

CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes Dated 20th October 2020

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Minutes of an extra ordinary meeting of Chatteris Town Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 virtually via Zoom video conferencing system.

Present: Councillors L Ashley (Mayor), I Benney, A Charrier, A Gowler, W Haggata, A Hay, F Newell, J Smith and I Taylor.

131) To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Carney and P Murphy. Cllr Carney had submitted his views on the sites and planning applications.

132) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Speak and Vote on Declarable Pecuniary Interest Items

Cllr Benney declared an interest as a member of FDC's Planning Committee and took no part in the decision making process on the planning applications.

133) To Consider Additional Sites for Possible Development as Part of FDC Local Plan

An additional 15 sites had been put forward to be considered on their suitability for development in Chatteris as part of the Local Plan second call for sites exercise.

Members were asked to complete a form which asked them if they supported the site and why. They also had to rank the site, relative to other sites in the parish.

Members considered the sites and agreed to return the following comments to Fenland District Council:

Site ID	Site name	Support	Rank
40447	15 dwellings, Womb Farm West of George Way	Yes	9
40454	68 Ha, A1 shops, First Furlong Drove	Yes but would prefer industry or commercial retail	7
40455	8 Ha, A1 shops, Honeysome Road	Yes but need is for industrial/commercial retail units	8
40456	12 Ha, A1 shops, Ireton's Way	No too far out of town	0

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40457	12 Ha, agriculture, Fenton Way	Yes if industrial or commercial retail units	9
40458	20 Ha, A1 shops, Fenton Way (Mandleys)	Yes if industrial or commercial retail units	10
40459	8 Ha, A1 shops, Short First Nightlayers	Yes if industrial or commercial retail units	10
40464	19 dwellings, Land rear of 86 West Street	Yes	9
40465	656 dwellings, Little Acre Fen	Yes to housing on larger Areas, small area at bottom of map should be industrial	10
40466	12 dwellings, 84a West Street	Yes	10
40467	278 dwellings, West of Fairway Avenue	Yes to housing on area on bottom of map, top area should be industrial/commercial	10
40491	B2 general industrial, land off New Road	Yes	8
40497	14.31Ha, other, Metalcraft Business Park	Yes	10
40499	50 dwellings, land west side of 92 London Rd	Yes	10
40505	6 dwellings, 22 London Road	Permission exists	10

(Cllrs Charrier, Hay and Taylor left the meeting at this point)

134) Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk had received notification that application F/YR20/0790/F (erect a 3 and 4-storey (including basement) rear extensions and single storey side extension to existing dwelling and erection of a 6.5m high storage building at Curf Fen Cottage, Curf Fen, would be considered by FDC's planning committee on the 28th October 2020 with a recommendation to refuse because the design and scale of the proposed extension was considered to be out of proportion. The Town Council had supported the plan and Cllr Gowler offered to speak in favour of the application at the planning meeting.

The Clerk also updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. The following applications had been granted permission: 248 dwellings at Womb Farm, Doddington Road; variation of condition 9 of a permission for a 4-bed home at land north east of 4 George Way; erection of a 4-bed dwelling at plot 2, land west of 9 Doddington Road; extension to dwelling at 23 Harold Heading Close and works to a Purple Beech tree at 31A London Road. A Certificate of Lawful Use had been granted for occupation of a

dwelling without compliance to the agricultural occupancy condition at Highfield Lodge, Doddington Road.

The application for 7 dwellings at land west of 98-102 High Street had been refused.

135) Planning Applications & Revised Applications

- a) F/YR20/0922/TRCA - Works to 1 Walnut tree within a Conservation Area at 4 New Road - *Support*
- b) F/YR20/0924/F - Change of use of 2-storey, 2-bed dwelling to retail storage and erection of a 2-storey, 2-bed dwelling to rear involving demolition of existing detached store at 20 High Street – *Support (Cllr Benney left the meeting when this item was discussed)*
- c) F/YR20/0931/F - Erect a porch to front of existing dwelling at 5 Cricketers Way - *Support*
- d) F/YR20/0945/F - Change of use of existing garage/stores to 3 x 1-bed holiday lets at land east of Horseway Farm, Horseway - *Support*
- e) F/YR20/0585/F - Revised proposal (structural report submitted) to erect a 2-storey, 4-bed dwelling involving demolition of store building at Former Coach House, London Road - *Noted*
- f) F/YR20/0585/F - Revised proposal (structural report submitted) for demolition of curtilage listed store building at Former Coach House, London Road – *Noted*

136) Any Other Business

Polling Stations: The Council had received notification that FDC was conducting an interim review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations to ensure all stations were Covid secure and electors could cast their vote safely in the May 2021 elections.

Comments were sought on the proposed polling places for each of the four wards in Chatteris and it was agreed to submit the following:

Birch Ward – Proposed polling place Chatteris Library (as current) if this was unavailable Chatteris Town Council offices. Councillors agreed with the library but did not agree with the alternative suggestion as they felt the Council offices were unsuitable and suggested the alternative should continue to be the King Edward Centre or possibly the Bricstan Room.

Slade Lode – Proposed polling place Quaker Way Residents Community Room (as current) with Chatteris Children’s Centre, Larham Way, or the King Edward Centre being the alternatives. Councillors agreed with the suggestions.

The Mills – The proposal was to split the district into two with one group of electors using the Masonic Hall, and if that was unavailable either the Sportsman or Chatteris Town

Football Club, and the other group using Chatteris Town Football Club. Members agreed with the principal suggestions but pointed out the Sportsman was closed.

Wenneye – The proposal was to continue using the Emmanuel Church Hall with the King Edward Centre as the alternative if the Emmanuel Church Hall was unavailable. Councillors agreed with the suggestion.

Town Guide – Cllr Smith said she was hopeful the new Town Guide would be ready for distribution at the end of the month.