



## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 8pm in the Meeting Room, The Old School House, Main Road, Danbury**

**Present:** M Telling (Chairman), A Allen, D Bolwell, Mrs A Chapman, A Keeler, J Scott, J Thomson, M Wood

**Additional Member:** Mr P Walton (Danbury Society)

**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs C Jacobs, Mrs H Mayes, Assistant Clerk

#### **18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Berlyn and Mr J Alexander.

#### **19 Declarations of Interest**

Members were required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they knew they might 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.

No declarations were made.

#### **20 Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

#### **21 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **22 Planning applications – Appendix A**

22.1 Two applications were considered and responses agreed.

**RESOLVED:** that the responses to planning applications shown in Appendix A be submitted to Chelmsford City Council, and that none of these applications need be referred to the local Ward Members.

#### **23 Planning decisions – Appendix B**

Several planning decisions were received.

**RESOLVED:** that the decisions shown in Appendix B be noted.

#### **24 Trees – Appendix C**

One tree application was considered and a response agreed.

**RESOLVED:** that no comments be made on the application shown in Appendix C.

#### **25 CBC Planning Committee**

The meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012 did not consider any applications for Danbury. The next scheduled meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**RESOLVED:** that the information be noted.

## **26 CBC Forum for Parish Councils**

Members were asked to consider if there were any specific topics or issues that members would like further training on by a CCC Planning Officer. No topics were raised.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

## **27 Items for Danbury Times**

The next issue is due out in July. Planning items to be included were the CCC website Interactive House and a further article on Outdoor Advertisements. The article by Pauline Bowen about the Tree Warden Scheme will now be included in the autumn issue in November. No further items were suggested.

## **28 Correspondence**

28.1 Land for sale: Caravan Storage Park, Old Chase Farm: There had been no further updates.

28.2 Parish Council Planning Questionnaire: A questionnaire had been received from Chelmsford City Council regarding how the Council engages with Parish Councils during the planning process. Members were asked to forward their comments to the Assistant Clerk for submission.

28.3 Proposed pharmacy at Lee House, Eves Corner: A letter had been received from NHS North Essex advising that they had now tendered for the provision of a Medicines Administration Support Service and the application would continue to be deferred.

RESOLVED: that the information be noted and comments for the Parish Council Planning Questionnaire be submitted to the Assistant Clerk.

## **29 Planning Enforcement Cases**

29.1 CCC Enforcement record – Complaints under investigation: There had been no update since the last meeting.

29.2 Rosedene, Riffhams Lane, Railway sleepers at kerb: ECC had checked the boundary and the sleepers were encroaching on the highway. ECC also agreed that the sleepers could be dangerous to traffic. They had written to the owners asking them to remove the sleepers. Cllr Bolwell reported that the sleepers had now been removed.

29.3 Work in Moores Bridge Lane: CCC had investigated a possible breach of planning control at Moores Bridge, Moores Bridge Lane. The Assistant Clerk advised members of the details of the work investigated which were considered to be permitted development. CCC had no current enforcement case with regard to Woodside Cottages but if further information could be provided as to the nature of the works they would investigate further.

29.4 Church & Hawes, Main Road – new sign on side of building: The large sign had now been taken down and 2 smaller signs put up which they already had planning permission for from the 1990's.

29.5 Danbury Fryer, Maldon Road – advertising flag poles: CCC Officers had been to inspect following a report that the flag pole sockets were still in the ground and could be a trip hazard. The Danbury Fryer are awaiting new equipment to remove these and would then ensure it is done.

29.6 Any other enforcement matters reported by members: Cllr Wood reported that the hedge by the bus stop at Russetts, Mayes Lane was overhanging the pavement and making it difficult for pedestrians to use. Cllr Jacobs reported that the hedge was

also overhanging onto the pavement from Mill Lane to the Mission. Cllr Bolwell reported that the hedge was overgrowing onto the road and pavement on Elm Green Lane and was concerned that this would cause issues for motorists by obstructing their view. Cllr Telling suggested that any issues regarding hedges should be emailed to the Parish Office with full details to enable a precise report to be made. In the future, hedge issues should be reported through the Environment Committee. RESOLVED: that items 29.1 to 29.5 be noted and that members would email full details to the Parish Office and further hedge issues would be reported through the Environment Committee.

**30 Planning matters for report (for information only)**

30.1 Sandon Wind Turbine: An email had been received from Cllr Wright advising the reasons that the Sandon Wind Turbine had been turned off and also an update on its effectiveness.

30.2 Danbury Palace: An email had been received from Rob Haworth, Country Parks Ranger, informing members that the leylandii had been felled.

**31 Forthcoming meetings**

Meetings are scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012. No meetings in August.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: .....

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**Appendix A**  
**Planning Applications**

Ref no	Property	Street name	Proposal	Committee date	Comments	Decision/ Date
12/00731/FUL	86	Maldon Road	Single storey side extension. Pitched roof entrance canopy and first floor front dormer window.	11/06/12	No comments	
12/00633/FUL	Danecourt	Copt Hill	Change of use and reconstruction of existing outbuildings to provide ancillary accommodation for home working, playroom, workshop and storage, including minor changes to convert flat roofs to a shallow pitch to minimise maintenance and alterations to fenestration.	11/06/12	We refer to condition 6 of application/permission 01/02131/FUL which should be adhered to. The site plan appears to conflict with the more detailed plans for the reconstruction.	

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**Appendix B**  
**Planning Decisions**

Ref no	Property	Street name	Proposal	Committee date	Comments	Dec'n & Date
12/00528/FUL	103	Main Road	Single storey rear conservatory extension and realign retaining wall to accommodate conservatory	23/04/12	No comments	Approved 17/05/12
12/00460/FUL	The Fairways	Hyde Lane	First floor side extension with front dormer window	23/04/12	No comments	Approved 25/5/12
12/00624/FUL	12	Little Baddow Road	Amendment to first floor fenestration from that previously approved under application 12/00058/FUL (Part two storey, part single storey front/side extension, insertion of 2 new first floor side windows, repositioned dropped kerb and crossover (as previously approved under 11/00225/FUL)	21/05/12	No comments	Approved 29/5/12

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**Appendix C**  
**Work to Trees**

Ref no	TPO ref	Property	Street name	Proposal	Committee date	Comments	Decision/ Date
12/05549/CAT	N/A	The Griffin, 64	Main Road	Sycamore x 2 (T1 & T2 on plan) - within beer garden - crown reduce by 1.5m, cutting to suitable growing points; crown thin by 10%, cutting to branch collar; crown lift to crown break, cutting to branch collar Sycamore (T3 on plan) - roadside boundary - veteranise	11/06/12	No comments	