

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 28th April 2020.

Present: Cllrs W Haggata (Chairman), L Ashley, I Benney, J Carney, F Newell and J Smith.

P59 19/20 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Gowler and A Hay.

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

P60 19/20 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. The following applications had all been granted planning permission: change of use of offices to 2 x 1-bed flats at 10B-10C Park Street; internal works to a listed building at 47 New Road; replacement of existing shop front at Chatteris Off Licence, 1 Wenny Road; variation of condition 11 to amend timing of commencement of works at land west of Fenton Way; change of use from retail to flexible floor space at unit west of Jacks, Fenland Way; erect one dwelling at land east of 20 Station Street; erect up to two dwellings rear of 76 High Street; erect part 2-storey/part single-storey extension to 2-4 Chapel Lane; erect new dwelling and workshop at land south of 22 Doddington Road; erect single-storey extension to 49a London Road (TC recommended refusal).

A certificate of Lawful Use was issued for 18 Doddington Road; permission was not required for a rear extension to 3 Treeway and permission was required for an extension to 4 Kingfisher Close.

The applications to change the former bank at 10 Market Hill into a House in Multiple Occupation had been withdrawn as had the application to erect two dwellings on the car park at The Elms.

The application to erect a single-storey, 3-bed dwelling on land south west of 92 High Street was refused (TC supported the application).

P61 19/20 Applications and Revised Applications

a) F/YR20/0313/F - Erect a dwelling (single-storey, 2-bed) and detached single garage at land east of 16 Fairway - **Support**

b) F/YR20/0319/F - Erect a 2-storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling involving removal of conservatory at 6 Victoria Street - **Support**

c) F/YR20/0296/VOC - Variation of condition 3 (list of approved plans) of planning approval

F/YR19/0866/RM (Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plots 11 & 12 only) pursuant to outline permission F/YR17/0134/O to erect 2 x 2-storey, 4-bed dwellings with 2-storey detached garage with workplace over – **to change brick type** – at land south of 18 Doddington Road - **Support**

d) F/YR20/0327/TRCA - Fell 1 Sycamore tree within a Conservation Area at 25 Station Street – **Recommend Refusal, no reason given for removal. Summer house was built when tree was well established.**

e) F/YR20/0328/F - Erect a 2-storey side/rear and single-storey rear extensions including loft conversions and roof terrace to existing dwelling and extension to existing outbuilding (retrospective amendment to F/YR06/0758/F) at 171 London Road – **Recommend Refusal. Detrimental impact on neighbouring properties and detrimental impact on street scene.**

f) F/YR20/0347/F - Change of use of Bank (A2) to ground floor retail (A1) and first-floor 2-bed flat at 10 Market Hill - **Support**

g) F/YR20/0351/LB - Internal and external alterations to a Listed Building to change use of Bank (A2) to ground floor commercial use and first-floor 2-bed flat at 10 Market Hill - **Support**

h) F/YR20/0350/F - Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) including partial demolition and conversion of existing cottage to a domestic store at Toll Cottage, London Road - **Support**

i) F/YR20/0352/RM - Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission (F/YR19/0860/FDC) for the erection of a single-storey, 3-bed dwelling at land north of 7 Glebe Close - **Noted**

j) F/YR20/0336/F - Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory at 4 Kingfisher Close - **Support**

k) F/YR20/0362/F - Change of use of existing shop and ground floor of dwelling to office (A2) at 28 High Street – **Support**

l) F/YR20/0365/F - Erect 9 x 2-storey dwellings comprising 7 x 3-bed and 2 x 2-bed with garages and erect detached garage and 2.4 (approx.) metre high wall to serve 133 High Street at land east of 133 High Street – **Support but request footpath is widened.**

m) F/YR20/0371/F - Demolition of a wall within a Conservation Area at 133 High Street – **Support**

n) F/YR20/0372/LB - Demolition of existing wall and rebuilding of 2.4 (max) metre high wall to a Listed Building at 133 High Street - **Support**

P62 19/20 Any Other Business

Church Green Area: The Mayor sought members backing for a letter to be sent to FDC's horticultural officer Mr Kevin Wilkins (with copies for Mr Phil Hughes and Mr Paul Medd) criticising the decision to kill off a large area of grass at the rear of the Parish Church to create a wildflower garden.

The letter pointed out the area had been looking at its best a few weeks ago as the grass had become established after a seeding exercise two years ago; it was then ruined by weed killer and had now been rotavated to create a patch of bare earth.

The letter also pointed out the last time the area was a wildflower garden it was always overgrown with weeds, looked a complete mess and became a haven for anti-social behaviour, in particular drug taking.

The letter asked who was responsible for such an ill-advised project as neither the Town Council or the Church had been consulted about the plans. The Clerk said the Church was equally upset by the actions and the Vicar had also written a letter of complaint.

Members agreed that the letter should be sent.

Memorial: Cllrs Carney, Benney and Smith said they had been informed that the Diocese of Ely had refused permission for the RAF memorial stone to be positioned in the grounds at the front of the Parish Church. Major Norman Larke, of the RBL, had written a letter to the Diocese appealing for them to change their minds. It was agreed the Town Council should back Major Larke and also send a letter requesting the Diocese grant permission.