

**Danbury Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2024 at 7.00pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Present: Cllrs: J Armstrong, S Berlyn, A Chapman, P Churchouse, M Hessing (Chairman), and A Keeler

In Attendance: M Harper (Clerk) and Mr M Scofield

23/24.113 Apologies for Absence

None

23/24.114 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.

There were no declarations of interest

23/24.115 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

23/24.116 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held on 18 December 2023 were approved and signed as being a true record.

23/24.117 Planning Applications

23/24.117.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
23/02011/FUL	Land North of Slough Cottage, Slough Road	Erection of a farm workers dwelling with associated access, parking and residential curtilage	The Parish Council supports the comments of the Chelmsford City Council Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer. If Officers are minded to approve the application, please include the following conditions: 1. The property is tied to agricultural use for a minimum period of 5 years before any review of use 2. The property be for the sole use of agricultural workers employed on the site
23/01981/FUL	Slough Wood Cottage, Slough Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of a replacement dwelling with formation of new access.	If Officers are minded to approve the application, the Parish Council would like conditions applied to ensure that original materials are used for the replacement dwelling as far as practical and that the lighting is sympathetic to the rural locations and not intrusive.
23/02045/FUL	59 West Belvedere	Single storey rear extension. Single storey front/side extension	No comment
24/00003/FUL	Old House Woodhill Road	Part single, part two storey extension to west elevation, and single storey extension to east elevation. Alterations to fenestration and small pitched roof over existing ground floor	The Parish Council strongly objects to this application. If Officers are minded to approve this application, the Parish Council supports the Chelmsford City Council Planning Listed Building and Conservation Officer's comments and recommendations.

23/05243/TPO	36 Hopping Jacks Lane	G1 x1 wild service tree - Fell - Reason: Diseased and severe case of slime flux. Tree has visible decay of vascular tissue.	No comments
23/05242/TPO	3 Hyde Green	T1 Prunus - Fell- due to poor condition T3 Oak - up to 3m crown reduction to maintain size, removal of deadwood. G2 Oak - crown lift to 6m and up to 2m crown reduction on eastern, southern and western aspect, to maintain size of the tree; G2 Silver birch - reduce south face (overhanging lawn) of crown by up to 3m. T4 and T5 - Apple trees (listed incorrectly on tpo plan as prunus) - reduce by up to 2m to form new framework. T6 and T7- Purple prunus (listed incorrectly on tpo plan as malus) - currently in very poor condition, 70% of current crown is deadwood, reduce height to 3m to allow new growth.	No comments
24/00005/FUL	Breakspear, Bicknacre Road	Retrospective application for an installation of Air Source Heat Pump within 1m of a boundary	The Parish Council is disappointed that this is a retrospective application.
24/05008/TPO	Cherry Retreat, Cherry Garden Lane	2m crown all over reduction. Reason: Branches are broken and falling.	No objection as long as the work is carried out by a recognised arboriculturist.

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No application *to which it has objected* to were referred the local Ward Members for determination by the CCC Planning Committee

23/24.118 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that funding had been received and documents sent out to the consultants. The SEA application had been delayed by Locality but was now in progress, AECOM will aim to complete by mid-February for review by Parish Council at the end of March 2024

23/24.119 Storage Containers

It was noted that further to the matter of the storage of containers raised during Public Question Time at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18 December 2023 (minute 23/24.107), a complaint was made to Chelmsford City Council Planning Department and that it was confirmed that there was no breach of planning rules.

23/24.120 Matters for Report (for information only)

It was noted that the following appeals had been made to the Planning Inspectorate:

1 - in respect of application reference 23/00528/FUL, Jackletts Farm, Slough Road

2 – in respect of refused application reference 23/00682/FUL

Cllr Hession noted that a potential badgers sett had been located at Hyde Lane – it is believed that planning enforcement have attended site

Cllr A Chapman noted that mitigating hedging and planting by the solar farm did not appear to have been planted yet

23/24.121 Date of next meeting

Monday 5 February 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed

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