

Danbury Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2025 at 7.30pm at Danbury Parish Council Office, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Present: Cllrs: J Armstrong, S Berlyn, A Chapman, P Churchouse, M Hessian (Chairman), U Rasiule

In Attendance: Mrs L Mitchelmore (Assistant Clerk)

24/25.156 Apologies for Absence

None

24/25.157 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

24/25.158 Public Participation

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.

24/25.159 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 March 2025 were approved and signed as being a true record.

Proposed: Cllr A Chapman, seconded by Cllr P Churchouse and all agreed.

24/25.160 Planning Applications

24/25.160.1 Responses to the following applications were considered for submission to Chelmsford City Council (CCC)

Ref no	Property	Proposal	Comments
25/05047/TPO	9 Hyde Green	G1 x1 Blue Atlas Cedar (Marked T1) - Reduce crown by up to approx. 3m to balance and shape. Remove deadwood. Sever Ivy at base and remove from main stem. Reason: For general management of the tree to ensure they remain suitable for their location. G1 x1 Beech (Marked T2) - Remove 4-5 primary laterals to raise crown. Reduce crown by approx. 2.5m and prune to shape. Reason: For general management of the tree to ensure they remain suitable for their location.	No comments
25/05054/TPO	9 Runsell Close	G2 - Sweet Chestnut - 1.5 - 2 m crown reduction back to previous pruning points - Reason: Keeping it at a manageable size.	No comments
25/05053/TPO	10 Hyde Lane	T6 - Cherry Plum - Crown reduction of up to 2.5m maintaining natural shape. Crown lift canopy to 2m - Reason: The tree encroaches on the property, would benefit from removing weight from crown to increase longevity as they are prone to failing at the unions due to their dense properties; T5 - Apple - Reduce back to previous points approx. 1-1.5m - Reason: To help future management, to reduce weight on the lower unions. This will also help with further harvesting of the tree.	No comments
25/00395/FUL	10 Hyde Lane	Proposed external alterations, including changes to fenestration's and render. Front and rear dormer windows, and internal alterations.	Please ensure that the materials and colours comply with the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Policy DNP4.
25/05040/TPO	40 Mill Lane	T1 Oak- Crown thin by max 30%. Reason: Property is north facing and requires more light. Once dead branches and crown thinning has taken place, garden will see more light and grass, shrubs and other plants can grow.	No comments
25/00457/FUL	15 Mildmays	Proposed rear extension and alterations	Please ensure that the development complies with Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Policy DNP4.

24/25.160.2

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

24/25.161 Application 24/01643/OUT - Danecroft, Woodhill Road, CM3 4DY

Cllr A Chapman declared a general interest in this agenda item.

Members considered whether to submit an additional response to this application as additional documents relating to SUDS (Sustainable Drainage) calculations and Surface Water Management strategy had been made available on the planning portal since the Parish Council had submitted their comments to the application. The Parish Council had not been formally reconsulted. The comments of the Essex County Council SUDS Officer submitted on the 4th April were noted.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council would not submit a comment on the additional documents.

Proposed: Cllr Hessing, seconded: Cllr Armstrong and carried by majority vote with 1 abstention.

24/25.162 Matters for Report (for information only)

There were no matters for report.

24/25.163 Date of next meeting

Monday 28 April 2025 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed

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