

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 31st May 2016.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley, J Carney, W Haggata, A Hay and F Newell.

Cllrs Hay and Newell declared an interest and took no part in the decision making process.

P1 16/17 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Cllr Carney proposed Cllr Ashley continue as chairman of the group, this was seconded by Cllr Newell and agreed by all.

Cllr Ashley proposed Cllr Smith continue as vice chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Haggata and agreed by all.

P3 16/17 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Taylor.

P4 16/17 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans

Appeal: Notification had been received that Mr Nick Childs was appealing against FDC's refusal to grant planning permission for the raising of the roof to form living accommodation at 13 Birch Avenue.

Decisions: The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from FDC including notification that the development of a dwelling on garden land at Swingbrow had been refused permission. She also had a copy of the decision notice for the 58 dwellings at West Street. There was no mention of bungalows although it was noted that permission was subject to the approval of details of the layout of the site, the scale and external appearance of the buildings and the landscaping. Cllr Hay said she wrote to the agent who then put her on to the applicant who said it was likely to be July before any meeting with local residents could take place. Cllr Hay reminded him of the agreement to consider bungalows.

P5 16/17 Planning Applications

a) F/2005/15/CC - The erection of a 4-bay (12.1m x 8.25m approx.) mobile classroom building and paving on existing Kingsfield Primary School site for a temporary period until the 31st August 2019, and the installation of 3 Sheffield stands for cycle parking at Kingsfield Primary School, Burnsfield Estate – ***Noted, trust it will be a temporary measure.***

b) F/YR16/0301/TRCA - Fell 3 x Holly trees and 1 x Pine tree within a Conservation Area at land south of 10D East Park Street for Mrs B Cook – ***Recommend Refusal to felling of trees but would agree to trees being cut back.***

c) F/YR16/0320/F - Erection of a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at 3 Belmont Gardens for Mr & Mrs Firth – ***Raise No Objections***

d) F/YR16/0326/F & F/YR16/0327/LB - Repair and rebuilding of front boundary wall; removal of render from bay window, installation of air vent and replacement windows at 31 London Road for Miss T Mansfield – ***Raise No Objections***

e) F/YR16/0338/F - Erection of a 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling including demolition of existing garage, utility room and shed at 52 West Street for Mr Rupert Stocks – ***Raise No Objections***

f) F/YR16/0341/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 first floor only to be used ancillary to the main dwelling at 4 Albert Way for Miss V Brunswick - ***Noted***

g) F/YR16/0361/F - Erection of a stable block and tack room, extension to side of existing garage and the formation of a ménage and hardstanding (for vehicular parking) (retrospective) at 138 London Road for Mr J Chelton – ***Raise No Objections***

h) F/YR16/0349/PNH – Single storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 6 metres with a maximum height of 3.7 metres and a height of 2.3 metres to the eaves at 54 Tithe Road for Mr David Duxbury – ***Clerk to seek more information***

P6 16/17 Correspondence & Any Other Business

Doddington: Notification had been received that FDC had approved Doddington Parish Council's application to designate the parish of Doddington as a Neighbourhood Area.

Flooding: Mr Brian Heffernan, Senior Flood Risk Officer at the County Council, had written to state he was dealing with a drainage issue following a flooding incident in a garden at Westbourne Road. He believed a watercourse at the rear of properties in Westbourne Road and Westbourne Close had been filled in over time with the result that little of it remained. He was trying to raise awareness of the issue with a view to encouraging residents to re-instate any watercourse to benefit the area and reduce the risk of flooding. He asked if the Council had had any dealings with residents in respect of the matter at that location and also sent along information about riparian responsibilities.

Cllr Hay said she had been approached by a resident of Eden Crescent concerned that a watercourse had been filled in (which was in the same area) and Cllr Newell recalled flooding problems in the gardens of bungalows that backed on to the Huntingdon Road Recreation Ground.