



Broomfield Parish Council

A meeting of **Broomfield Parish Council Planning Committee** was held on **Wednesday 3rd April 2024** at 7.30 pm in Broomfield Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the business shown in the agenda.

PLN24/23	Members attending Present: Cllrs Blake, Thomson, Odelana and Bowman. Also present Cllr Scott. Apologies: Cllr Barnes Resolved: To record and accept apologies for absence – unanimously agreed		
PLN24/24	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.		
PLN24/25	Public Question Time No members of public were present.		
PLN24/26	To Approve Previous Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 th February 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.		
PLN24/27	Planning Applications received for consultation:		
a.	24/05619/CAT	18 Church Green	Plum tree - Removal of one bough - Reason: Rotten and dangerous
	DECISION: No objection		
PLN24/28	To discuss any applications received up until the date of the meeting: No planning applications had been received.		
PLN24/29	To receive decisions made by Chelmsford City Council re previous applications consulted upon Noted.		
PLN24/30	Policy Matters:		
	a. To receive an update on Broomfield's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) The Chairman gave a verbal report, covering similar ground to the recent planning news update: 'The NP was submitted to Chelmsford City Council. They will now do another round of consultation, called the Regulation 16 (or Reg 16) consultation. Then an independent inspector ('Examiner') will consider all the comments made and decide if any changes have to be made. Then CCC will arrange a local referendum. If the majority of Broomfield voters who take part vote 'yes', the NP is adopted, and it becomes part of the planning system for Broomfield. Only the official Policies in the NP are examined, voted on and adopted. The Community Actions and Aspirations (e.g. planting new woodland and hedgerows) are not, and don't have to wait for the legal process to be concluded. They can be started now or whenever we want, as they all got strong support from residents. Unfortunately, the lawyers at the City Council have said that the Reg 16 consultation cannot go ahead until May, after the Police and Crime Commissioner elections are		

	over. Hopefully the referendum will be held in September/October and adopted before the year end but that is outside our control.' In addition, it was reported that the housing mix policy has been queried by Chelmsford City Council (CCC). Councillors Thomson and Blake and our NP consultant Ian Poole met with the relevant planning officer online to discuss CCC's concern – the main points of the discussion were reported. Cllrs Thomson and Blake would have a further meeting with Ian Poole to receive his considered advice on whether any changes should be made to the draft NP in the light of CCC's comments. If he advised doing so, agreement to amend the policy will be sought at the next full Parish Council Meeting.
PLN24/31	Correspondence received (if any) Correspondence had been received about a Planning Enforcement matter to be dealt with under PLN24/32
PLN24/32	CONFIDENTIAL Planning Enforcement <i>The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states "A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies"</i> To note Chelmsford City Council's Planning Enforcement Notices It was resolved to exclude the public for this item due to the confidential nature of the business. The latest report was noted.
PLN24/33	Any other business to be referred to the next meeting. It was suggested that all members of the Council should be invited to join the Planning Committee if they would like to, when the Council re-appoints committees in May. It was noted that some may prefer not to or may not have time, so there would be no problem if they wished to decline. But it was hoped that this invitation would help all members of the Council to feel engaged with planning issues if they wished. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm