



Broomfield Parish Council

A meeting of **Broomfield Parish Council Planning Committee** was held on **Wednesday 7th August 2024** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the business shown in the agenda.

PLN24/73	Members attending Present: Cllrs Blake, Bowman, Barnes & Thomson Apologies: Cllr Odelana. No apologies had been received from Cllr Scott. Motion: To record and accept apologies for absence – unanimously agreed.		
PLN24/74	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.		
PLN24/75	Public Question Time No members of public were present.		
PLN24/76	To Approve Previous Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 rd July 2024 were approved as a true record and signed – unanimously agreed. ACTION: Cllr Blake will circulate the Parish Council's response to the National Grid Pylon Consultation to all Councillors.		
PLN24/77	Planning Applications received for consultation:		
a.	24/05649/CAT	St Mary's Church	574- Western Red Cedar- Diseased - to be felled. 575- Western Red Cedar- Diseased - to be felled. 599- Common Yew- Cut back to branch or trunk collars to give 1m minimum clearance to Church building. Crown lift to 2.5m. Clear epicormic growth. Urgent due to impending maintenance work. 600- Swedish Whitebeam- to be felled. In high risk area 632 Common Lime - Remove branches. Crown lift to 2m 634- Common Lime - Carry out formative pruning max of 1.3m. Crown lift to 2m. 636- Tree of Heaven- Remove dead wood. 638- Robina- Remove dead wood 641- Liquid Amber- Dead tree to be removed. 645- Magnolia- Reduce to previous pruning points to give 3-4m height above ground level. Work not to be carried out between November to June. All trees- Remove deadwood and as required crown lift to 2.5m. Remove epicormic growth.
	DECISION: Will the felled trees be replaced? Tree 600 – it is unclear why it needs to be felled? Otherwise, there is no comment.		
b.	24/00916/FUL	46 Church Ave	Provision of permeable paved ramped access and level access platform to front elevation including metal handrailing
	DECISION: No objection		
c.	24/01023/FUL	46 Main Road	Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension. Alterations to fenestration
	DECISION: No comment		

d.	13/00409/S73/1	Land east of North Court Rd & Hospital Approach	Variation of condition 3 to approved planning application 13/00409/FUL (Construction of 178 Dwellings, care home (90 rooms), GP surgery and retail store, together with associated access, car parking, landscaping and related works) to a variation to the scheme to increase the number of bedrooms from 48 Care room homes to 79 C2 suites as well as smaller basement to accommodate staff ancillary rooms, gym and hydrotherapy pool.
	DECISION: Traffic and Access The Parish Council set out its concerns regarding access and traffic in detail as part of the original application process in 2013 (13/00409/FUL). Its principal concern was about the impact on Hospital Approach, as access to the development was proposed to be (and now is) entirely from this critical access to Broomfield Hospital. Any increase in traffic, traffic manoeuvres and congestion hinders the efficient operation of the Hospital and increases the risk that the road could become blocked due to a road traffic accident. These concerns remain and are heightened by further development since 2013 along Hospital Approach, including currently the construction of a new care facility on the north side at the junction with the B1008. Meanwhile, the proposed new access road to the Hospital via the 'north of Broomfield' development (SGS8) has been dropped, meaning the Hospital remains entirely dependent on Hospital Approach for access (including access by emergency vehicles). Therefore, with regret, the Council is opposed to any increase in the number of residents or staff in the care home. Parking The Parish Council also set out in 2013 its concerns about the inadequate parking provision proposed for the care home. The approach seemed overly dependent on a traffic plan to encourage staff not to use private cars. Our response also outlined the intense pressure on parking in the immediate locality, due to the Hospital. Again, the situation has not improved since 2013, so the Council remains opposed to any increase in capacity, as this would increase the number of staff and visitors needing to park. On both these counts, the Parish Council objects to the proposed variation of condition 3 in the existing consent to application 13/00409/FUL.		
PLN24/78	To discuss any applications received up until the date of the meeting No applications had been received.		
PLN24/79	To receive decisions made by Chelmsford City Council re previous applications consulted upon Noted.		
PLN24/80	Policy Matters:		
a.	To receive an update on Broomfield's Neighbourhood Plan The Reg. 16 consultation has been finished and all comments have been collated and the report was circulated.		

	The Parish Council need to agree a response to the Examiner's questions by 15th August 2024. This was perused by the Committee and comments made were noted. Cllr Blake will bring the response to the attention of the full Parish Council.
b.	To receive an update on the National Grid consultation Norwich to Tilbury. The agreed response has been submitted and will be circulated to Councillors. ACTION: Cllr Blake to circulate the Parish Council's response to the National Grid Pylon Consultation
PLN24/81	Correspondence received (if any) No correspondence had been received.
PLN24/82	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.
PLN24/83	Any other business to be referred to the next meeting There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm