

# DANBURY PARISH COUNCIL

*A Quality Council*



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting of the held on 13th October 2010 at the Parish Office

Present: Councillors: A Keeler (Chairman), D. Bolwell, Mrs A Chapman, Mrs S J Court, A Pemberton, J Thomson, M. Wood (ex officio)

In attendance: The Clerk

#### **53 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Berlyn, S Freeman, J Langley, D. Whiteing and Outside Representative John Bowen.

#### **54 Declarations of Interest**

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They were reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and to leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

None were declared.

#### **55 Public Question Time Limited to 15 Minutes**

No Members of the Public were present.

#### **56 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Environment Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

The Chairman of Environment queried the Items for Report from the last meeting these had all been actioned by the Clerk. All Highways Matters now had to be sent to a central Highways email address and were allocated to people to deal with. Therefore there was no longer the same contact with the District Officer as there had been. Members wished these items included in today's Minutes so that Members of the Public were aware that these items had been sent to the appropriate authority to be dealt with.

Items for Report	Authority Sent to	Work Completed
Outside the Pharmacy Hopping Jacks Lane the tarmac had formed a pothole making it like a sleeping policeman and was dangerous	Essex County Highways 15.9.2010	
Mill Lane drain covers had been painted red was someone going to do something	Essex County Highways	Red paint denoted services doing something in the road

In a number of places vegetation was covering the pavement especially on the Coop side of the road	Reported to Essex County Highways on 15.9.2010	
The black street light lamp was out.	Passed to Essex County Highways Lighting Section who passed this to Chelmsford Borough Council who own the light 15.9.2010	
Tree outside the pharmacy was covering a street light screwed to a telegraph pole	Passed to Essex County Highways Lighting Section 15.9.2010	
Hyde Lane/Tyndales Lane there was a pothole 2ft x 2 ft and 12inches deep	Passed to Essex County Highways 15.9.2010	Cllr Pemberton reported that this had been repaired
There were a number of redundant signs and traffic lights – Mayes Lane	Passed to Essex County Highways 15.9.2010	
Stop Sign Mill Lane	No action	Spoken to Cllr Whiteing this was just to report white lines were being painted

## **57 Footpaths**

### **57.1 Footpath Map to be placed on Web-Site**

This work to still be completed.

RESOLVED: that this information be noted.

### **57.2 Danbury Youth Camp and park – footpath opposite Riffhams Lane**

This work on list for 2011 to 2012 financial year.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **58 Highway Matters**

### **58.1 List of Roads for Repair**

#### **58.2 Runsell Green Outside Anchor Public House**

Still outstanding with Essex County Highways.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

#### **58.4 Zebra Crossing Main Road outside Danbury Park School**

This work still outstanding - signage.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted

#### **58.5 Mayes Lane**

Work still outstanding problems with the contractor awaiting another road closure notice.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **58.6 Eves Corner**

Repairs have been requested but are still awaited.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **58.7 Traffic Orders**

**None to report**

### **58.8 Pillar Box**

The Groundsman was keeping an eye on this area and had cleared some vegetation

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **58.9 Woodhill Road**

Signage on list at Essex County Highways no one knew whether the work had been completed.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **59.10 A414 Main Road Junction with Halls Lane.**

This work had been completed.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **59.11 A 414 Main Road Danbury bend approximately 200m west of the junction with Riffhams Lane travelling from Chelmsford to Maldon**

This work had been completed

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **59.12 Well Lane**

Signage on Essex County Council List.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **59.13 Sightlines at Cherry Garden Lane**

Signage on Essex County Council List.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **58.14 Elm Green, Elm Green Lane, Danbury**

This item had been forwarded to Facilities Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **58.15 Small Schemes List – Localism Rusell Green Reduction in Speed Limit**

Essex County Highways had not as yet made a decision on the Small Scheme Lists for the Parish Councils. This was still not yet available.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**Well Lane – Zebra Crossing (This item to be placed on small scheme list – localism when opened)**

RESOLVED: that the information was noted.

