

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 25th April 2017.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), J Smith, 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).

P38 16/17 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Carney sent his apologies for absence but had already examined the plans and submitted his recommendations.

P39 16/17 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. All the plans noted had been granted planning permission.

The Clerk had received a note from the planning officer dealing with the application for 4 dwellings on land west of Doddington Road. The Town Council had requested contributions towards the installation of a 30mph speed limit and safety measures for pedestrians across the by-pass into town. Ms Jennifer Thomas said as there had been a considerable amount of development already along Doddington Road which had not required a footpath or speed reducing requirements, it would be difficult to justify the request, especially as the number of dwellings had been reduced to 3. However FDC planning would require the installation of a footpath across the front of the plots and a crossing point (non-controlled) from the north side to the south side. The Town Council was asked if it would support the application with the new requirements.

Cllr Carney was still in favour of pressing for a 30mph limit and traffic lights or a controlled crossing. However members agreed this could not be justified and said further measures would have to be brought in over time. Attempts to improve road safety in the area would begin with the implementation of the latest LHI scheme.

It was therefore *agreed to support the scheme with the requirements outlined by the planning officer.*

Another update had been received from the County Council regarding the upgrading of Block Fen Drove. All operators in the area had sent in their share of a formal Section 278 agreement application fee. Once this had been agreed with highways Mick George Ltd would be required to submit revised plans for the works to Block Fen Drove and an agreement (likely to be a Section 106 agreement) would then have to be completed to deliver the works. Members welcomed the news that the matter was progressing.

P40 16/17 Applications and Revised Applications

- a) F/YR17/0280/F - Erection of a 2-storey extension form a 2-bed annexe ancillary to the existing dwelling at Swallow Barn, New Road, for Mr & Mrs Self - *Support*
- b) F/YR17/0294/F - Formation of a dropped kerb to existing dwelling at 107 London Road for Mr John Moore - *Support*
- c) F/YR17/0303/F - Formation of a garden centre involving the erection of 3 x poly tunnels, a shop and 2.0m high (max height) wire boundary fence involving the demolition of existing outbuildings at land south of 2A Doddington Road for Nadia and Maria Hobbs – *Councillors are seriously concerned about the contamination of the land. Whilst they welcome businesses into the town they query if it is the right site for a garden centre. Councillors are also worried that it appears that work has started on the land and the contamination may have been disturbed. Have FDC officers visited the site?*
- d) F/YR17/0305/A - Display of non-illuminated hanging sign at 14 East Park Street for Dr En-Qi Chi - *Support*
- e) F/YR17/0310/F - Erection of 2-storey/single storey side extension and insertion of first floor side window to existing dwelling involving demolition of porch at 9 Railway Lane for Mr & Mrs Salisbury – *Support*

P41 16/17 County Council Local Validation Guidance List Consultation

Members were alerted to a consultation on the proposed 2017 revision of the Local Validation Guidance List for planning applications for Cambridgeshire County Council's own development and for waste development. The list set out the information which should be submitted to support a planning application.

P42 16/17 Correspondence & Any Other Business

It was agreed to alert Fenland District Council's enforcement team to unauthorised development adjacent 1 Curf Terrace. A number of caravans, buildings and a large steel structure had appeared on the site which had planning permission for one house.