

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

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

P40 15/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Carney, A Hay and I Taylor. Cllr Carney had viewed the applications earlier in the day and submitted his comments.

P41 15/16 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk was only able to give a partial update as the planning portal of FDC's website was not working properly.

She reported that applications to fell a Wellingtonia tree at 4 London Road and for the conversion of an outbuilding to a 1-bed detached annexe at 23 Wood Street had been approved and the application for the development at Dobbs Yard had been withdrawn.

P42 15/16 Applications and Revised Applications

a) F/YR16/0063/TRTPO - Works to 2 Yew trees covered by TPO 05/2015 at 1 St Martin's Road for Mr H Britain – *Raise No Objections*

b) F/YR16/0072/F - Erection of a single-storey extension to rear of existing building at 16 Albert Way for A E Sutton Ltd – *Raise No Objections, councillors welcomed the investment in an existing business.*

c) F/YR16/0084/TRCA - Works to 13 Lawson Cypress and 1 Elder within a Conservation Area at 17 East Park Street for Mrs J Moore – *Raise No Objections* (Cllr Carney declared an interest).

d) F/YR16/0097/F - Erection of 2-storey, first-floor and single-storey rear extensions to existing dwelling including Juliet balcony to side, external staircase and walkway to garage/store and demolition of existing conservatory and garage/lean-to at 19 West Street for Mr M Leszczyszyn – *Raise No Objections*

e) F/YR16/0100/F - Erection of a single-storey, 1-bed detached annexe at 31 Park Street for Mrs C Wing – *Raise No Objections*

f) F/YR16/0101/F - Variation of condition 3 relating to F/YR10/0802/F (erection of a work unit (amendment to the design approved on planning permission F/YR05/0735/F) to enable the ground floor only to be used ancillary to the main building at 4 Albert Way for Mss V Brunswick – *Noted. It was agreed this was a change of policy and should be for FDC to decide.*

P43 15/16 Correspondence

Yellow Lines: Highways officer Mr Andi Caddy had written stating a resident of Chatteris claimed to have made an application some while ago to implement double yellow lines on the junction of New Road and St Francis Drive and the Town Council had agreed to implement it. The Clerk had no recollection of this and members could not recall it either.

Petition: The Council had been asked to support an on-line petition to the Government to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions. The petitioner pointed out the planning system was unfair because it was one of the few decision-making processes which gave no right of appeal to affected third parties. He argued that the Government should introduce a limited third party right of appeal by giving parish councils a right to appeal planning decisions to the Planning Inspectorate.

Councillors **recommended the Council should support the petition.** They named cases where the Town Council would have taken an FDC decision to the Planning Inspectorate had there been the opportunity.

Survey: Mr Ian Mason had written to inform councillors he was seeking a CHER listing, from the archaeology department at the County Council, on the Wood Farm and Wood Manor moat site in Chatteris. Mr Mason said the museum was looking at recording the history and state of preservation of Tithe Barn and the moat ahead of the planned housing development for the Tithe area. Members remained convinced that there was an ancient mosaic floor in the area which had been uncovered and then covered again by a farmer.

P44 15/16 Any Other Business

Cllr Ashley said the dyke at the rear of Tithe was in a disgusting state due to fly tipping and was rat infested. Cllr Newell said the dyke, which was at the rear of numbers 80 to 100 Tithe Road, was partly owned by Roddons and partly by a farmer. The Clerk agreed to report the matter to the Street Scene officer.