

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at the Council Chambers, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris, on Tuesday 24th June 2025

Present: Cllrs V Joyce (Chairman), L Ashley, J Fuller-Gray, M Siggee and S Unwin.

P6 25/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Carney and A Hay. Cllr Carney had submitted comments on applications a) to d).

P7 25/26 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans

Notification had been received that the applicant applying to extend and modify 30 Railway Lane (F/YR25/0233/F) had appealed against Fenland District Council's refusal to grant planning permission.

The following applications had been granted planning permission by FDC:

Change of use of land to a builder's yard with the erection of 2 sheds and the retention of 3 containers and a static caravan and part change of use of building to accommodate fitness studio at Kestrel Farm, London Road.

Works to 1 Rowan tree in a Conservation Area at 15 Huntingdon Road.

Works to 2 Cherry trees in a Conservation Area at 5 Victoria Street.

Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission F/YR23/0077/O to erect 5 dwellings at land south of Ferry Farm, London Road.

Erection of a single-storey rear extension involving demolition of existing conservatory and external and internal works to a Listed Building including installation of new gates, an air source heat pump and replacement of windows at 7 West Park Street.

The application to erect 2 dwellings at land west of 114 High Street, which was supported by the Town Council) was refused planning permission as it was considered overdevelopment of the site and would result in a lack of amenity space.

The application for change of use of land for residential use and construction of a single storey building (annexe) at Bromsgrove House, Honeysome Road, was refused as it was considered the proposal would be harmful to the open countryside, there was no agricultural justification for it and there was an unacceptable risk of flooding.

P8 25/26 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR25/0421/F - Erect a 2-storey side extension and a part single-storey/part first-floor extension to rear of existing dwelling at 20 The Hawthorns - *Support*

b) F/YR25/0422/VOC - Removal of condition 05 and variation of condition 06 (approved plans) of planning permission F/YR20/1120/RM (Reserved matters application relating to

detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0101/O and appeal APP/D0515/W/19/3239941 to erect a dwelling (3-storey, 3-bed) and associated works) to vary design at land east of 24 Pound Road – *Recommend Refusal, loss of residential amenity, height and windows have created privacy and overshadowing issues for existing dwellings. Why were these alterations not picked up by building control?*

c) F/YR25/0426/F - Erect a 2-storey side extension including demolition of existing garage at 127 London Road - *Support*

d) F/YR25/0431/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR22/0293/O to erect 1 dwelling at land east of Ferry Farm, London Road - *Support*

e) F/YR25/0467/F - Retention of 28 x monitoring boreholes and their associated headworks at land north of Chatteris and A142 and east of 141 Isle of Ely Way - *Support*

f) F/YR250470/O - Erect up to 9 dwellings (outline application with matter committed in respect of scale and access at Slade Field, Doddington Road – *Support. Request £2,000 Section 106 funding per property for the direct benefit of Chatteris.*

g) F/YR25/0474/TRCA - Works to 2 Plum trees within a conservation area at 20D London Road – *Support*

P8 25/26 Any Other Business

Reform: The Clerk informed members that the Government was consulting on reforming planning committees and had withdrawn support for Neighbourhood Plans.

Inspire Projects: Cllr Ashley read out a press release about Fenland District Council's Inspire Projects scheme which revealed that the plans for a swimming pool in Chatteris had been dropped but most of the schemes for the other Fenland towns had been retained. In place of the swimming pool it mentioned a survey of the leisure centre which the Clerk pointed out was a relatively new building and in far better shape than the other leisure centres.

It was agreed to add an item to the agenda for the next Council meeting, proposing that the Council write to FDC and state that, as the swimming pool project had been lost, Chatteris Town Council requested FDC add the transfer of the land behind the Sportsman and a grant to help develop that land to the Inspire Projects list.