

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2022 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ**

**Present:** Cllrs: J Armstrong, S Berlyn, C Chaney (Vice Chair), A Chapman, M Hessing (Chair)  
**In Attendance:** Mrs L Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Mr J Alexander, Mr M Scofield

**22/23.39 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Keeler

**22/23.40 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. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept and the DCA.

None

**22/23.41 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.

**22/23.42 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022 were approved and signed as being a true record.

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

**22/23.43 Planning Applications**

22/23.43 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
22/05100/TPO	Tudor House, Penny Royal Road	T1 - Willow (marked T2 on map, rear garden) - Reduce lateral spread by 3m to previous pruning points; T1 - Oak (front garden) - Reduce lateral spread by 3m, cutting to suitable growing points, sever ivy - Reason for both: Maintenance of the trees, to promote good arboricultural practice and thereby safeguard the trees.	The Parish Council has no objections
22/05176/TPO	2A Mill Lane	T3 - Oak - Crown lift to 5m, crown thin by 20% and crown clean - Reason: Proximity to property. Allow more light; T4 - Oak - Remove dead limb overhanging Hyde Lane - Reason: Limb damaged by passing vehicles; T5 & T6 - Oak - Crown reduction of 1.5m - Reason: Proximity to overhead wires; T12 - Oak - Remove limb overhanging Mill Lane - Reason: Damaged by passing vehicles; T13 - Oak - Fell to ground - Reason: Tree overhangs road and is damaged by vehicle impact.	T3. The Parish Council wonders whether the crown lift is necessary and whether the removal of deadwood and possibly ivy would be preferable.  T12. The Parish Council recognises that the limb is overhanging the highway and that it has some damage to it but please would Planning Officers consider whether the limb is in a dangerous condition.

22/05162/TPO	60 Maldon Road	T2- Oak - Crown lift to crown break (approx. 4.5m from ground) and reduce crown by 3.5m max. Reason: The tree doesn't appear to have been cut back in recent years and is blocking light and hanging low over the driveway.	The Parish Council has no objections
CC/CHL/87/22	Danbury Outdoors, Well Lane	Construction of a ground-mounted photovoltaic solar array together with underground cabling and other associated ancillary infrastructure and equipment.	The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal and supports the comments submitted by Historic England, Gardens Trust and Chelmsford City Council. The site lies within an area designated as a Registered Park and Garden which is in the Heritage at Risk Register. The addition of solar panels along with the associated infrastructure will contribute towards further erosion of the park and the incremental built form of the Outdoor Centre. The Parish Council considers that this will cause harm to the Registered Park and Garden. It would be preferable to utilise the rooves of existing buildings for solar panels where possible.

22/05168/TPO	11 Hay Green	G1 4x oak (referenced as T1a, T1b, T2a, T2b, T3 and T4 in supporting photo); T1a - reduce the north to northwest upper crown only by 2.5m and the northeast to eastern aspect by 2.5m; T1b - reduce the northwest aspect by 2.5-3m. Reduce the height of T1a and T1b by 3m; T2a - reduce the northeast to eastern aspect by 2m. Reduce the height of T2a and T2b by 2m; T3 - reduce the eastern to southwestern aspect by 2-2.5m and height by 2m; T4 - reduce the height by 2.5m, northwest to southwest aspect by 2.5m and reduce the overextending branch to the west by 3-3.5m. Crown lift all trees to 3.5m above ground level. Reason for all: Each tree competing for light and general maintenance.	The Parish Council has no objections
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**22/23.43.2**

As application CC/CHL/87/22 was not a Chelmsford City Council (CCC) Application, it would not be appropriate for the committee to refer it to the Local Ward member for consideration by the Chelmsford City Council Planning Committee. However, the Committee requested that the Assistant Clerk send a copy of the response to the Local Ward Member and also the County Councillor.

**22/23.44 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.**

The draft plan was in its final editing stages. A family member of one of the volunteers, who had been kindly assisting with the formatting of the draft, may provide a quote to the Parish Council to complete the formatting.

**22/23.45 Chelmsford City Council Local Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation**

Members considered a response to the Issues and Options Consultation to be submitted to Chelmsford City Council. The Committee objected to options A, C and E on the grounds of Air Quality, Infrastructure, Environment, Heritage, Agriculture and Landscape, and would make reference to the Draft Danbury Neighbourhood Plan. Option E had previously been considered by Chelmsford City Council and not supported, the reasons for which, the Committee felt were still valid.

**22/23.46 Essex Minerals Local Plan Review – Appendix 1**

The update and notification of a new Call for Sites were noted.

**22/23.47 Little Baddow Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation**

Members supported the Little Baddow Neighbourhood Plan.

**22/23.48 Matters for Report (for information only)**

Planning Appeal against the refusal of Maldon application 20/00519/FUL for 70 holiday lodges at the Warren Golf Club had been dismissed.

Mr Scofield informed the Committee that the Danbury Society AGM would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Griffin Signage that had been refused Planning Permission was still in situ.

**22/23.49 Date of next meeting**

Monday 7 November 2022 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm.

Signed

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