

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held on Tuesday 20th August 2019.

Present: Cllrs W Haggata (Chairman), L Ashley, F Newell, A Gowler, M Petrou & J Smith.

P16 19/20 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Carney

P17 19/20 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

The Financial Officer updated Members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. Plans for the felling of a Weeping Willow tree at 14 St Martins Road, an extension and insertion of a mezzanine floor at the former Produce World building and an extension to 10 York Road had all been granted. Permission had also been granted for a dwelling on land west of 1 King Edwards Road, the felling of 14 Lime trees at 17B Station Street and the erection of up to 2 dwellings at land south west of 12 Doddington Road. The application to erect a dwelling on land south west of 38 Burnsfield Estate accessed from Treeway had been refused – the Town Council recommended refusal of the plan.

The reserved matters application for the erection of up to 3 workplace homes on land south of 18 Doddington Road had been withdrawn.

Members voiced their concerns regarding the planning decision granted re the felling of 14 Lime trees at 17B Station street.

Members were surprised this planning permission had been granted as they had previously requested a tree officer to look into this application. Members asked the Financial Officer to contact Fenland Planning to clarify if a tree officer had been to look at the trees in question, and to give an explanation as to why the planning permission was granted without consulting CTC.

P18 19/20 Planning Applications

a) F/YR19/0683/F - Erect detached annexe at land south west of Willow Farm, Fenton Way - **No objections on the condition that any Rights of Way to be maintained.**

b) F/YR19/0687/VOC - Variation of condition 14 in relation to revised roof/dorma details of planning permission F/YR17/1172/F (Erection of 18 x 1-bed supported living residential units, erection of a scooter store and bin store and the erection of a 1.5m high (max height) wall and railings to front boundary at land east of Llanca, Huntingdon Road - **No objections**

c) F/YR19/0152/O - Revised application (number of accesses reduced to one and change to indicative layout) for the erection of up to 50 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved) at land south of 8-59 Fairbairn Way – **Plans previously approved , however CTC still have concerns & reservations regarding parking and the width of the road.**

d) F/YR19/0697/TRCA - Fell a Conifer tree within a Conservation Area at 20A London Rd - **No objections**

e) F/YR19/0702/AG1 - Erection of an agricultural building and extension of existing concrete yard at Wenny Road, Iretons Way – **No objections**

f) F/YR19/0705/F - Change of use and refurbishment of existing building to form a 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling involving the erection of a single-storey rear extension and raising the roof height of the existing single-storey element at Former Coach House, London Road - **No objections**

g) F/YR19/0706/LB - Internal and external works to a curtilage listed building involving the erection of a single-storey rear extension and raising the roof height of the single-storey element to enable a change of use of the building to a 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling at Former Coach House, London Road - **No objections**

h) F/YR19/0720/TRCA - Works to 1 Yew tree within a Conservation Area at 17A East Park Street – **No objections**

P19 19/20 Womb Farm Development

Members were advised that there is an information session to be held on Wednesday 21st August 2019 regarding the proposed development of Womb Farm.

Cllr Ashley & Benney had confirmed they would be attending and would update Members at the next council meeting.

P20 19/20 To Consider Opposing FDC Plans to Sell Garage Land in Tithe Road

Cllr Newell advised Members she wasn't happy that FDC was looking to sell the garage land in Tithe Road and proposed that CTC should oppose this. She had received several complaints from residents since they had been given notice, by FDC, to quit their garages. Members agreed with Cllr Newell that objections should be raised and sent to Chris Boden (the Leader of FDC), Paul Medd (Chief Exec Officer of Fenland) and Cllr Benney (For his information). The objections raised are listed below: -

1. Residents have maintained the entrance to the land there for many years (more than 50), they have kept it clean, cut and tidy.
2. One resident is disabled with a wheelchair and needs to park his vehicle in his garage which he has rented from Fenland for many years. There would be nowhere else for him to park his vehicle if the access, garages and land were sold.
3. The garages were built there to keep vehicles off the road as the road is very narrow. The estate was designed with off road parking due to the nature of the roads. Historically residents have used the access for 50+ years.

4. FDC or any other Council have never maintained the access to the piece of land.
5. Is the access to the land wide enough to meet any current development and does Fenland have this in mind? Does FDC own the access strip of land and if so, why haven't they maintained it?
6. To sell the access & land would be a huge disadvantage to the residents who live there. Has Fenland taken this into consideration?
7. Does Fenland own the access land?

The Financial Officer advised Members that she would send an email with the objections that were raised by Members at the meeting and would update them accordingly.

P21 19/20 Any Other Business

Councillors had a discussion about a meeting held between the Museum Trust and the Museum Society re their charitable status. A decision was made by Councillors which would be brought before the Museum meeting on the 2nd September 2019.