

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 26th April 2016

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (chairman), J Smith (vice chairman), J Carney, W Haggata, and A Hay. (Cllr Hay declared an interest as a member of Fenland District Council's planning committee and took no part in the decision making process).

P49 15/16 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr F Newell

P50 15/16 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest decisions from Fenland District Council which included notification that application F/YR16/0101/F, requesting the change of a condition of a planning consent to enable the ground floor of 4 Albert Way to be used ancillary to the main dwelling, had been refused permission. The applications to change a warehouse at Dock Road to a builders merchants and for a dwelling at 51 West Street had been approved and the application for a dwelling on land east of 3 West Street had been withdrawn.

Notification had also been received that an appeal by Mr and Mrs Tuffin against Fenland District Council's refusal to grant permission for a 2-storey extension to 16 Saddlers Way had been dismissed. The Inspector concluded that the proposal would significantly detract from the living conditions of the occupiers of 14 Glebe Close as it would have an overbearing effect on the outlook.

P51 15/16 Applications and Revised Applications

a) F/YR16/0215/TRTPO - Felling of 1 Beech tree covered by TPO 1/1967 at 5 Parkside for Mr R Kavel – *Raise No Objections but request a replacement tree is planted elsewhere on the site.*

b) F/2001/16/CM - Extraction of sand & gravel and clay for landfill cell engineering, as an extension to an existing quarry; field conveyor; continued use of existing processing plant, stocking areas, silt lagoons, office & welfare buildings and private access road; and importation of waste for restoration at Mepal Quarry, Block Fen, for Aggregate Industries UK Ltd – *Councillors have no objections per se to the application but believe a decision should be delayed and the permission for future development of the site should only be granted once the conditions of previous applications (now the subject of enforcement action) have been complied with.*

c) F/YR16/0225/F - Erection of a single-storey rear extension and covered walkway to side and front of existing dwelling at 108 Tithe Road for Mr B Baxter – *Raise No Objections*

d) F/YR16/0232/TRCA - Works to 5 Leylandi trees within a Conservation Area at 8 London Road for Mr B Hawden – *Raise No Objections*

e) F/YR16/0247/F - Conversion of existing outhouse to a part single-storey, part 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling and erection of 2-storey, 2-bed dwelling and single storey side extension to 8 Dobbs Yard including the formation of vehicular access and provision of parking and turning areas, involving demolition of 113-115 High Street, existing extension to 8 Dobbs Yard and outbuildings within a Conservation Area at 113 to 115 High Street and land north east of Dobbs Yard for Mr Peter Tucker – *Raise No Objections*

f) F/2003/16/CC – Erection of an aluminium frame classroom canopy with a polycarbonate roof and new external door opening with a new connecting path at Kingsfield Primary School, Burnsfield Estate – *Raise No Objections*

P52 15/16 Correspondence

Notification had been received that the Government had responded to the petition “Give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions” which the Town Council had signed. The Government had decided that it did not believe the right of appeal against the grant of planning permission for communities, including parish councils, was necessary. The Government considered that communities already had the opportunity to guide and inform local planning issues via Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans and were able to make representations on individual planning applications through the planning process. It argued it would be wrong for communities to be able to delay a development at the last minute, through a community right of appeal, when any issues could have been raised and should have been considered during the earlier planning application process.

The Government Petitions Committee would take a look at the petition and its response and could press the Government for action and gather evidence. If the petition attracted 100,000 signatures the Committee would consider it for a debate.