

## DANBURY PARISH COUNCIL

*A Quality Council*



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### **Minutes of the meeting of the held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the Parish Office**

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Cllr Clacy and 2 Members of the Public

#### **74 Apologies for Absence**

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

#### **75 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.

Cllrs Clacy, Pemberton and Thomson all declared an interest in Minute Nos. 76 and 77 by virtue of living in close proximity to Tyndales Farm.

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

Two members of the Public were present they both were very concerned regarding the Minerals Preferred Approach Document. Tyndals Farm had NOT been chosen as a Preferred Site within the document. They felt that if other sites which had been chosen were to be challenged and moved below the Tyndales Farm site then it could move up the order and then become a Preferred Site. They felt the village was not aware even though the "Drop In Session" had been publicised. It was requested that the Parish Council make comments to the Site Location, Transport, Health, Pollution, Landscape and Ecology sections of the report.

The Action Group for the village was to regroup and leaflet the village to try and get as many people to respond as possible.

Cllr Clacy had no further comments to make.

*The Chairman of Environment requested that the item on Tyndales Farm be moved up the Agenda and taken next.*

#### **77 Proposed Site at Tyndals Farm – documentation to be at Parish Council from 6<sup>th</sup> December. Consultation Exhibition Day 1<sup>st</sup> February at Village Hall.**

Cllr Pemberton spoke at this point in the meeting. He reiterated the members of public's concerns. The target for gravel extraction was 42.225 met then the line had been drawn and Tyndales Farm was the 8<sup>th</sup> site below this line. It had been impossible to understand the scoring system. A new point was discovered that an on-site processing plant was to be provided if the site went ahead. He considered it imperative that the Parish Council challenge the scoring system and try and get the

site put into the failed category. Challenge could be made to the Transport, Health, Pollution, Landscape and Ecology sections.

*Cllrs Clacy, Pemberton and Thomson all left the meeting and did not return.*

The Environment Committee discussed the matter. It was decided to formulate a response with the following topics; Highways-volume-congestion, damage to properties, increased risk to pedestrians, the increase of transport activity due to the Medical Centre and the larger Community Church. This was formulated into the following proposal which was made by Cllr Bolwell and seconded by Cllr Wood. This was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends a letter to the consultation covering the following topics, transport, increased risk to pedestrians, the increase in traffic due to the new Medical Centre and larger Community Church. Questioning the scores and trying to remove Tyndals Farm site to a failed site.

*The meeting then continued with the Agenda in the format as published.*

### **78 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of Environment Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. To note that the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2010 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

### **79 Footpaths**

#### **79.1 Footpaths Map to be placed on the Web-Site**

The Assistant Clerk had had a few problems placing this map on the web-site.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

#### **79.2 Danbury Youth Camp and Park – footpath opposite Riffhams Lane** Item with Essex County Council to be chased in the new financial year.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

#### **79.3 Footpath 17**

A complaint had been received from a resident who had attended the Councillors Surgery in February regarding trees that stick out. This had been referred to the District Officer at Essex County Highways.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

#### **79.4 Work Proposal for P3 for Next Year**

The Footpaths Officer stated that most works had been covered that had been requested.

To request if the Essex County Council would give a grant towards a reprint of the Footpaths Map.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk forward the request to the Parish Paths Partnership a request for a £250.00 grant.

## **80 Highway Matters**

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

District Officer checked on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010 all OK running clear.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

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

This work still outstanding signage required.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.3 Mayes Lane**

Contractor had completed works to Bridleway monitoring to see if this works without having to dig up road. Further flooding occurred this request has been sent to Essex County Highways and forwarded to their Engineers.

RESOLVED: that this item be noted.

### **80.4 Eves Corner**

Repairs have been requested. Bays 1 and 2 were breaking up. Repairs still awaited.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.5 Traffic Orders**

None to report

### **80.6 Pillar Box**

Groundsman monitoring

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.7 Woodhill Road**

The signage work had not been completed.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.8 Well Lane**

Signage on Essex County Council List.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.9 Sightlines at Cherry Garden Lane**

Signage on Essex County Council List

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **80.10 Small Schemes List**

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. This has also been chased by Cllr Hume. A further accident had occurred at this location. They have also been asked to chase this reduction in speed limit.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**80.11 Further Request from Member of the Public Speed Limit throughout the village to be reduced to 30 mph**

A complaint from a member of the public was circulated. The Parish Council had already requested this previously with no success.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**80.12 Request for Footpath Mayes Lane, Penny Royal Road, Woodhill Road**

This item had already been included on the Small Schemes List. (This item was also part of the Unilateral Undertaking for Planning Permission Land south of Shaftmoor.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**80.13 Items Reported to Environment Committee**

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	This area possibly not owned by Essex County Council this is being checked. This area was outside the Medical Centre and still had not been completed.
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. Take off next Agenda.
In a number of places vegetation was covering the pavement especially on the Co-op side of the road	Reported to Essex County Highways on 15.9.2010	Checking landownership Several complaints have been received regarding vegetation overhanging pavements. Several pieces of work have been completed within the village in the last 2 weeks. Take off next Agenda. Still a query at 54 Main Road.
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	Light Working 18.11.2010 Take off next Agenda.
Tree outside the pharmacy was covering a street light screwed to a telegraph pole	Passed to Essex County Highways Lighting Section 15.9.2010	These trees owned by the shops and a request for tree works has been received by Chelmsford Borough Council.
Hyde Lane/Tyndales Lane	Passed to Essex County	Cllr Pemberton reported

there was a pothole 2ft x 2 ft and 12inches deep	Highways 15.9.2010	that this had been repaired. Take off next Agenda.
There were a number of redundant signs and traffic lights – Mayes Lane	Passed to Essex County Highways 15.9.2010	Investigating whether any ducting completed. Take off next Agenda.
Stop Sign Mill Lane	No action	Spoken to Cllr Whiteing this was just to report white lines were being painted Take off Agenda
Footpath 15 had an area taped off	Passed to District Footpaths Officer 20.10.2010	District Officer had checked all clear now Take off Agenda
Footpath 38 the farmer had sewn seed across the footpath	Passed to District Footpaths Officer 20.10.2010	District Officer has checked is seeded but people are walking footpath. If the growth gets to more than 1foot then they will deal with the problem. Take off Agenda.
Road sign at Mildmays damaged	Passed to Chelmsford Borough Council 20.10.2010	Posts have to be ordered Still not completed.
40 mph speed limit sign cover in vegetation on entering the village on the A414	Passed to Essex County Highways 20.10.2010	Investigating ownership Take off Agenda.
Referred by Councillor Surgery Pelican Crossing on Maldon Road outside Tesco's	Query regarding timing	Essex County Council had confirmed that the timing is correct. Although the crossing is operating with a known fault. Take off Agenda.
Referred by Councillor surgery Signage for the 30 mph through Danbury	Query regarding signage	Essex County Council had confirmed the signage is correct as per Traffic Signs Regulations and General directions 2002. Take off Agenda.
Complaint from member of the public at Councillor Surgery in December	Plastic cartridges found in garden sometime in their hundreds. Believed to be 'bird scarers'	Refer to Essex Police shotgun cartridges. Take off Agenda.
Eves Corner	Check timer. On shops an audible tone does not work	.
Main Road 20 mph signs	Request removal	These had been removed. Take off Agenda.

## **81 Quarries**

### **81 St Cleres Hall**

No further correspondence received.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **81.2 Royal Oak Quarry**

Essex County Council still had not arranged the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **81.3 Sandon Quarry**

Nothing further to report

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **82 Parishes Transportation Group**

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

Cllr Berlyn reported that the Transport Plan for Essex should be reported on.

Members discussed the document.

It was agreed that the following comments be sent to the consultation and copied to Chairman of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council and the Secretary of the Parishes Transportation Group.

### **Comments on the Local transport Plan from Danbury Parish Council**

Danbury Parish Council has had the following policy since July, 2005:

“A local Danbury By-Pass is not achievable due to the environment in which we live. The Parish Council supports a Maldon-Langford-Hatfield Peverel to A.12 link with a view to the current A 414 being downgraded to B Status as recommended in the Ministry of Transport Inquiry at Danbury Palace in 1995.”