**Gating Signs (This item to be placed on Small Schemes List – Localism when opened)**

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**59 Precept Request from the Environment Committee**

Members agreed the request of £2290 from the Environment Committee to go forward to Resources Committee for the 2011 – 2012 precept.

**RESOLVED:** that the Precept request for Environment of £2290 be forwarded to Resources.

**60 Quarries**

**60.1 St Cleres Hall**

No further correspondence received.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**60.2 Royal Oak Quarry**

Essex County Council still had not arranged the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**60.3 Sandon Quarry**

Nothing further to report

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**60.4 Proposed site at Tyndales Farm**

The Council had been informed that the outcome of the Site Allocations document would hopefully be around December.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**61 Parishes Transportation Group**

**61.1 Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

Cllr Berlyn was not present but Mrs P Patel M P had attended their last meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**62 Bus Shelters**

**62.1 Bus shelter opposite The Avenue (Maldon side)**

A picture of the bus shelter was circulated which the Essex County Highways intended to install. It only had a back and a roof due to sight lines and would be in black to match the bus shelters already installed.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **62.2 Bus Shelter near the Avenue (Chelmsford Side)**

The light still needed to be fitted. It is hoped that this will be included with the new bus shelter works.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **63.1 Neighbourhood Action Panel**

Cllr Whiteing had attended was not present at meeting to report.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **62.2 Police**

Unfortunately Sergeant Perry Land could not attend the meeting. Members no longer requested Sergeant Land to attend a meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Police had been requested to make more patrols as someone had attempted to break-in to the compound in the site but was unsuccessful,

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **63.1 Climate Change/ Green Group**

No further meetings had been held since the last one.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **63.2 Climate Change**

Members had nothing further to report.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **64 Danbury Times**

Members were reminded that there would be a short time to print the Spring edition of the Danbury Times as the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held in March, 2011.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **65 Bus Passenger Transport**

Nothing further to report.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **66 Danbury Common/Cyclists**

Further Minutes had been circulated to the Committee of a meeting the Warden had held with the cyclists. Cllr Berlyn had chaired a meeting with the residents and the National Trust unfortunately no cyclists could attend. Everything seemed to have been resolved. The Chairman of Environment reported that he had spoken with cyclists and they were keeping to the permitted area within the Common.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **67 Ollets**

The Clerk had written to Chelmer Housing Partnership and an acknowledgement letter had been received. Cllr Ian Wright had also been contacted Chelmer Housing Partnership, but no plans were available for the site as yet. There were still two occupants in the flats at the moment.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **68 Daffodils**

Runsell Green had been chosen as a site for the Daffodil Planting. The ground had been rotavated under the oak tree. The Planting Morning had been arranged for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon. Chelmsford Borough Staff would be available on the day. Cllrs Thomson, Wood and Mrs Chapman if she returned in time volunteered to be present. Notices would be placed in the noticeboards requesting volunteers.

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Thomson, Wood and Mrs Chapman be present at the bulb planting,

### **69 Dog Bin Dawson Memorial Field**

This had been installed.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **70 Essex Village Shops and Pubs Day 10.00 a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010**

Cllr Thomson agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Thomson attend the Essex Shops and Pub Day on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

### **71 Nuclear Power – House of Commons Early Day Motion No.557**

Further to Minute 87.1 Planning Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. The group "No Need for Nuclear" was seeking support for its campaign for an inquiry into whether new nuclear power stations were necessary. Details of the campaign had been circulated. This item had been passed to the Environment Committee for a recommendation to Parish Council.

Members felt that this was badly constructed document and required more evidence.

Cllr Mrs Chapman proposed that this was a personal issue and that the Parish Council should not get involved. This was seconded by Cllr Keeler. Five members were for the proposal and one against.

RECOMMENDED: that this was a personal issue and that the Parish Council should not get involved. This would be forwarded to Parish Council.

### **72 Matters for Report only**

Items for Report	Authority Sent to	Work Completed
Footpath 15 had an area taped off		
Footpath 38 the farmer had sown seed across the footpath		

Road sign at Mildmays damaged		
30 mph speed limit sign cover in vegetation on entering the village on the A414		

**73 Dates of Meetings for 2010**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

Cllr A Keeler, Chairman

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Date