

**Danbury Parish Council**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 31 January 2022 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ**

**Present:** Cllrs: Berlyn, M Hessing (Chairman), A Keeler, N Orange

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

**21/22.50 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Chapman

**21/22.51 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.

**21/22.52 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.

**21/22.53 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January and the extraordinary meeting held on the 20 January 2022 were approved and signed as being a true record.

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

**21/22.54 Planning Applications**

21/22.54.1 Responses to ten applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council.

<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
21/02472/ADV	64 Main Road	2 x externally illuminated fascia signs. 2 x externally illuminated post signs. 1 x non illuminated post sign. 1 x externally illuminated hanging sign.	Due to their bright colour, the signs are over-dominant in the street scene as well as a distraction for motorists. A more muted colour would be preferable. The size of the signs must comply with Conservation Area requirements.
22/00007/LBC	64 Main Road	Installation of replacement illuminated and non illuminated signs	Due to their bright colour, the signs are over-dominant in the street scene as well as a distraction for motorists. A more muted colour would be preferable. The size of the signs must comply with Conservation Area requirements.
22/00031/FUL	Holly Lodge, Hyde Lane	Proposed first floor extension above existing ground floor extension and part above garage.	No comments
22/00018/FUL	Poplars Penny Royal Road	Install a new EV charging point	No comments
21/02522/FUL	Fansmead, Slough Road	Demolition of existing annex. Replacement of roof of main house and addition of rooflights. Construction of part single, part two storey rear extension and alterations to existing fenestration.	No comments

21/05330/TPO	St Johns Church of England Primary School, Little Baddow Road	T1 - Oak - extended limbs overhanging school netball court. Head back extended limbs 2.5M. T7 - Oak - extended limbs overhanging school playing field, head back extended limbs 2.5M. Reason: High use by school pupils netball teams. Trees are creating hazards from over extended limbs & interfering with play.	The Parish Council is concerned that cutting the oak limbs back by 2.5m will imbalance the tree. Could careful tipping of the limbs be considered as an alternative?
21/05331/TPO	Land Adjacent 1, Butts Lane	A1 - x2 Ash - reduce lateral limbs overhanging netball court by 3 metres. Reasons: High use by school pupils netball teams. Trees are creating hazards from over extended limbs & interfering with play.	No comments
22/00025/FUL	Cherry Retreat, Cherry Garden Lane	Single storey rear link extension between house and existing outbuilding.	No comments
22/00074/FUL	Needles Riffhams Lane	Proposed single storey rear extension	No comments

21/05335/TPO	Rudgewick, 26 Hyde Lane	T3 - Oak - 3m crown reduction, 5m crown lift; T4 - Silver Birch - 3m crown reduction; T5 – Beech - 3m crown reduction Reason: maintain the overall size of the crowns and to maintain the levels of light in relation to the property. These trees were all granted this permission previously, but it wasn't carried out and has lapsed. T6 - Oak - 2.5m crown reduction; T7 - Oak - 3.5m crown reduction, crown lift to 6m. Reason: to keep the road clear	No comments
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No applications were referred to the local Ward Member for determination by the CCC Planning Committee.

**21/22.55 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan progress. Comments on the draft plan and draft design guide had been received from the Senior Planner at Chelmsford City Council and had been considered by the Plan Writing Group. These had also been passed to the Planning Consultant. This phase of the work needed to be completed by the end of March due to grant funding deadlines. The Sites Working Group would be meeting this week to edit the allocation report and discuss the next steps with regards to engagement with stakeholders.

**21/22.56 Maldon Local Plan Review**

Members considered and agreed the following response to the Issues and Options Document Consultation which was the first stage in the Maldon Local Plan Review Process. It would be shared with the Hatfield Peveril, Langford & Ulting and Heybridge Parish Councils.

There is no consideration of the impact of the traffic through Danbury and upon the AQMA between Eves Corner and Butts Lane. A cursory review makes no mention of any mitigation in terms of the potential increase of traffic through Danbury, merely that there have been “Eves Corner Junction changes in Danbury”. That mitigation amounted to the addition of part time traffic lights on two side roads more than five years ago.

The A414 through Danbury is the only A road in the area, and therefore the main route for emergency vehicles and other vehicles to access Maldon and the Dengie from Chelmsford and the A12. It already suffers from significant congestion. As Maldon and the Dengie continue to grow, residents are concerned about increasing traffic flows, congestion and pollution with the resultant increased use of rural lanes and rat running.

Danbury Parish Council set a policy on 27th July 2005, that supports a "Maldon-Langford-Hatfield Peverel to A.12 link with a view to the current A 414 being downgraded to B Status as recommended in the Ministry of Transport Inquiry at Danbury Palace in 1995.

**21/22.57 Parish Council Application 21/02076/FUL**

The Parish Council application for the Jungle Dome Installation at Dawson Field was due to be determined by the Chelmsford City Council Planning Committee on 8 February 2022 and it had been agreed that Cllr Hessing would speak at that meeting (at the Committee meeting held on 20 January 2022). Cllr Hessing presented the script to be read at that meeting and, with amendments, it was agreed.

**21/22.58 Matters for Report (for information only)**

There were no matters for report.

**21/22.59 Dates of next meeting**

Monday 21 February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date