The Parish Council is a member of a local Parishes Transportation Group who we also understand are in support of this course of action. The Parish Council has also lobbied both District and Essex County Council Members regarding this road improvement.

The A 414 is a road under stress and suffers congestion. The By-Pass should be included in the Local Transport Plan. It would also improve the Maldon and Dengie peninsular links. Also the links to Witham Railway Station and the planned new Railway Station at North Springfield. Additionally it would also link better with the new Park and Ride and access to Broomfield Hospital. Copies to be sent to the Chairman of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council and the Secretary of the Parishes Transportation Group.

RESOLVED: that the above comments be forwarded to the Transport Plan Consultation.

## **83 Bus Shelters**

### **83.1 Bus shelter opposite The Avenue (Maldon side)**

The Essex County Highways had ordered the bus shelter and the castle kerbing was planned to be installed shortly.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

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

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

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **84 Neighbourhood Action Panel**

Cllr Whiteing had attended but was not present at meeting to report. Although he has sent comments that the reduction of the speed limit at Runsell Green had been reported and the Essex Police were going to chase this as well.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **85 Police**

No police attended this meeting but it was reported that crime figures in Essex were generally down.

It was reported that it was felt that not all crime figures were reported.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **86.1 Climate Change/ Green Group**

No further meetings had been held since the last one.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **86.2 Climate Change**

Members had nothing further to report.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **87 Danbury Times**

### **87.1 Articles for Next Edition – Nothing reported.**

### **87.2 Discovering Danbury**

A document was circulated from Cllr Bolwell. It had already been decided by Parish Council that the leaflet would be left until after the Election in May. Cllr Bolwell felt that there several historical items which could be used in the leaflet. Perhaps "The Journal" could be used to appeal for historical items.

RESOLVED: that the Danbury Leaflet be looked at after the May elections.

### **87.3 Update on Danbury Times Spring Edition 2011**

It was reported that the final read through would be 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 and that Danbury Times must be circulated by 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **88 Bus Passenger Transport**

Nothing further to report. It was noted that the North Chelmsford Park and Ride would open in April, 2011.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **89 Danbury Common/Cyclists**

The Chairman of the Council had chaired a meeting but only a few cyclists had attended and no residents.

Residents had reported to the National Trust that they were very pleased. Copt Hill had been cleared now and cyclists parked on The Common. It was thought that what was set out to be achieved had been done. The worst month was August and the National Trust would monitor the situation. No further meetings had been planned. One of the residents litter picks the Copt Hill.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **90 Ollets**

The flats were now empty. Cllr Ian Wright had written to Chelmer Housing Partnership regarding the lighting in the area.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **91 Daffodils**

Planting was completed on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at Runsell Green and the daffodils were now shooting.

RESOLVED: that that the information be noted.

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

Cllr Thomson had agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. He was not present to report.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **93 NEAT Newsletter**

This was circulated - Members had no comments.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

### **94 Litter Pick Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

The litter Pick this year was to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 9 – 11.30 a.m. starting from the Parish Office and leaving rubbish at the Groundsman's Compound.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.



**95 Chelmsford Borough Council Hit Squad**

Chelmsford Borough Council was also offering Cleansing Days by the Streetcare Service to include street sweeping, path tidying, graffiti removal, litter picking, cutting back footpaths. Members thought it would be a good idea to email councillors to request ideas for this work.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk emails all Councillors to ascertain locations for this work.

**96 Local Living Landscape**

A document was circulated. Cllr Keeler agreed to attend on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at Little Baddow Memorial Hall 9.30 .a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Keeler attend the Local Living Landscape exhibition.

**97 East of England Rural Forum Action Plan**

No one wished to attend this event.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

**98 Matters for Report**

Item for Report	Authority Sent to	Work Completed
Cllr Mrs S J Court had received several complaints regarding dog fouling in the Avenue and Well Lane	Chelmsford Borough Council Dog Wardens	

**99 Dates of Meetings for 2010**

The date of the next meeting had to be changed to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 to cover the office move.  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Cllr A Keeler, Chairman

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Date