

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2024 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ**

**Present:** Cllrs: J Armstrong, S Berlyn, A Chapman, P Churchouse, A Keeler, U Rasiule

**In Attendance:** Ms M Harper (Clerk)

April Chapman was proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Berlyn to chair the meeting and there being no other nominations, was elected unopposed.

**23/24.149 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Hessing

**23/24.150 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.

None

**23/24.151 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.

None

**23/24.152 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 March 2024 were approved and signed as being a true record.

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

**23/24.153 Planning Applications**

23/24.153.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC). Cllr Armstong declared a general interest in application 24/00376/FUL prior to its being discussed.

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
24/05620/CAT	53 Main Road	T1 Holly located in wooded area - Height reduction by approx 4m. G2 x5 Holly located at rear of property - Raise canopy by pruning secondary laterals by approx 1m. G6 Mixed hedge located at boundary - Height reduction by approx 2m. Reason for all: General maintenance.	No comment
24/00350/FUL	Gill House Runsell Green	Conversion of existing outbuilding and new cart lodge. Alterations to conservatory. New driveway and access gate	The Parish Council Supports the comments of the Planning Listed Buildings and Conservation Officer. If possible, the hedge between the Cart Lodge and the wall should be replaced. If Officers are minded to Grant Permission, please include the following conditions: 1. That the outbuilding is ancillary to the house and not for residential use 2. A condition on external lighting to limit visibility from Main Road and surrounding buildings/houses.

21/00081/S73/1	Land East of St Cleres Hall Pit, Main Road	Variation of condition 13 to approved planning application 21/00081/FUL (Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) park generating up to 25 MW of electricity spread over two sites (sited either side of St Cleres Hall Pit), comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, grid connection cables, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements) to include a Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan	This Council considered all matters within the original planning application and considers that the significant level of Bioversity Net Gain (BNG) was beneficial to the residents of Danbury and the local ecology and therefore VERY STRONGLY OBJECTS to the reduction in the BNG
24/00376/FUL	Agricultural Buildings North Of Blue House Farm Gay, Bowers Road	Demolition of existing outbuildings. Proposed conversion of existing barns to a detached dwelling.	No comment

23/24.153.2

Application 21/00018/S73/1 was referred to the Local Ward Members for consideration by the CCC Planning Committee unless Officers were minded to refuse them.

**23/24.154 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.**

It was reported that the plan had been sent to Chelmsford City Council.

**23/24.155 Chelmsford City Council (CCC) Local Plan Review Preferred Options Documents**

It was noted that Cllrs Hessing, Berlyn, Naggs and A Chapman wished to join the Working Party as agreed at the Parish Council Meeting on 27 March 2024 (minute 23/24.106.6.2). The first meeting would be deferred until further information on the Local Plan Consultation was available.

**23/24.156 Matters for Report (for information only)**

- i. Cllr Berlyn advised residents to contact CCC with any objections to planning objections and copy in the Parish Council.
- ii. Cllr A Chapman reported that roads were disrupted in Danbury due to cabling works.

**23/24.157 Date of next meeting**

Monday 29 April 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.14pm.

Signed

Chairman.....Date.....