

**Danbury Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 December 2023 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

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

In Attendance: M Harper (Clerk), Mr M Scofield, 5 members of the public

23/24.105 Apologies for Absence

None

23/24.106 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.

Cllr Churchouse declared a general interest in application 23/05644/CAT

23/24.107 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.

Residents attended the meeting to discuss issues relating to the storage of containers on an adjoining property; following discussion on potential courses of action it was suggested that the residents continue to update the Planning Committee of progress and work with Cllr Armstrong as a Chelmsford City Council (CCC) Councillor. The Planning Committee requested that the complaint also be raised with CCC Planning Department via the Parish Office

A resident spoke in relation to application 23/01873/FUL Hyde Cottage and it was agreed that this item would be moved up the agenda for Planning Committee to discuss – decision of this discussion is recorded under agenda item 23/24.99.1

23/24.108 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held on 27 November 2023 were approved and signed as being a true record.

23/24.109 Planning Applications

23/24.109.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC). The members of the public left once the applications in which they were interested had been discussed.

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
23/01818/FUL	20 Lingwood Close	Single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.	No comment
23/05644/CAT	80 Main Road	T1 - red oak - Crown reduction by upto 3.5m to maintain size. T2 - silver birch - reduce height by up to 4m, due to poor unions and cavities at previous pruning points.	No comment
23/05238/TPO	1 South Hill Close	T1 oak - 2.5 - 3 m crown reduction to previous pruning points. T2 sweet chestnut - 2-2.5 m crown reduction to previous pruning. T5 oak - 2.5 - 3 m crown reduction to previous pruning points. Reason: General maintenance	No comment
23/01873/FUL	Hyde Cottage, Hyde Lane	Part retrospective application for a fence to be erected 1.95m high at the front of the property with planting scheme	The Parish Council object to this application as it currently stands. If Chelmsford City Council were minded to approve, conditions to assist the applicant to comply with the comments from the Conservation Officer such as use of native hedging and the screening to cover the full length of the fence should be imposed
23/01919/FUL	Brooks Bros Timber Yard, Twitty Fee	Erection of three surface-mounted ancillary storage buildings anchored to existing hardstanding	The Parish Council support this application with the imposition of conditions that support the recommendations in the Environmental report

23/01872/FUL	46 Hopping Jacks Lane	Demolish existing conservatory and small rear extension. Construct a single storey side and rear extension. Alterations to fenestration	No comment
23/01922/FUL	Arundene, Elm Green Lane	Construction of new front entrance sliding gate and associated masonry wall and columns.	The Parish Council strongly object to the application as the entrance is not situated the required distance from the highway, the height of the columns is excessive and the construction is out of keeping with the adjoining street scene

23/24.109.2 It was agreed that application 23/01922/FUL Arundene, Elm Green Lane be referred to the local Ward Members for determination by the CCC Planning Committee.

23/24.110 Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that the Locality Grant application had been submitted and maps for the plan were currently being reviewed. The Steering Group will be contacting developers and land owners in due course.

23/24.111 Matters for Report (for information only)

It was noted that there was mud on the A414 and footpath as a result of the ongoing solar farm construction, as well as overhanging vegetation on the footpath. It was also noted that the screening of native plants along the A414 had not yet taken place. It was agreed that Members would review the conditions set for the site and that the Parish Office would contact Essex Highways in relation to the overhanging vegetation.

It was noted that there was a consultation on minerals to be completed and that potential impact on development

23/24.112 Date of next meeting

Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm

Signed

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