



Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, The Old School House, Main Road, Danbury

Present: Cllrs: J Thombs (Chairman), A Chapman (ex officio), C Baker, B Hallett, A Keeler

In Attendance: Mrs Lesley Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Alexander; Mr R Cole-Jones (Danbury Society)

19/20.88 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Berlyn and M Hessing.

19/20.89 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 have not previously notified her about it. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

Cllr A Chapman declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19/20/92.1.

19/20.90 Public Question Time (15 minutes allocated)

There were no members of the public present.

19/20.91 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

19/20.92 Planning Applications

19/20.92.1 Nine applications were considered and responses agreed.

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

19/20.92.2 The Committee determined whether to refer any application *to which it had objected*, to the local Ward Member for determination by the CCC Planning Committee (unless officers were minded to refuse it).

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

19/20.93 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions in Appendix B were noted.

19/20 94 Listed Gardens Around Danbury Palace

Members received feedback from the site visit to Danbury Palace by Cllrs A Chapman, A Keeler and the Assistant Clerk with a representative of the Danbury Palace Management Company. Residents had taken control of the Danbury Palace Management Company from the development company late last year. They explained plans to manage and improve the gardens and also some of the issues that they were facing. They had a copy of the Landscape Management Scheme that had formed part of the planning conditions.

An email had been received by the Assistant Clerk in relation to the letter that had been sent to Chelmsford City Council and the Assistant Clerk would respond that the Parish Council were satisfied at the current time.

A Danbury Park Forum meeting had been arranged for the 20th November and this would be attended by Cllrs A Chapman and A Keeler.

The Committee considered whether further action was required. The Assistant Clerk would make some enquiries and bring the information back to the next meeting.

19/20/95 CCC Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Consultation 2019-2024

Members considered the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and decided that there were no comments to make.

RESOLVED: that no response would be made to the consultation.

19/20.96 CCC Planning Committee

Members noted that the next CCC Planning Committee would be held on 5th November 2019 at 7pm.

19/20.97 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator reported that the Scoping Document for the Strategic Environment Assessment had been completed and sent to statutory consultees for a five-week consultation. The application for the Site Options and Assessment Update Package would be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (by the Grant Funding Body) for approval later in the week and the application for the Housing Needs Assessment had been submitted to the Grant Funding Body.

19/20.98 Planning matters for report (for information only)

Members made reports about the concrete bollard and planters on Maldon Road. There was also a query raised about the boundary between Danbury and Bicknacre. The Assistant Clerk reported that no action would be taken by Chelmsford City Council in relation to the banner along Maldon Road, as it was not on highways land.

19/20.99 Forthcoming Meetings

Meetings were scheduled for 4th November 2019 and 25th November 2019 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office.

There being no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.

Chairman

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Signed

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Date

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
18/01171/S73	Land at the Bell, 126 Main Road	Variation of condition 2 to previously approved application 18/0117/FUL, (erection of two storey dwelling, detached car port and bin/cycle store, with associated landscaping and fencing. Replacement pub car park), to allow for alterations to approved plans for the house.	No Comments
19/00866/FUL	St Joseph's Nursing Home, Gay Bowers Road	Part single and part two storey rear extension to form 20 bedrooms and ancillary facilities for Class C2 (Supported Housing) Use.	The Parish Council supports the comments of the Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer.
19/01063/LBC	St Josephs Nursing Home, Gay Bowers Road	Part single and part two storey rear extension to form 20 bedrooms and ancillary facilities for Class C2 (Supported Housing) Use.	The Parish Council supports the comments of the Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer.
19/01518/ADV	1A Eves Corner	Two non-illuminated signs	The Parish Council supports the comments of the Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer. Due to its bulk and bright colour scheme, the proposed sign at the front of the building would be too prominent and out of keeping with the street scene. Ideally, the Council would prefer the sign to become incorporated into the window – to avoid an external sign on the building detracting from the Conservation Area. A less vivid background colour on the sign would be more in keeping

