Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 November 2019 at 7.30 pm at The Old School House, Main Road, Danbury

Present: Cllrs L Anstee B Hallett

C Baker M Hessing
S Berlyn (Chair) A Keeler
A Chapman (Vice Chair) P Sutton
G Chapman J Thombs

In attendance: Ms M Harper, Clerk

County Cllr J Spence

County Cllr Spence thanked the Parish Council for its continued support and gave the following updates:

- Guidelines had been sent out for running Community Led Libraries and he urged the Parish Council to consider becoming involved in shaping the service of the Danbury Library
- More attention is being given to preventing hospital admittance
- Belverdere roads continued to be priority
- The safety review of A414 is in hand and the outcome expected by the end of the financial year

There was some discussion relating to the demolition of the Army and Navy roundabout and the various schemes that were under consideration to manage the traffic through Chelmsford

County Cllr Spence left the meeting

Cllr Berlyn advised that D Chesterman had resigned as a Parish Councillor and requested that the Council's thanks for his positive inputs be recorded.

19/20 - 66 Apologies for Absence

None

19/20 – 67 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.

19/20.68 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

19/20.69 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council minutes from 25 September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19/20.70 Reports from Committees

19/20.70.1 Resources Committee

70.1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were noted

- 70.1.2 RESOLVED: that that the revised Grant Awarding Policy be adopted, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed
- 70.1.3 RESOLVED: that the application for £1,500 grants to be awarded to the St Johns Baptist Church, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded Cllr G Chapman, all agreed
- 19/20.70.2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted. Cllr Thombs advised that ongoing works to the Bell Public House had caused concerns for local residents and asked that thanks to Mrs Mitchelmore, Assistant Clerk be recorded for her efforts with Chelmsford Planning Enforcement.

19/20.70.3 Environment Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted

19/20.70.4 Facilities Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted

- 19/20.70.5 Community Engagement Committee
 - 70.5.1 The minutes of the last meeting were noted
 - 70.5.2 RESOLVED: that the Terms of Reference be approved, proposed by Cllr Hallett and seconded by Cllr A Chapman, all agreed
- 19/20.70.6 Health & Wellbeing Committee
 - 70.6.1 The minutes of the last meeting were noted. Cllr Anstee noted that that Mental Health Awareness training had been well attended by local residents
 - 70.6.2 RESOLVED: that the Terms of Reference, amended to reflect 6 weekly meetings and that events will be organised in liaison with the Community Engagement Committee where relevant, be approved, proposed by Cllr Anstee and seconded by Cllr Hessing, all agreed

19/20.71 Precept 2020 - 2021

Cllr Sutton presented the budget proposal and thanked Members for engaging in the budget process, noting that there has been a shift towards releasing monies to undertake projects for the benefit of the community. Cllr Berlyn thanked the committees for their hard work in debating and discussing the budgets to be put forward to the Resources Committee and thanked the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer for the spreadsheets and provision of the reports and information.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council agree the precept figure of £212,481.00 for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Baker, all agreed

19/20.72 Appointment to Committees

19/20.72.1 RESOLVED: that Cllr Sutton join the Health and Wellbeing Committee and that Cllr Anstee join the Environment Committee, proposed by Cllr Berlyn and seconded by Cllr Hessing, all agreed

19/20.72.2 It was noted that ClIrs P Sutton and L Anstee will be resigning from the Facilities Committee. Cllr G Chapman thanked them for all their efforts on the Committee.

19/20.73 Timetable of meetings 2020

The timetable of meetings was agreed, subject to the alteration of the Health and Wellbeing Committee meetings

19/20.74 **Youth Council**

After some discussion it was agreed that in order to progress a Youth Council it would be necessary to establish a Working Group to define the role of the Youth Council, draw up a draft Constitution and develop a recruitment strategy. Following agreement at a future Parish Council meeting a Youth Council Working Group would need to set up to support the Youth Council.

It was agreed that Members who were willing to be on the initial Working Party should confirm with the Clerk.

19/20.75 **Councillors' Surgeries**

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

7 December 2019 -Cllrs A Chapman and G Chapman

1 February 2019 Cllrs Hessing and Baker 7 March 2019 Cllrs Keeler and Berlyn

19/20.76 **Reports from Village Organisations**

Cllr A Chapman reported that she had attended the Danbury Park Babies 80th Celebration, along with Cllr G Chapman, which had been a very successful event, the Danbury; the Danbury Park Forum with Cllr Keeler at which plans for the future were discussed along with possible funding and the Danbury Society AGM which had been a good positive meeting. Cllr A Chapman advised that she had discussed the Neighbourhood Watch Group with the local Co-ordinator and after discussion it was agreed that if the Group were to expand and become more active in Danbury then the Parish Council would need to take on the responsibility – this was referred back to the Community Engagement Committee for further discussion.

19/20.77 **Matters for Report (for information only)**

Cllr Anstee noted that the pavements are Millfields were damaged; Cllr G Chapman noted that a layby had been planned near Danbury Park Lakes however a new pavement and kerb had been installed; Cllr Hallett noted that she had reported a missing sign at Cherry Garden Lane which had been replaced and Cllr Hessing advised that she had attended the Remembrance Service with Cllr Anstee and had been proud to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and the village

19/20.78 Dates of next meeting

| Wednesday 29 January 2020 to be held at the Danbury Parish Committee Room, Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ at 7.30pm | |
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| Meeting clos | sed at 8.40pm |
| Chairman | |
| Date | |
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