

Danbury Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 2024 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Present: Cllrs: S Berlyn, A Chapman, M Hessing (Chairman), A Keeler, U Rasiule

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

24/25.48 Election of Vice Chairman

It was agreed that a vice chairman would not be elected for the Planning Committee

24/25.49 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Armstrong and Churchouse

24/25.50 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.

Cllrs Berlyn, Chapman and Hessing and Mr Scofield declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 24/01567/TPO

24/25.51 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

24/25.52 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 July 2024 were approved and signed as being a true record.

24/25.53 Planning Applications

24/25.53.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
24/01077/FUL	11 Hopping Jacks Lane	Part single, part two storey rear extension.	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application but support comments that the materials used should be sympathetic to the surrounding area
24/05666/CAT	8 Main Road	T1 Sycamore (red circled) - Cut back 1-2 metres to boundary fence line. T2 Sycamore (Green circled) - Crown reduce by 1-2 metres. Reason: Both works to be carried out for general maintenance of trees	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application
24/05152/TPO	7 Butts Lane	T1 Silver Birch - overhanging from neighbouring rear garden - Reduce lower laterals over garden by 2m prune back to suitable growth points: Retain lower branches to maintain screening from neighbours - Reason: Reduce encroachment and Health & Safety of trees to preserve their life expectancy.	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application
24/05155/TPO	Coppins Elm Green Lane	T5 - Silver Birch (marked 34 on map) - Fell and grind stump - Reason: Dying. Replacement tree will be provided.	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application
24/05167/TPO	6 The Hawthorns	T2 - Oak (marked O1) - Crown lift to 4m, Major dead wood removed - Reason: Increase clearance, minimise nuisance and tree maintenance.	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application
24/05163/TPO	Former Site At Danbury Palace, Main Road	T13 Red Acer - Crown lift to 4m above ground, reduce any overextended limbs by up to 1.5m. Reason: To allow light to hedges and gardens below, and maintain shape. T14 Red Acer - Crown lift to 4m above ground, reduce any overextended limbs by up to 1.5m. Reason: To allow light to hedges and gardens below, and maintain shape.	Danbury Parish Council have no objections to this application

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No applications were referred to the local Ward Members for determination by the CCC Planning Committee

24/25.54 Projects

The Committee agreed that a fund may be necessary for the ongoing costs to support the Hammond Farm campaign

24/25.55 National Planning Policy Framework Consultation – Appendix 1

It was agreed that a Working Party would be arranged for Friday 13 September at 10am for a draft response to the consultation be considered

24/25.56 Application 24/05654/CAT 13 Maldon Road

It was noted that the response had been submitted to application 24/05654/CAT under delegated powers due to the consultation expiry date being prior to the next meeting.

Yew Tree (fell): No evidence has been submitted to indicate that this tree is dying. Unless there is evidence that this tree is dying, it would be preferable for it to be trimmed back rather than being felled. If Officers are minded to approve this application, please would they include a condition to plant a replacement tree. Hedge (to be trimmed): The hedge should be trimmed back on the Butts Lane and Maldon Road sides as it is obstructing the footway and encroaching onto the highway.

24/25.57 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Hessing advised that responses to questions raised by the External Examiner had been sent

24/25.58 Conservation Area Appraisal

It was agreed to defer a decision on whether to form a Conservation Area Appraisal Working Group until January 2025

24/25.59 Matters for Report (for information only)

Cllr Hessing advised that she had attended a meeting with the Hammond Farm Working Party and the Kings Counsel regarding the opposition to the potential Hammonds Farm development and its inclusion in CCC's Local Plan. The next steps to be considered are the identification of the weaknesses in the Local Plan. There was some discussion regarding the timing of submissions and the implications of the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation.

24/25.60 Date of next meeting

Monday 23 September 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

Signed

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