

**Danbury Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2022 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Present: Cllrs: S Berlyn, A Chapman, M Hessing (Chair), A Keeler

In Attendance: Mrs L Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Alexander

22/23.20 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Chaney

22/23.21 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 and the DCA.

None.

22/23.22 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 members of the public present.

22/23.23 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2022 were approved and signed as being a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Berlyn, seconded: Cllr Keeler and agreed.

22/23.24 Planning Applications

22/23.24.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
22/00984/FUL	Farthings, Copt Hill	Single storey rear extension	The Parish Council supports the comments of the CCC Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer.

22/01036/FUL	7 The Hawthorns	Single storey side / rear extension and part garage conversion.	Please could any conifer trees that are removed be replaced with suitable native tree species and a 3rd of the frontage left green.
22/01096/FUL	Poplar Farm, Bicknacre Road	Replacement Dwelling	Please ensure that the increased height of the proposed dwelling does not impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property.
22/05544/CAT	Whinlatter Well Lane	Sycamore and Ash Hedge - North East boundary of Whinlatter, marked with an X - Cut back by 2.5m to boundary line - Reason - To keep clear of the house and garage.	No comments
22/05074/TPO	Quinlan Court 78 Mill Lane	T4 - Oak - (situated to the front [Mill Lane side] of Quinlan Court) - Fell to ground level and grind out stump - Reason - We feel the tree has an awkward structure and would not lend well to a hard reduction to balance its upper weak crown and get the overhang back from the roof of the building. It has a long trunk with a high crown break. We would suggest replanting a tree that fits well into the landscape like a cedar	<p>Cllr Berly declared a general interest in this application.</p> <p>The Parish Council objects to the removal of the tree but would support the removal of the epicormic growth and a sensible reduction by a skilled tree surgeon to balance up the tree and help ensure its longevity. If the tree Officer were minded to approve removal of the tree, the Parish Council considers that a suitable native deciduous tree would be a more appropriate replacement than an evergreen non-native species that would lead to shading all year round.</p>

22/05550/CAT	The Third House Elm Green Lane	x2 large conifers - Leylandii to the left hand border of house Works: to be removed down to stump level. Reason: Trees were originally planted in very close proximity to deciduous trees (Norway Maple and Sycamore) and this means they compete with each other - in particular the deciduous trees will struggle t thrive due to the Leylandii. Our tree surgeon has recommended to remove the Leylandii to allow room for the deciduous trees to prosper.	No comments
22/00891/FUL	Little Acorns, 4 Mill Lane	Replacement dormer to the front and extension and alterations to side dormer. New roof lights to west facing side elevation and north facing rear elevation. Alterations to fenestration.	No comments

22/23.24.2

No applications were referred to the local Ward Member for determination by the CCC Planning Committee.

22/23.25 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.

Work was continuing to edit the draft plan. Comments had been received from the Chelmsford City Council Planning Officers and these were being incorporated where appropriate. Developers/Site Owners had been engaged with and proposed site specific polices were being completed. The Strategic Environment Assessment was anticipated to be completed in the near future. The group were still aiming to undertake the Regulation 14 Consultation in the Autumn.

22/23.26 A414 By Pass Policy Review (deferred from 6 June 2022)

Cllr A Chapman proposed that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council that the following By-pass Policy be reviewed as it had not been reviewed since 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 A12 link, with a view to the current A414 being downgraded to B Status as recommended by the Ministry of Transport Inquiry at Danbury Palace in 1995.” (adopted 27 July 2005 at the Parish Council Meeting, Minute 38)

RESOLVED: that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council that the Policy be reviewed.

Proposed: Cllr A Chapman, seconded Cllr Hessing and agreed.

22/23.27 Matters for Report (for information only)

A resident had contacted the Assistant Clerk to enquire as to whether they might discuss a potential planning application with the Parish Council. They would be invited to attend the next Planning Committee Meeting to speak during the Public Questions Session

22/23.28 Date of next meeting

Monday 18 July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: