



Danbury Parish Council

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11 April 2025

Dear Councillors

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) you are summonsed to attend the Environment Committee meeting of Danbury Parish Council. The meeting will be held at the Parish Office on **Wednesday 16 April 2025 at 7.30pm**

Yours sincerely

M Harper

Ms M Harper
Clerk to Danbury Parish Council

Distribution: Members of Environment Committee as follows:

Councillors: S Berlyn, A Chapman (Chairman), G Chapman, B Hallett (Vice Chairman),
M Hessing (ex officio), A Keeler

AGENDA

24/25.104 Apologies for Absence

24/25.105 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.

24/25.106 Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to address the Council, give their views and question the Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration (at the discretion of the Chairman). Members of the public may not take part in the Council meeting itself. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 5 minutes. Members of the public should address their representation through the Chairman of the meeting

24/25.107 Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 19 February 2025

To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2025

24/25.108 Actions – Appendix 1

To note: actions from the minutes

24/25.109 Environment Committee Strategic Plan - Appendix 2

To note: Environment Committee Action Plan for 2025/26

24/25.110 P3 Group

To note: of the four footpath works approved by the PROW Officer, three have been completed and the remaining one will be undertaken later this year. Footpath checks for potential tasks in 2025 are being carried out.

To note: that following inspection the latch has been removed from the new gate behind the Church FP16 to facilitate accessibility.

To discuss: the strength of the spring on the new gate on FP16 in relation to the speed of closure and other related concerns

To receive: update from Cllr G Chapman

24/25.111 Community Woodland – Appendix 3

To note: the 47 x saplings purchased by the Parish Council and the 100 x whips supplied FOC by Essex County Council were planted by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) at three work day sessions at which mulching and removal of scrub was also undertaken.

To consider: costs for regular maintenance and watering at the site

To receive: update from Cllr G Chapman.

24/25.112 Highways Matters – Appendix 4

To note: issues relating to Beaumont Park

To receive: updates for matters reported to Essex County Council (ECC) Highways if available

24/25.113 A414 Review

To receive: any updates if available.

24/25.114 Ponds

To note: that extensive clearance works at both ponds has been undertaken, with costs being covered by the donation monies. Further works recommended, quote awaited.

24.25/115 Sustainable Danbury

To receive: report at meeting if available

24/25.116 Chelmer Valley Landscape Group (CVLG)

To note: minutes from meeting held on 11th February 2025 – **Appendix 5**

To note: Draft Constitution of CVLG re Charitable Incorporated Organisation application – **Appendix 6**

To receive: report from Members present at 18th March 2025 meeting if available.

24/25.117 Trees

To note: that costs for an Ancient Tree Survey to be undertaken have been approved by Parish Council to be funded from the Donation Money Fund.

To note: that the next tree survey will be commissioned in June 2025.

To note: that National Trust have cut back the branches impacting on the bus shelter at Eves Corner.

To note: further information required regarding epicormic growth tree near bus stop at Eves Corner.

24/25.118 Passenger Transport: First Bus Timetables

To note: timetables on line for services operated by First Bus are a mixture with some valid from November 2024 and details of new timetables valid from April 2025.

24/25. 119 Lithium Batteries – Appendix 7

To note: letter was sent to Sir John Whittingdale MP requesting him to speak in the 2nd Reading Debate relating to the safe use of Lithium Batteries and response received.

24/25.120 Allotments – Appendix 8

To consider: quote to remove old water tank and repair fencing

To consider: quote for installation of trough if available

24/25.121 Revocation of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) – Appendix 9

To note: data supplied by CCC supporting removal of AQMA on A414 in Danbury and that measurements are still being undertaken.

24/25.122 Essex Village of the Year – Appendix 10

To consider: entering

24/25.123 Resident Parking on Copt Hill – Appendix 11

To consider: request from resident

24/25.124 Matters for Report (for information only)

24/25.125 Matters for Communication

To identify any matters from the meeting for communication to residents

24/25.126 Meetings in 2025

To note: Environment Committee meetings will now be combined with Facilities Committee meetings Wednesdays 21 May, 18 June, 23 July, 17 September, 22 October, 19 November and 10 December