

ECC is looking to run sessions with public to discuss the Project and other concerns such as energy efficiency advice and would be interested in working with the Danbury Community and wished to start a dialogue with the Parish Council regarding community engagement events

Members of the Parish Council were in support of the Project and was keen to discuss and promote within the community. Discussions were held regarding expanding the education to schools on sustainability. It was advised that a Community Energy Survey will be sent out to local groups to start looking at business cases and other groups who are interested in similar schemes in the area

Ms Almeida gave information on the Solar Together Essex scheme whereby residents can sign up on the ECC website for a solar panel collective scheme; once supplier has been selected, they would email the collective offer to residents who can choose to take it if they wish; details will be out in near future

Cllr Berlyn thanked Mr Day and Ms Almeida for attending the meeting and for an informative presentation

19/20.82 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present

19/20.83 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council minutes from 27 November 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19/20.84 Reports from Committees

19/20.84.1 Resources Committee

84.1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were noted

84.1.2 RESOLVED: that the continued use of variable direct debits for utility supplies and Barclaycard and standing orders for salaries, IT Support and waste collection be agreed, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed

84.1.3 RESOLVED: that the Financial Regulations are approved, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Hallett, all agreed

84.1.4 RESOLVED: that the Financial Risk Assessment is approved, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr A Chapman, all agreed

84.1.5 RESOLVED: that the System of Internal Control is re-adopted, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed

84.1.6 RESOLVED: that the payment for replacement heras fencing be approved, proposed by Cllr Sutton and seconded by Cllr G Chapman, all agreed

19/20.84.2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted

19/20.84.3 Environment Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted

19/20.84.4 Facilities Committee

The minutes of the last meeting were noted

19/20.84.5 Community Engagement Committee
It was noted that the next meeting will take place 10 February 2020

19/20.84.6 Health & Wellbeing Committee
85.6.1 The minutes of the last meeting were noted

Cllr Berlyn updated the meeting on the Domestic Abuse training held on 27 January – It was well attended, mainly from Beacon Health, the attendees provided positive feedback

Cllr Anstee noted the article on the Committee in this month's Contact magazine

85.6.2 Following discussion it was agreed that use of the building and charging structure would be considered on each applications merit i.e. business use as opposed to services for the village. The plans for use are in preliminary stages and more details will be forthcoming through the Health & Wellbeing Committee

RESOLVED: that the use of the Old Pavilion as a Community Hub be approved, proposed by Cllr Anstee and seconded by Cllr Sutton, all agreed

19/20.85 Appointment to Committees

19/20.85.1 RESOLVED: that Cllr Hessing join the Community Engagement Committee, proposed by Cllr Berlyn and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed

RESOLVED that Cllr Hallett join the Health & Wellbeing Committee, proposed by Cllr Berlyn, seconded by Cllr Sutton, all agreed

19/20.86 Community Led Library

19/20.86.1 The Clerk advised that contact had been made with three organisations who had submitted Expression of Interest (EOI) requests to Essex County Council Library Service regarding a Community Led Library Service in Danbury. Two of these were for service providers who would be interested in having space in a Community Hib and providing services to the residents of Danbury however were not prepared to run a Community Led Library. The other EOI was from a local business who were still in the process of formalising a business proposal.

19/20.86.2 Essex County Council's library strategy is to maintain the current levels of service for a period of 5 years. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council do not have the capacity to run a Community Led Library

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council did not wish to lead on a Community Led Library service in Danbury, proposed by Cllr G Chapman and seconded by Cllr Keeler, all agreed

19/20.87 Bowling Club

After some discussion it was agreed that works to the bowling green to bring it up to the standard required by the Lease would be approved using money held in the Emergency Earmarked Funds

RESOLVED: that the remedial works required to return the bowling green to the standard agreed in the Lease were approved, proposed by Cllr A Chapman and seconded by Cllr Hallett, all agreed

19/20.88 Open Gardens – Eves Corner

After some discussion the Parish Council agreed to grant permission for the Danbury and Little Baddow Open Gardens to use Eves Corner as a centre for the community on Sunday 21 June 2020 for selling programs and refreshments, giving gardening advice and inviting other community groups to promote their clubs and activities.

RESOLVED: that Danbury and Little Baddow be granted permission to use Eves Corner for a community event on Sunday 21 June 2020 subject to the provision of suitable and sufficient insurance and risk assessments, proposed by Cllr G Chapman and seconded by Cllr Sutton, all agreed.

19/20.89 Danbury Flag

The current logo pre dates all members of the Councils and was created by a local artist. After some discussion it was agreed to invite the students of Sandon School who had offered to design for a Danbury Flag or Standard to Community Engagement Committee for a meeting to discuss further.

19/20.90 Consultation – Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments

Responses to the Consultation were agreed and the Clerk will complete and return the forms.

19/20.91 Councillors’ Surgeries

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

- 1 February 2020 Cllrs Keeler and Berlyn
- 7 March 2020 Cllrs Hallett and Hessing
- 4 April 2020 Cllr Anstee and G Chapman

19/20.92 Reports from Village Organisations

Cllr G Chapman gave a update on Superfast Essex – this does not apply to Danbury as commercial companies are available in this area to provide services

Cllr A Chapman advised that she had attended the Chelmer Valley Landscape meeting with representatives of groups with interest in the area, and that it was trying to extend its protection, and conservation area. There will be a formal launch in Autumn for organisations

19/20.93 Matters for Report (for information only)

Clerk provided update on land slippage monitoring.

Cllr Anstee noted that the Essex Chronicle had an interesting article regarding coasts under threat and ideas for climate

Cllr A Chapman noted that a consultation on Coastal Habitats and mitigation by developers has been personally received and asked members to complete and return if they receive it directly

19/20.94 Dates of next meeting

Wednesday 25 March 2020 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