

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on 8th June 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: J Thombs (Chairman), S Berlyn (Ex Officio), A Chapman, M Hessing (Vice Chairman), A Keeler

In Attendance: Mr J Alexander, Mr R Cole-Jones, Mrs L Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Ms Harper (Clerk)

**20/21.01 Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

It was noted that under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the election of Chair and Vice Chair would be postponed until May 2021 in-line with the Parish Council.

**20/21.02 Apologies for absence**

None

**20/21.03 Declarations of Interest**

Members were required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they knew they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. 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 prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members had dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept and the DCA.

None

**20/21.04 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

**20/21.05 Chelmsford City Local Plan**

It was noted that the Chelmsford City Council Local Plan was formally adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**20/21.06 To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 16 March 2020**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were approved and would be signed as a true record.

**20/21.07 Planning Applications**

20/21.07 1

Four applications were considered and responses agreed.

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

20/21.07 2

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

20/21.07.3

RESOLVED: That the responses made to planning applications under delegated powers during the suspension of meetings due to Coronavirus Social Distancing Rules were noted and ratified.

Proposed: Cllr A Chapman. Seconded: Cllr Hessing. All agreed.

**20/21.08 Planning Decisions**

The planning decisions in **Appendix B** were noted.

**20/21.09 Conservation Area Working Group**

Mr Cole-Jones declared that he lived in one of the areas being considered to be included in a Conservation Area.

Members considered a report and recommendations from the Conservation Area working group that had been convened to consider a proposal from a resident that additional areas in the village be designated as Conservation Areas.

RESOLVED: That following areas be submitted to the Chelmsford City Council Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer for consideration to become Conservation Areas:

i. Woodhill House area. Proposed: Cllr Keeler. Seconded: Cllr Hessing. All agreed.

ii. Horne Row area. Proposed: Cllr Hessing. Seconded: Cllr A Chapman. All agreed.

And that a request be made to consider:

iii. protecting Gay Bowers House and the opposite barn. Proposed: Cllr A Chapman. Seconded: Cllr Keeler. All agreed.

**19/20.10 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan**

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood. A first draft of the plan was being produced to consolidate the evidence and this would then be sent to a consultant for a quote to produce the final draft. The Plan Writing Group would be meeting the next day to continue work on the Design Guide.

**20/21.11 Matters for Report (for information only)**

The Assistant Clerk reported that:

i. the Chelmsford City Council Tree Officer had explained why the Application to remove the tree at Heathcotes School had been determined prior to the end of the consultation period and that the provisional TPO had not been pursued once evidence of the less than favourable condition of the tree had been received.

ii. A provisional TPO order had been received for woodland off Hyde Lane. Details would be circulated.

**20/21.12 Dates of next meeting**

Monday 29 June 2020 to be held remotely by Zoom at 7.30pm

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Chairman

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Signed

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Date

<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
20/00722/FUL	8 Hay Green	Single storey front extension and side extensions, alterations to fenestrations and addition of cladding and render.	This is an unappealing design with too many colours and renders for the size of the building. The Council would prefer pitched rather than flat roofs in accordance with DPF Policy 28.
20/00727/FUL	19 St Cleres Way	First floor side overhang extension with roof window.	No comments
20/00739/FUL	21 Little Baddow Road	Demolish existing shed. Construction of single storey side extension creating an attached garage with 2 No roof windows. Replacement fence of 1.8m height and associated planting.	The Council is concerned about the lack of access to the rear of the property.
20/00713/FUL	69 Main Road	Proposed increase in height of existing wall from 900mm to 1.5m and new 1.5m high fence to front garden.	Please ensure that the height does not exceed 1.5m and that any fences do not add additional height to any wall.

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20/05538/CAT - GRANTED	Heathcote School, 1 Little Baddow.	Atlas Cedar (Blue) - fell during week commencing 25th May 2020 due to root damage to playground, significant limb damage, over extended limbs and limbs posing an elevated risk of failure, sparse canopy and internal deadwood. Replant with Pyrus chancleer 10-12 girth in Autumn 2020 (October/November) in the same location	The Parish Council did not object but were concerned that the replacement tree should be a native species that would thrive in its location.
20/05066/TPO - GRANTED	Little Heyrons Cherry Garden Lane	(Group A1) - T1 Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level; T3 and T4 Lawsons Cypress - Fell to ground level; T5 Apple - Fell to ground level - Reasons: Possible signs of decay; G2 Laurel - Crown reduction to 1.5m above ground level; G6 Cherry Laurel - Crown reduction by 0.5m; T7 Yew - Pollard to a height of 2m, reduce side branches by 0.5m from main stem - Reasons: Tree maintenance.	No objection.