

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 30th August 2016.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), J Smith (Vice Chairman), J Carney and W Haggata.

P11 16/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs F Newell and A Hay.

P12 16/17 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest decisions from Fenland District Council and warned that in future planning officers wished to see a firm recommendation on whether a plan should be approved or refused. The comments last month regarding the development in Bridge Street (F/YR16/0555/F) had not been clear and the officer had sought clarification. In view of members comments the Clerk had informed him the recommendation was to refuse the application due to the design but the Town Council was not opposed to development on the site.

A number of applications had been refused by FDC including: the erection of 2 dwellings on land west of 1 King Edwards Road; erection of a dwelling and workshop south of 19 Blackmill Road; erection of 1.8m high gates at 15 The Grove; the change of use of a domestic garage to a dog grooming parlour at 14 St Francis Drive and the change of use of an agricultural building to 3 dwellings at the barn east of Ashwood, Chatteris Road, Somersham.

P13 16/17 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR16/0633/F - Replacement of 2 x existing timber windows to uPVC windows to front (at first floor level) of existing building (retrospective) at Flat 4 High Street for Mr A Speechley – *Recommend Refusal*

b) F/YR16/0658/A - Display of 14 non-illuminated signs comprising 11 fascia signs, 2 free standing signs and 1 information sign at Unit North of 10 Dock Road for Mr Vickaridge, Travis Perkins – *Recommend Approval*

c) F/YR16/0659/F - Change of use of agricultural land to dog training field and the erection of a shed in association with a dog training business (retrospective) on land north of Ferry House, London Road, for Mr M Johnson – *Clarification needed on the size of the shed and the field. Figures provided do not make sense.*

d) F/YR16/0663/O - Erection of 2 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access and layout) at land north of 5 Linden Drive for Mrs J Pattrick – *Recommend Approval*

e) F/YR16/0689/F - Formation of a hardstanding for storage of agricultural machinery and equipment (retrospective) at land north of 136 London Road for Mr & Mrs Behagg – *Recommend Approval*

f) F/YR16/0694/F - Conversion of building from storage (B8) to a 2-storey, 2-bed dwelling (C3), involving formation of dormer to rear, 2 roof lights to front and increase in height of single-storey section at rear of 76 High Street for Mr S Bulling - *Recommend Refusal with reservations. No objections to the principal of converting building to a dwelling but the*

design for windows at the rear is out of keeping and will cause overlooking for neighbouring property. Is there a burial ground to the side of the building or were the bodies removed when Ash Grove was built? Further research should be carried out. Is it possible to have a better idea of how the building will look if the alterations take place?

g) F/YR16/0701/TRCA - Fell 1 Holly, 1 Elder and 1 Ash tree and works to 1 Holly, 2 Plum and 1 Ash tree within a Conservation Area at 14 London Road for Mr Mark Drury – *Raise No Objections*

h) F/YR16/0710/TRCA - Felling of 3 Sycamore trees, 1 Eucalyptus tree, 1 Plum tree and 3 deciduous trees (species to be confirmed) within a conservation area at site of former 91 High Street for S A Investments - *Recommend Refusal because no reason is given why the trees should be removed and the Town Council is opposed to any trees being removed without good reason. Are any of the trees the subject of a TPO?*

i) F/YR16/0723/F - Erection of a 2-storey, 4-bed workplace home with attached garage, 1.6m high (max) railings/gates with brick piers to front boundary and siting of temporary mobile home at land north east of 4 George Way for Mr D Lewis – *Recommend Approval*

j) F/YR16/0725/F - Erection of 2.4 metre high boundary fence and gate at Unit north of 10 Dock Road for Travis Perkins Ltd – *Recommend Approval*

P14 16/17 Correspondence

An update on Cambridgeshire County Council's ongoing enforcement investigation into work to upgrade Block Fen Drove had been received. The enforcement action was underway as the Quarry developers had failed to comply with conditions of two planning permissions requiring improvements to Block Fen Drove.

The report noted that improvements to the first half of Block Fen Drove (up to the Tarmac quarry access) had been carried out and a meeting had been held when a proposed scheme for the second half was presented by agents on behalf of Mick George Ltd. The scheme relied on the understanding all operators would contribute to its costs. Enforcement officers had assessed the scheme and decided a formal Section 278 agreement would need to be sought from the Highway Authority. MGL asked the County Council to waive the application fee for the agreement whilst sign up from the other operators was obtained but officers said this was not possible and instead sent an e-mail to all the operators asking for the fee to be split four ways. Agreement was being sought ahead of a meeting in mid-September.

P15 16/17 Any Other Business

There was no other business.