

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 30th June 2021.

Present: Cllr Bill Haggata (Chairman), Cllrs L Ashley, I Benney, A Gowler, F Newell and J Smith. Cllr Benney declared an interest and took no part in the discussions or decision making process.

P7 21/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carney sent an apology for absence but had submitted his comments on the 6 planning applications which were read out at the meeting.

P8 21/22 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

Decisions: The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from FDC. The following plans had all been granted planning permission: conversion of garage/storage building to garage/storage with ancillary living accommodation at 5 Victoria Street; erect a building (training centre), access road and associated infrastructure at Stainless Metalcraft Ltd; erect extensions to 6 West Street; erect rear extension and canopy to 86 New Road; internal and external alterations to a Listed Building relating to coach house at Grove House, High Street; erect single-storey extension to 114 New Road; formation of car park involving demolition of existing dwelling at 134 London Road; change of use of existing domestic garage to beauty therapy room at 2 Fairview Crescent; erect 2 dwellings involving demolition of existing garages at land south of 54 Tithe Road. A certificate of lawful use was issued for the siting of a single residential caravan at Toll Farm, London Road.

FDC Planning: The applications for a dwelling at land south of 16 Church Lane and 9 dwellings at land north east of 81-87 High Street were both to be considered by FDC's planning committee the following day and the recommendation for both was refusal due to the impact on the conservation area (and on a listed building in respect of 16 Church Lane). Both applications had been supported by the Town Council who had been invited to speak at the meeting but no-one wished to attend.

P9 21/22 Applications and Revised Applications

a) F/YR21/0606/TRTPO - Works to an Oak tree, fell 14 x Elm trees and trim overhanging branches to boundary of various trees within Group 1 covered by TPO 1/1967 at land north of Wenny Estate – *Concerns were raised about which Elms were to be felled as they were not identified. It was agreed to defer a decision and go back to FDC for clarification on which trees were to be felled and the tree officer's comments on the application.*

b) F/YR21/0607/F - Erect a first-floor side extension to existing dwelling and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation at 35 Southampton Place - *Support*

c) F/YR21/0621/TRCA- Works to 1 Ash Tree within a conservation area at 49 Tern Gardens
- *Support*

d) F/YR21/0642/O - Erection of up to 4 dwellings involving the demolition of existing dwelling and associated outbuildings (outline application with all matters reserved) at 14-16 Wenny Road – *Support. Request consideration is given to double yellow lines to prevent parking problems at school drop off and pick up times and to ensure proper visibility for motorists leaving development. (Cllr Smith favoured yellow lines down the development roadway). Support idea of an archaeological dig and investigation of any possible asbestos contamination.*

e) F/YR21/0644/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR20/0081/O to erect 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling at land east of 20 Station Street - *Support*

f) F/YR21/0670/F - Erect a single-storey extension to front of existing dwelling at 11 Curlew Avenue – *Support*

P10 21/22 Persimmon Homes Proposed Presentation

Persimmon Homes had been in contact as they were in pre-application discussions about the internal layout and associated infrastructure for the site at Fenland Way/Doddington Road (the Womb Farm development) which had outline planning permission for 248 dwellings. They wished to present their proposed layout to the Town Council for comments and to answer any queries.

The Clerk had confirmed this was possible but warned that Councillors would be able to listen to the presentation and ask questions but would not be able to indicate support or otherwise until they were formally consulted as they could not pre-determine an application.

It had been agreed that the developers should attend the July meeting of the Planning Working Group and members agreed this should be a face to face meeting held at the King Edward Centre to give more room and to allow all town councillors to attend if they wished. It would not be a public meeting.

P11 21/22 Any Other Business

There was no other business.