

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 December 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs J Armstrong, S Berlyn, A Chapman, G Chapman, B Hallett

In attendance: Ms M Harper (Clerk) and one member of the public

22/23.61 Apologies for absence

Cllr Keeler

) Essex County Councillor J Spence sent his apologies

22/23.62 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.

There were no declarations of interest

22/23.63 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.

There were no comments

22/23.64 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held 28 September 2022

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record

22/23.65 Co-option consideration

The candidate for co-option addressed members and outlined their experience and interest in joining Danbury Parish Council

22/23.66 Reports from Committees

22/23.66.1 Community Engagement and Health & Well-being Committee

22/23.66.1.1 The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted and the Chairman provided an update on the successful Christmas event held on 3 December

22/23.66.1.2 The Chairman provided an update on the Coronation event in May 2023; the event will be similar to the one held for the Platinum Jubilee with a budget of £5,000. It was noted that volunteers would be needed on the day in a variety of roles

22/23.66.2 Environment Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted and the Chairman advised that the meeting held on 16 November mainly concerned the setting of the budget recommendation

22/23.66.3 Leisure, Activities & Facilities Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted and the Chairman advised that the Committee had voted to offer the Maldon Croquet Club a temporary home if they wanted to play at Danbury and that a response was expected following the Club meeting in January.

22/23.66.4 Planning Committee

22/23.66.4.1 The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted and the Chairman advised that Little Baddow had been successful in saving the bridge at Papermill Lock, that an application had been received for potential change of use for a barn at Twitty Fee for a charity preparing food parcels and

following a discussion regarding parking at the dog park the Chairman noted that it might be helpful for Planning Enforcement to explain how enforcement works

22/23.66.4.2 RESOLVED that the By Pass Policy be worded as follows, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr Hallett, all agreed:

The Parish Council supports a Maldon-Langford-Hatfield Peverel to A12 link to alleviate the increasingly heavy use of the roads through Danbury as a result of the widespread building, particularly in and around towns and villages to the East of Danbury, which is detrimental to the health and wellbeing of Danbury residents.

22/23.66.5 Resources Committee

The minutes of the last meeting as published were noted

22/23.67 Timetable of meetings 2023

RESOLVED: that the timetable of meetings for 2023 be approved, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr G Chapman, all agreed

22/23.68 Poppy Wreath

RESOLVED: that a donation of £100.00 would be made to the Royal British Legion, proposed by Cllr G Chapman and seconded by Cllr Hessing, all agreed

22/23.69 Precept 2023/2024

RESOLVED: that the proposed Precept of £360,388 (8.67% increase on last year; effect on Band D property would be an increase of £0.24 per week) as recommended by the Resources Committee would be approved, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr Hallett, agreed

The committee breakdown is as follows:

Community Engagement and Health & Wellbeing Committee - £12,645.00

Environment Committee - £9,069.00

Facilities Committee - £60,383.00

Leisure & Activities Committee - £120,000.00

Resources Committee - £170,785.00

22/23.70 Councillor Surgeries

Attendance at the following Farmer Markets held at the Leisure Centre was confirmed:

4 February – Cllrs Hessing and Armstrong

4 March – Cllrs A Chapman and G Chapman

1 April – Cllrs Berlyn and Hallett

22/23.71 Reports from Village Organisations

Cllr Berlyn advised that he had attended the Danbury Society AGM

22/23.72 Community Engagement

Communication regarding the precept would be in the Danbury Times and March edition of the Focus.

The Coronation event would be publicised in the Focus, social media and noticeboards

22/23.73 Matters for Report (for information only)

Cllr G Chapman noted that the Remembrance ceremony was well attended and that he laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council

22/23.74 Dates of next meeting

Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 7.30pm

22/23.75 Exclusion of Press and Public

In accordance with S.1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that in view of the nature of the business to be discussed it is in the opinion of the Committee advisable that the Public and Press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw, proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Hessing, all agreed

22/23.76 Consideration of candidates for co-option

RESOLVED: that the candidate, Mrs L Naggs, would be co-opted onto the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr G Chapman, all agreed

22/23.77 Leisure Centre

Cllr Berlyn provided an update on the Leisure Centre and formally thanked the Clerk and staff for their help and support over the past 12 months in managing the Leisure Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

Chairman

Date