

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE CHANTRY CENTRE, CHANTRY WAY, BILLERICAY
ON TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024 AT 7pm**

Present

Cllr C May – Vice Chairman	Cllr R Clark	Cllr E Davies
Cllr S Dickson	Cllr J Henshaw	Cllr M Moore
Cllr K Mordecai	Cllr A Talboys	

In Attendance Diane McCarthy – Committee Clerk and 3 members of the public

58 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Devlin and Cllr J Tutton

59 Declarations of Interest with Respect to Agenda Items

There were none.

60 Public Participation Session with Respect to Agenda Items

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public who wished to speak about the NPPF consultation. The main objections were:

- Changes to the standard method for assessing housing needs
- Definition of grey belt which is open to interpretation
- New golden rules for land released in the Green Belt
- Net zero and allocation of Green Belt to solar/wind farms
- Changes to mandatory targets

The meeting was reconvened.

61 Signing of Planning Committee Minutes 6 August 2024

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

62 Planning Applications

24/00534/FULL	30 Radford Way	<p>Demolition of buildings and construction of a four-storey building over basement parking comprising Class E floor space at ground and first floor levels and 15 residential units at first, second and third floor levels and associated works; together with amendments to planning permission 19/00401/FULL (Part demolition, retention and refurbishment of existing building and construction of a part four-storey mixed use building comprising the retention of the existing gym/children's activity centre (Class D2), cafe (Class A3) and yoga studio (Class D2) at ground floor, new offices (Class B1a) at first floor and 20 new residential units (Class C3) at second and third floors with associated car parking and development) - comprising reconfigurations of Class E floor space at ground level</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>
24/00871/FULL	10 Earl Mountbatten Drive	<p>Proposed front porch extension with new front garden wall and landscaping</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>
24/00875/FULL	70 Knightsbridge Walk	<p>Single storey side extension</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>
24/00892/FULL	53 Broome Road	<p>Single storey rear extension, first floor side extension and front porch</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>
24/00725/FULL	50-52 High Street	<p>New signage, redecorations (including 3 x wall lights) and entrance doors</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>
24/00726/ABAS	50-52 High Street	<p>New fascia signage and projecting sign</p> <p>Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.</p>

63 Licensing Application

Members received and considered a licensing application for Meyra, 6 High Street, Billericay. The purpose was for a licence for the landlord to protect his licence and mirror all existing times/conditions of the current licence. It was

Resolved: The Town Council had no objection to the application.

64 Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

Members received and considered a consultation on proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system. Members agreed that a small working group be set up to look at the consultation and form a response. Cllr May, Cllr Clark and Cllr Dickson all volunteered to join the group. The response will have to be put before to the planning committee at their meeting on the 17 September to meet the deadline for response on the 24 September. It was

Resolved: that the committee clerk circulates potential meeting dates for the NPPF consultation working group.

65 Questions from Press and Public

There were none

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm. The next Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2024.

Chairman

Date