



Broomfield Parish Council

A meeting of **Broomfield Parish Council Planning Committee** was held on **Wednesday 5th June 2024** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the business shown in the agenda.

PLN24/45	Members attending Present: Cllrs Thomson, Barnes, Scott, Odelana & Bowman Also present Deputy Clerk Apologies: Cllr Blake Resolved: To record and accept apologies for absence – unanimously agreed.		
PLN24/46	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.		
PLN24/47	Public Question Time No members of public were present.		
PLN24/48	To Approve Previous Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 st May 2024 were approved as a true record and signed.		
PLN24/49	Planning Applications received for consultation:		
a.	18/01056/S73/5	Land North South And East Of Channels Drive Broomfield Chelmsford	Variation of condition 1 to approved planning application 18/01056/S73/1 (Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of the previously granted permission 18/01056/REM - (Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, layout, landscaping, and scale) in relation to the outline application permission 10/01976/OUT at Channels Phase 6 for the development of 128 dwellings together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and related works). Amendments and reconfiguration to sizes and layout of residential land parcels A - G. Alterations to designs of house types A1 and A2. Additional house types E3 and F3 implemented into design) - Substitution of approved House Type A1 with a revised version of House Type A3 with a resultant increase in unit numbers from 131 to 133 - changes relate to the lakeside units Plots 83-90.
	DECISION: No comment		
PLN24/50	To discuss any applications received up until the date of the meeting 24/00740/FUL 4 Petty Croft – no comment submitted		
PLN24/51	To receive decisions made by Chelmsford City Council re previous applications consulted upon Noted		
PLN24/52	Policy Matters:		
a.	To receive an update on Broomfield's Neighbourhood Plan A report was forwarded by Cllr Blake: As you know, the NP is currently going through the Regulation 16 consultation. It runs until 19 th June. So far, we have had the grand total of one response.		

	The next stage is the Examination. Ian has recommended Andrew Ashcroft, as he has found him to be a good examiner on other plans (see emails below). So, unless anyone has strong views to the contrary, I recommend we go with him. Technically it is CCC's decision, but they are happy to take our advice.
b.	National Grid Pylon Public Consultation from 10-4-24 to 18-6-24 A report was provided by Cllr Blake: As you know, the consultation has been extended to 26th July due to the GE. This gives us a lot more time - which is most welcome. Current state of play: • Last night, Margaret and I attended the West of Chelmsford Parishes Group (which I chair). We had a good meeting and agreed the outline of a Common Group Response. The consensus is still that we should oppose the pylon option that is proposed and argue instead for the underground onshore option (as well as the offshore grid option, but that now seems to be fraught with difficulty). • I will draft the Group response in the next few days. Last year, we adopted the Group response as our BPC response and just added the points that are specific to Broomfield. I suggest we do the same again this year. • This year, we have more 'ammunition', thanks to the National Grid ESO Study has shown that there are several options and none of them are 100% perfect. It is surprising that the ET part of National Grid is still going ahead with pylons regardless (though not actually surprising if you know them!) • We had an excellent Open Day on 22nd May - lots of residents in the pm and very good engagement. • I will give a full update (probably verbal) to the full PC next week. Please email me if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.
c.	Chelmsford's Local Plan – consultation 8-5-24 to 19-6-24 Cllr Blake provided a written report: Local Plan Review Consultation - the Preferred Options Stage • Due to the massive amount I have had to read on pylons, I have only just been able to turn my attention to this. • Essentially, it is just what we have been arguing for for years (nay, probably decades). At last CCC have recognised that there is a limit on the amount of development that can be crammed into the north and west of Chelmsford. • They have decided against expanding Warren Farm and 'north of Broomfield' (aka Bloor) as a way of accommodating the extra housing needed to take the Local Plan up to 2041. • Instead, they propose a major new development at Hammonds Farm, which is on the eastern side of the A12, where the A414 crosses the A12 towards Danbury and Maldon. It will have good access to the new Beaulieu station. • I have come across a couple of minor quibbles, but on the whole I think we should support the Preferred Option.

	• I will draft a full response over the next few days and circulate it to you for comment. The item has been placed on the full PC agenda next week, so it can be approved then. • Depending on progress over the next few days, there may be a few loose ends to decide after the full PC meeting (the deadline is the 19th). If so, I will suggest these are delegated to this Committee to sort out.
PLN24/53	Correspondence received (if any)
a.	Email regarding telegraph pole Roselawn Farm - Noted
b.	Land rear of 21 to 23 A Broomhall Road – Notification of Appeal - Noted
c.	Local Highways Panel – Village Gateway Main Road – Update - Noted
PLN24/54	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>
a.	To note Chelmsford City Council's Planning Enforcement Notices – Noted.
PLN24/55	Any other business to be referred to the next meeting. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm