

**Danbury Parish Council  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2024 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ**

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

In Attendance: Mrs L Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk), Mr M Scofield

**24/25.102 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Armstrong

**24/25.103 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

**24/25.104 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25 November 2024 were approved and signed as being a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Chapman, Seconded: Cllr Hessing and agreed.

**24/25.105 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.

**24/25.106 Planning Applications**

24/25.106.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC).

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
24/05717/CAT	101 Main Road Danbury Chelmsford CM3 4DL	2X Leylandii hedges either side of the entrance drive – fell to ground level	No comments

24/01612/FUL	37 Little Baddow Road Danbury Chelmsford Essex CM3 4NS	Proposed part two storey part single story front, side and rear extension, with alterations to fenestration. Three bay cart lodge and access gates	No comments
24/01620/FUL	Site Adjacent Dellwood Elm Green Lane Danbury Chelmsford Essex	Construction of 1 detached dwelling house with formation of access	The Parish Council supports the comments of the Chelmsford City Council Planning Listed Buildings and Conservation Officer. If minded to approve the application, please would Officers: include a condition ensuring the protection of and careful ongoing monitoring of all trees on site: include a condition that any replacement trees are mature trees: and remove permitted development rights.
24/01581/FUL	21 Simmonds Way Danbury Chelmsford Essex CM3 4PT	Proposed single storey extensions, new bay windows, internal alterations, external insulation and render to bungalow. Alterations to fenestration Side extension and installation of solar panels to existing garage	No comments
24/05257/TPO	24 Barley Mead Danbury Chelmsford CM3 4RP	T1 & T2 x2 in rear garden – crown clean and crown thinning by 15%, remove weak and crossing branches, crown reduction by 2m to 2.4m cutting to previous cut points. Reason: Work required due to excessive shading in garden and close proximity of the trees to domestic dwelling	No comments
24/05263/TPO	Mission Cottage Gay Bowers Lane Danbury Chelmsford Essex CM3 4JG	G1 – 7x Holly – frontage of property – Height reduction of 2-2.5m, sever ivy and remove dead wood – Reason: To give clearance to service cables – 5 year management plan to annually trim overhang to road to maintain access, sever and remove ivy and remove dead wood	No comments

24/05264/TPO	April House Bicknacre Road Danbury Chelmsford CM3 4JR	T1 Horse Chestnut – Located in rear garden – Crown reduction by 2.5m cutting to suitable growing points. Crown lift to 3.5m removing sub laterals, cutting to branch collar Suitable growing points. To remove deadwood over 25mm diameter. Reason: General cutting back of tree to reduce size and keep tidy and healthy	No comments
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No applications were referred to the Local Ward Members for determination by the CCC Planning Committee.

**24/25.107 Wickham House**

As the recent planning application for Wickham House, Runsell Green had been withdrawn and the property had been empty for over 30 years, Members considered whether to write to the Chelmsford City Council Cabinet Members, to request that it be prioritised for Compulsory Purchase, so that it could be brought back into habitable use.

RESOLVED: to write to Chelmsford City Council Cabinet Members to request that Wickham House is prioritised for Compulsory Purchase, with copies to County Cllr Spence, City Cllr Armstrong and Sir John Whittingdale.

Proposed: Cllr Hessing, Seconded: Cllr Rasiule, and all agreed.

**24/25.108 Matters for Report (for information only)**

Cllr Berlyn congratulated everybody involved with the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan on the successful ballot – including the Assistant Clerk.

An update was given regarding a new sign in the Conservation Area (reported at the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 November 2024.)

Members discussed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and the Government’s English Devolution White Paper.

**24/25.109 Date of next meeting**

Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed

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