			with the building and avoid too much contrast.
19/01621/CLEUD	Gay Bowers Farm, Gay Bowers Road	Residential occupation of Gay Bowers Farmhouse in breach of agricultural occupancy condition.	No comments
19/01640/FUL (Little Baddow application)	Good Graces, Good Graces Lane, Little Baddow	Entrance Gate	Being of a solid design, the gate would be an impermeable barrier and out of keeping with the street scene. It would be inappropriate to the rural setting.
19/05174/TPO	9 South View Road	T4 – Oak – Height reduction of up to 4m – Reason: To prevent leaves from blocking up the house guttering; T6 – oak – Height reduction of up to 3m – Reason – General tidy up and maintenance of tree.	T4 – Oak – The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed works. T6 – Oak – This is an attractive tree that has been well maintained. Provided that the maintenance proposed is carefully done and with regard to the shape of the tree, the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed works.
19/05586/CAT	53 Main Road	Laburnham – front boundary of property and church – Fell – Reason: Tree is in decline	No comments
19/05164/TPO	13 Mildmays	T6 – Ash – (T1 Report) – Garden – Fell – Reason: Elements of decay, tree is in poor form and concerns regarding falling branches. T11 – Ash (T2 Report) – Garden – Fell – Tree is in poor form and decline in crown growth. T9 – Oak – Garden – Crown reduction of 6m – Reason: Falling branches pose a safety risk to children and blocking light.	The parish Council notes that there appears to be some confusion in sections 5 and 6 of the tree report between the T numbers for the Ash and the Sycamore. T6 – Ash – (T1 in the report). The Parish Council objects to the felling of this tree and supports the comments made in the decision notice for the application 19/05036/TPO. T3 (in the report) – sycamore. The Parish Council has no objections. T11 – Ash (T2 in the report). The Parish Council objects to the felling of this tree as there is no Ash Dieback present and the tree is in generally good health. The Council suggests that the health of the tree be

			<p>monitored in 12 months or before if necessary.</p> <p>T9 – Oak – the Parish Council supports the comments made in relation to this tree in the decision notice for application 19/05036/TPO.</p>
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Granted			
19/01415/LBC	8 Maldon Road	Replacement ground floor front window.	The Parish Council made no objections.
19/01209/FUL	Woodend Cat Hotel, 77 Hopping Jacks Lane	Resubmission of previously approved application 18/00627/FUL. Amendment of vehicle access route.	The Parish Council objected to this application.
Refused			
19/00854/FUL	Woodcote, Little Baddow Road	Demolition of existing conservatory, replacement single storey rear extension.	The Parish Council made no objections.

Tree Applications

Permitted/No Objection			
19/05579/CAT	80 Main Road	T1 – Sycamore – Fell – Reasons: To stop the influence of the tree on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability to the property.	The Parish Council requested that a replacement tree be planted.
19/05118/TPO	Lyndale, Twitty Fee	Oak (T2) – Canopy reduction of 7m – Repeat work in 2021 and 2023 to same specifications – Reasons: Remedy to the differential foundation movement at the insured property and to ensure the long-term stability of the building.	The Parish Council made no objections.
19/05117/TPO	Lyndale, Twitty Fee	T3 oak (TI on plan) – Fell and treat stump – Reason: Works are proposed as a remedy to the differential foundation movement at the insured property	The Parish Council made no objections.

		and to ensure the long term stability of the building.	
19/05130/TPO	44, Barley Mead	T15 Oak (T7 on site location plan) – Rear Garden – Crown reduction by up 2m and removal of deadwood. Reason: reduce excessive shade in garden.	The Parish Council objected to this application.
19/05139/TPO	42, Runsell Lane	(W1) – Oak – located on the northern border of the plot – Fell – reason: Impeding further growth of oaks either side. Need space to park cars.	The Parish Council made no objections.