

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 26th February 2019.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), I Benney, W Haggata & J Smith.

Cllrs Benney declared an interest as a member of FDC's planning committee and took no part in the discussions or the decision making process.

P24 18/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Carney and F Newell sent apologies for absence. Cllr Carney had submitted his comments on applications a) to g) as shown under P26.

P25 18/19 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. Applications for external alterations to a listed building at 49 New Road and the erection of a dwelling on plot 1 land west of 9 Doddington Road had been granted as had the variation of condition of a planning permission to allow a building to be used for the accommodation of pigs at Frist Furlong Drove (the Town Council opposed the application). A Certificate of Lawfulness for an extension to 41 Wenny Estate was refused as the extension required planning permission.

P26 18/19 Applications & Revised Applications

Further information had been received about planning application F/YR19/0097/F (Erection of a shed for use as a dog grooming parlour (part retrospective) at 14 James Gage Close including objections from FDC's Environmental Health Officer and a neighbour. The three councillors eligible to vote were split on a decision and it was agreed to postpone a decision to the full council meeting.

a) F/YR19/0101/O - Erection of 1 dwelling (outline application with all matters reserved) at land east of 24 Pound Road - *Support*

b) F/YR19/0102/VOC - Removal of condition 3 (ventilation) and variation of condition 8 to enable amendment to approved plans of planning permission F/YR18/0647/F (erection of a 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling with integral garage) to remove windows from west elevation and alterations to roof at land north west of 14 Pound Road - *Support*

c) F/YR19/0127/F - Change of use from offices (A2) to 1 x 4-bed dwelling and 1x 1-bed studio apartment involving replacement of 8 windows and insertion of a door at 10 Park Street - *Support*

d) F/YR19/0139/F - Erection of 2 single-storey, 2-bed dwellings and erection of a single-storey double garage for No. 50 including removal of existing garage and alterations to access at rear of 50 Wood Street - *Support*

e) F/YR19/0140/F - Erection of a single-storey day room and siting of a mobile home (retrospective) at 94A High Street – *Support*

f) F/2003/19/CC - Redevelopment of the existing school comprising: demolition of an existing classroom block, internal configuration and refurbishment work and part two storey part single storey extension to existing secondary school to comprise: Phase 1; pre-school facility for 52 children aged 0-4, 1 form entry (210) pupil primary school classrooms and facilities for pupils aged 11-18 and associated external works comprising landscaping, sports pitches, improved access, car, cycle and scooter parking, landscaping and ancillary works. Phase 2; single storey extension to Phase 1 primary school to provide additional capacity for a further 1 form of entry (210) pupil classrooms and facilities with associated landscaping, new sports pitches and ancillary works, creating a 2 form entry 420 pupil primary school at Cromwell Community College, Wenny Road – *No objections to the proposed development in principle **but it is essential that a pelican crossing** and 20pm speed limit (during school drop off and collection times) in Wenny Road are included as part of the scheme and Chatteris Town Council will only support the plan if these measures are included. The County Council has a policy of encouraging children to walk and cycle to school yet it has failed to include a safe means to access the school from the other side of Wenny Road. The Town Council is hard pressed to think of another secondary school in the County which does not have some form of crossing and would point out that this is a major road into the town. It is imperative that a survey is carried out into how many children cross Wenny Road and while there the surveyors should also look at the East Park Street/Wenny Road junction which badly needs a footpath on both sides of the road and possibly some kind of mini roundabout to slow down the traffic and make it safer. It also requires measures to stop cars parking right up to the junction; this has after all been identified as one pedestrian route to Cromwell. The Council would also appreciate consideration of the formation of a one way road from Eastwood around the school site to Wenny Road to allow a safe drop off point for children as there are concerns that with the expansion of the school Eastwood is going to become very congested and is not fit for purpose.*

g) F/YR19/0152/O - Erection of up to 50 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) on land south of 8-59 Fairbairn Way – *The Council supports the idea of development but requests that the road running through the estate is wider than the road running through the existing estate which is inadequate and frequently blocked by parked cars. Parking on the estate is woefully inadequate with pedestrians often forced to walk in the road as the pavements are also blocked by parked cars. The Council also requests a Section 106 donation towards a pot which should be set up to fund the final section of the southern bypass for Chatteris from London Road to the A141. The Town Council would also encourage FDC to impose planning conditions to include features to improve the ecology of the site, as set out in the ecology report, including the addition of bird and bat boxes (such as*

swift bricks/boxes), the retention of the hedgerows, further landscaping to include native and wildlife attracting species and the installation of boundary post and rail fencing.

P27 18/19 Correspondence

Conservation Area: Head of Planning Mr Nick Harding had responded to the Council's request for an appraisal/review of the conservation area by stating FDC was currently committed to undertaking and completing a review and management plan for Parson Drove and March was next on the list. Chatteris had been provisionally booked in for 2020/21 but it might be possible to speed up the process either through the assistance of volunteers or a financial contribution towards the work, as given by Whittlesey Town Council. The Clerk had attempted to find out how much Whittlesey had given to no avail and Cllr Benney offered to make enquiries.

Manea Parish: The Clerk had written asking for Chatteris Town Council to be consulted about planning applications with a Chatteris address which were now in Manea Parish and therefore went to Manea Parish Council for consultation. She pointed out Manea had little interest in such planning applications but the residents of Chatteris would expect their Council to be consulted. Mr Harding suggested requesting alerts to plans going to Manea Parish Council so they could be checked to see if they had a Chatteris address and if so Chatteris Town Council could submit recommendations. One such plan was to go before Fenland District Council's planning committee the following day.

Conservation 2: The Council had received a complaint that UPVC windows had been installed in a property in the Conservation area and there were other alleged breaches of planning permission on the site. The observations had been passed to the enforcement team at FDC.