

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 25th September 2018.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), I Benney, J Carney, W Haggata, F Newell & J Smith. Cllrs Benney and Newell declared an interest as members of FDC's planning committee and took no part in the discussions or the decision making process.

P10 18/19 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P11 18/19 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. Plans for an extension to 37 Curlew Avenue, the alterations to Tesco Store Ltd and the erection of a 3-bed dwelling on land north-west of 14 Pound Road had been approved. However the Certificate of Lawful use for the change of use of 58-60 High Street to a cafe was not granted as full planning permission was required.

Cllr Benney said the Tithe Road development application was going through, officers were just sorting out the Section 106 agreement. The Wenny Road development was not far behind.

P12 18/19 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR18/0805/F - Erection of a 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling with attached garage at land north east of 107 High Street – *Support but recommend that a condition is imposed that the drove at the rear of the site (from Black Horse Lane) must be improved so it is suitable for access.*

b) E/3004/18/CM - Construction of additional irrigation reservoir by the extraction and export of sand and gravel using existing silt settlement ponds, processing plant, weighbridge, office buildings and access onto the A141 Chatteris Road between the Mepal Outdoor Centre and Hiam's Bridge at Mepal Reservoir, Land off Blaby's Drove, Sutton Gault, Ely - *Support*

c) F/YR18/0814/F - Erection of 2 x 2-storey dwellings at land east of Hereward Court, Railway Lane - *Support*

d) F/YR18/0818/F - Conversion of rear part of existing restaurant at first floor level to 2 x 2-bed flats involving insertion of 3 x side windows at 8 Market Hill – *Recommend Refusal, inappropriate use, smell and noise from the kitchens will mean substandard levels of amenity for the occupiers. Insensitive use of a building of local interest in a Conservation Area. Is the building not listed?*

e) F/YR18/0836/F - Conversion of existing single-storey domestic extension to form a separate 1-bed dwelling (retrospective) at 117 Green Park – *Recommend Refusal, as per the previous application this will result in substandard levels of amenity for the occupiers of both residential units.*

f) F/YR18/0840/TRTPO - Fell a Birch tree covered by TPO 4/2001 (5 day notice) at 3 Belmont Gardens - *Support*

g) F/YR18/0860/RM - Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission (F/YR17/0134/O) for the erection of a 2-storey, 4-bed dwelling and a 2-storey detached double garage with B1 workplace above at Plot 10, land south of 18 Doddington Road - *Support*

h) F/YR18/0857/LB - Works to a listed building involving the replacement of 3 x windows and 1 x door to rear of existing dwelling at 4A Wenny Road – *Fully Support*

P13 18/19 Any Other Business

Planning Training: Fenland District Council had sent an invitation to three planning training sessions for Town and Parish Councillors to be held on the 1st November, 24th January and 14th March. The sessions would cover commenting on planning applications and decision making; planning enforcement; development and the natural environment. Cllrs Ashley, Carney and Smith and the Clerk expressed an interest in attending the first session. The Clerk agreed to send out the email to all councillors in case others were interested.

Planning Training 2: Members received a copy of a Powerpoint training session delivered to councillors on FDC's planning committee about affordable housing. Cllr Benney explained that FDC and councils around the country were having difficulties delivering affordable housing because developers were getting professional advice to save them the expense of building affordable homes and paying out large sums in Section 106 agreements.

Minerals Local Plan: The Council's views were sought on a new Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan being drawn up by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. The Clerk warned members that Chatteris was surrounded by existing and potential sites.

Survey: Cllr Smith said she understood that Whittlesey Town Council had paid FDC to carry out a character survey of their town. The Clerk agreed to ask if this was the case, the cost and the reason for the survey.