

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE CHANTRY CENTRE, CHANTRY WAY, BILLERICAY
ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 AT 7pm**

Present

Cllr R Clark	Cllr E Davies	Cllr M Dear
Cllr J Devlin	Cllr J Henshaw	Cllr C May
Cllr M Moore	Cllr K Mordecai	Cllr A Talboys
Cllr J Tutton		

In Attendance Diane McCarthy – Committee Clerk and two members of the public

In the Chair – Cllr J Devlin

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr J Tutton was proposed by Cllr Dear and seconded by Cllr Moore and as there were no other nominations it was:

Resolved: that Cllr Jim Tutton be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

In the Chair – Cllr Tutton

2 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

3 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Chris May was proposed by Cllr Tutton and seconded by Cllr Mordecai and as there were no other nominations it was:

Resolved: that Cllr Chris May be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

4 Declarations of Interest with Respect to Agenda Items

Cllr Dear declared an other registrable interest in planning application 24/00299/REM, Land north of Kennel Lane as she is a councillor on Great Burstead and South Green Village Council.

5 Public Participation Session with Respect to Agenda Items

The Chairman Adjourned the meeting to hear from two members of the public that wished to speak about the consultation for the Norwich to Tilbury project.

The two members of the public who are members of the Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk campaign group raised the following points:

They said that the focus of the group is looking at the ‘harms’ caused by the pylons. They explained that on the National Grid website there is a interactive map showing a red zone where planning permission will need to be sought which will affect trees, hedgerows and potentially even houses. Any existing PROW routes could also be affected as they will not be allowed within 50 metres of the new pylons. Other issues include:

- Potential for traffic chaos as construction is planned to run from 2027 to 2030/31
- Loss of access to the countryside to the west of Billericay
- Potential for flooding of the Wid as soil in this area will be replaced by concrete
- Once construction starts it will 7am to 7pm weekdays and 8am to 5pm at weekends

The two members of the public said that they would be happy to share information that they have with the Town Council. The meeting was reconvened.

6 Signing of Planning Committee Minutes 23 April 2024

Resolved: following approval, the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7 Planning Applications

24/00130/ABAS	Pavement Outside 119 High Street	Internally illuminated advertisements integrated into Communication Hub unit Resolved: The Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate in the Conservation Area • Obstructs the pavement
24/00299/REM	Land North of Kennel Lane	Submission of Reserved matters application relating to scale, appearance, layout and landscaping of outline planning approval 20/01614/OUT for the erection of up to 200 dwellings with associated cycle and pedestrian access, landscaping and parking and associated infrastructure Resolved: The Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned 3 storey houses and apartments will be overbearing and excessive height • Detrimental to the visual amenity of existing dwellings near the site • The planned footpath through the site should be given a proper designation as part of cycle path 13 • No guarantee that the basins will cope with excessive rainfall which with more hard surfaces such as roofs and driveways could cause flooding elsewhere. There should be mitigation for the excess runoff.

24/00382/FULL	87 Knightbridge Walk	Part single and part two storey side and rear extension Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00386/FULL	Buckwyns Farm Buckwyns Chase	Raise ridge height of part of the roof. Extension and enlargement of existing dwellinghouse, including insertion of dormers and rooflights Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application as long as it does not exceed the 30% ratio
24/00403/FULL	1A Mons Avenue	Conversion of bungalow to chalet-style bungalow with a two storey front projecting gable, front bonnet dormer, new front entrance door, rear cat slide dormer and alteration to fenestration Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00411/FULL	5 Frithwood Close	Demolish existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension. New Fenestration Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00421/FULL	3 Mountnessing Road	Raising of roof, front and rear dormers and rooflights, part single and part two storey front, side and rear extensions Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00434/FULL	310 Perry Street	Proposed front dormer Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00440/FULL	11 Lion Lane	Detached carport to front Resolved: The Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over dominant in the street scene
24/00442/FULL	22 Beaufort Road	Two storey side and rear extension and first floor side extension Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.

24/00445/FULL	35 Chantry Way	Two storey side extension. Regularisation of ground floor porch and boundary brick walls and piers Resolved: The Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient rear garden
24/00448/FULL	3 Tanfield Drive	Single storey side and rear extensions Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00450/FULL	21 Little Norsey Road	Proposed single storey rear extension Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to this application.
24/00452/FULL	Pilton Buckwyns Chase	Two storey side extension Resolved: The Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development in the Green Belt

8 Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the terms of reference of the planning committee and as there were no changes It was:

Recommended: that the revised Terms of Reference be approved by full council.

9 Consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School

Members considered a consultation from Essex County Council, Buttsbury Infant School and Buttsbury Junior School on a proposal to amalgamate the schools, with effect 1 January 2025. It was:

Resolved: That the information be noted.

10 Statutory Consultation for the Norwich to Tilbury Project

Members considered a statutory consultation for the project called Norwich to Tilbury. The consultation runs until the 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June 2024. The project is a proposal to by National Grid to upgrade the electricity transmission system in East Anglia between Norwich and Tilbury. Councillors said that they will be responding to the consultation and would also like to accept the help offered by the two members of the public that spoke

about the subject. Cllr May said that he had a discussion with representatives of National Grid at the open day and had asked about alternatives. Laying the cables underground is thought to be too expensive but he felt they were more open to discussions around use of existing pylon routes and felt that the Council should put forward more practical suggestions in their response. Cllr Tutton suggested a small working group should meet to discuss the response and asked for volunteers. Cllr Tutton, Cllr May, Cllr Dear, Cllr Devlin and Cllr Clark all indicated they would like to be on the group. Cllr Devlin also asked the two members of the public if they would like to attend. It was

Resolved: that the Committee Clerk send out some dates for a potential meeting to discuss the response to the consultation.

11 Questions from Press and Public

There were none.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm
The next Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Chairman

Date