs L Anstee requested that the Council consider running a mental health training course – Essex County Council (ECC) provide the training, the Parish Council would need to supply a suitable venue. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact ECC to ascertain availability and dates.

148 Committee Terms of Reference

After some discussion it was agreed that Councillors would review the draft Terms of Reference and submit any comments or amendments to the Clerk by 10 April. Once collated the Clerk and Chairman would review and amend the Terms of Reference before reissuing for discussion and adoption at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

149 Potential Library Closure

Cllr S Berlyn advised that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, along with the Clerk and representative from the Charis Trust had been invited to attend a meeting with Cllr S Barker and Cllr J Spence on April 11 2019 at the Essex County Council office to discuss the potential closure of Danbury Library and the Expressions of Interests submitted by the Parish Council on behalf of the village.

150 Assets of Community Value

The registration of Library and the Old School House are being considered by Chelmsford City Council. Notification should be received within the next eight weeks.

151 Councillors' Surgeries

The attendance for Councillor Surgeries to be held in the Sports and Social Centre were noted –
6 April 2019 – Cllrs C Baker and Mrs A Chapman
4 May 2019 – Cllrs Mrs M Hessing and A Keeler

152 Matters for Report (for information only)

Nothing to report

154 Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with S.1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to resolve that in view of the nature of the business to be discussed it was in the opinion of the Committee advisable that the Public and Press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

155 Report from Land Slippage Committee

Cllr J Thombs summarised the recent investigation carried out by a geo technical company (GEMCO) and advised the Council that further, more detailed, investigation was required before the cause of the slip failure could be identified and a suitable selection of remedial designs submitted for consideration. The cost would be up to £30,000; an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council has been arranged for Monday 1 April to agree the costs.

156 Dates of next meeting:

Monday 1 April 2019 to be held at the Danbury Parish Committee Room, Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ at 7.30pm