



Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, The Old School House, Main Road, Danbury

Present: Cllrs: J Thombs (Chairman), S Berlyn (ex officio), A Chapman (ex officio), B Hallett, M Hessing (Vice Chairman) A Keeler

In Attendance: Mrs Lesley Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Alexander; Mr R Cole-Jones (Danbury Society) and two members of the public.

AGENDA

19/20.136 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker.

19/20.137 Declarations of Interest

All Members were reminded that they must disclose any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. They were reminded that they would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest was a pecuniary one. They were also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting, if they had not previously notified her about it. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

Cllr Hessing declared a general interest in item 19/20. 140.1.

19/20.138 Public Question Time (15 minutes allocated)

The members of the public explained the reasons behind application 20/05501/CAT. The tree roots were causing damage to the playground surface and wall, and causing drainage issues, meaning that that playground was currently out of use.

19/20.139 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

19/20.140 Planning Applications

19/20.140.1 Four applications were considered and responses agreed. Application 20/05625/CAT Greenacre, Mayes Lane had been determined prior to the meeting and so could not be considered. The Assistant Clerk would write to the Planning Officer to express the committee's disappointment that the application had been determined ahead of the consultation deadline of the 17th January 2020.

RESOLVED: That the responses to the applications in Appendix A be submitted to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

19/20.140.2 RESOLVED: that no applications would be referred to the Ward Member.

19/20.141 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions in Appendix B were noted.

19/20.142 CCC Planning Committee

It was noted that the next CCC Planning Committee would be held on 14th January 2020 at 7pm. There were no items for Danbury on the Agenda.

19/20.143 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator gave a verbal update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Strategic Environment Assessment, Housing Needs Assessment and Site Assessment Update were progressing well and according to the anticipated timescales.

19/20.144 Planning matters for report (for information only)

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on previously reported items: the issues relating to the pedestrian crossing had been reported to Essex Highways. Cllr Thombs would visit the crossing to establish whether there had been any improvement in the time given to pedestrians to cross; and the property on Main Road had applied for and been granted Building Control Consent.

Cllr Keeler raised a query regarding building works close to Parish Council Land, which the Assistant Clerk would look into.

19/20.145 Forthcoming Meetings

Meetings were scheduled for 3rd February 2020 and 24th February 2020 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office.

There being no other business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.01pm.

Chairman

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Signed

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Date

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
19/02033/FUL (Little Baddow Application)	Good Graces, Graces lane	Construction of open framed entrance gate with brick piers	No comments
19/01925/LBC	The Old Post Office, 100 Main Road	Installation of new hot water boiler to serve main house central heating. Mounted on front inside wall and venting to outside through wall ventilation using flue pipe.	The flue exit should be as unobtrusive as possible.
19/01990/FUL	12 The Heights	Single storey front extension.	This development is contrary to DPF policy 7 and DC policy 45. The houses in the heights are all of a uniform/similar design and so this proposed development would out of keeping with the street scene. The development is also of a poor design and it is difficult to tell from the plans whether the finish is boarded or rendered.
19/05625/CAT	Greenacre, Mayes Lane	Oak – T1 – Fell – combat subsidence damage.	This application had been determined prior to the meeting and so no comments could be made.
20/05501/CAT	Heathcote School, Little Baddow Road	Fir Tree – T1 – Fell – Reason: Roots are causing a problem – lifting the playground tarmac and making it impossible and dangerous to use.	The Council would like to see a firm commitment to the provision of a suitable replacement tree(s).

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Granted			
19/01779/FUL	87, Main Road	Demolish existing conservatory. Construction of a single storey rear extension with a glazed roof light.	No objections.
19/05186/TPO	6, The Hawthorns	T2 – Oak – Remove epicormic growth from trunk – Remove deadwood over 40mm in diameter – Reason: general tree maintenance.	No objections
19/05619/CAT	Frettons Lodge, Penny Royal Road	T1, T2, T3 Limes – Repollard to historic pollard points – Reason: Trees are getting too large; T4 Sycamore – Fell; T5 Lombardy Poplar – Fell – T6 Poplar – Fell – Reason: Trees are too large and are poor specimens.	The Parish Council were concerned that it was not clear as to why T5 and T6 were poor specimens.
19/05209/CAT	12 Millfields	T1 – Oak – Rear garden – Crown reduction by 2m and crown lift to 4m. Reason – the tree is getting too large for the garden (reduce to a maintain at a reasonable size.)	No objections
Refused			
19/01642/FUL	Hazeleigh, Riffhams Lane	Single storey rear extension incorporating first floor balcony. Juliette balconies to front. First floor extension and loft accommodation, including 3No. front formers, 3No. rear dormers and roof windows.	Danbury Parish Council objected to this application.