

## Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Present:** Cllr Bill Haggata (Chairman), Cllrs L Ashley, A Gowler, F Newell and J Smith. Cllrs Newell and Smith attended via Zoom.

### **P25 21/22 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Carney sent an apology for absence but had submitted his views on planning applications a) to g).

### **P26 21/22 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans**

Planning Committee: The Clerk had previously informed members that the application to convert the rear storage area of the Pera Palace restaurant to a manager's flat was to be determined by FDC's planning committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> October with a recommendation to refuse (it was argued the plan it would lead to substandard living conditions). The Town Council had supported the application.

Appeal: The Council had been notified that Mr and Mrs Whitley were appealing against FDC's refusal to grant planning permission for a dwelling on land south of 59 Wood Street. The Town Council had supported the application.

Decisions: The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. The following had all been granted planning permission:

Erect extension to 5 Kingfisher Close; erect extension to 58 West Street; erect extension to 10 Beechwood Gardens; works to Beech tree and Walnut tree at 9 Belmont Gardens; works to 6 Lime trees at 6 South Park Street; works to 1 Yew tree at 10A East Park Street; erect a porch at 7 George Way; installation of extraction flue at 8 Market Hill; change of use of existing buildings to form 3 additional dwellings and erect 2 dwellings and extend existing dwelling/shop at 11-13A and land east of 3-11A High Street; internal and external works to listed buildings to form 2 x 3-bed and 1 x 2-bed dwellings and extension to dwelling/shop at 11-13A and land east of 3-11A High Street; works to 4 Lime, 1 Ash and 3 Prunus trees at King Edward Centre, King Edwards Road.

### **P27 21/22 Applications & Revised Applications**

- a) F/YR21/0077/F - Revised application for erection of single storey 1 bed dwelling involving the demolition of existing coach house within a Conservation Area at land west of 12 Station Road. Revision is amended red line to include part of existing vegetable garden to the east of the site to be used as a residential garden - *Support*
- b) F/YR21/1150/F - Erect 2 x dwellings (2-storey, 3-bed) involving the demolition of existing sheds at land south of 26 Wenny Road - *Support*

- c) F/YR21/1157/F - Change of use of existing museum/offices (Class F1c) & E(g) (i) to ground floor offices E (g)(i) and 2 x dwellings (2-bed flats) at first floor level, involving the erection of a first floor extension at 14 Church Lane - *Noted*
- d) CCC/20/052/FUL - Revised application for the construction of irrigation reservoirs by the extraction and export of sand and gravel; silt lagoons, mineral processing plant; weighbridge; temporary buildings and use of existing access onto the A142 Chatteris Road between the Mepal Outdoor Centre and Hiams Bridge – *Object as Chatteris Town Council has requested works to improve the safety of the A142 on previous similar applications and these requests have been ignored and safety measures have not been introduced. Safety on the A142 is of prime importance to the residents of Chatteris and the surrounding area. The Town Council is becoming increasingly concerned that the extra traffic being generated by developments off the A142 are increasing the dangers on a road already acknowledged as a high accident route.*
- e) F/YR21/1170/F - Alterations to existing outbuildings (garden stores and garage) including replacement of unauthorised 7 x Upvc windows with timber frames, replace existing roof and installation of rainwater goods (part retrospective) at 21 Wenny Road - *Support*
- f) F/YR21/1171/LB - Internal and external works to listed outbuildings (garden stores and garage) including replacement of 7 x unauthorised Upvc windows with timber frames and replace existing roof and installation of rainwater goods at 21 Wenny Road - *Support*
- g) F/YR21/1224/RM - Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0834/O to erect 248 dwellings (1-bed; single-storey 2-bed; 2-storey, 2-bed, 3-bed, 4-bed and 5-bed and 3-storey 3-bed and 4-bed including garages) and associated open space and infrastructure at land at Womb Farm, Doddington Road – *Support in principle but need information about Section 106 contribution.*
- h) F/YR21/1225/RM - Reserved Matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline permission F/YR19/0948/O, to erect 1 x dwelling and the temporary siting of a mobile home during construction at land north west of 7 Doddington Road – *Support but trees must be protected as set out in arboricultural report*
- i) F/YR21/1251/RM - Change of use of property from dwelling (C3) to mixed use dwelling and dog grooming parlour (sui-generis), involving the conversion of existing outbuilding at 36 Wenny Estate – *Support provided there is no adverse effect on neighbouring properties.*

j)CCC/21/121/FUL - Creation of two irrigation reservoirs by the extraction and export of sand and gravel and the extraction of clay; infilling a redundant irrigation reservoir with imported inert material at Hundreds Farm, Langwood Fen Drove - *Object as Chatteris Town Council has requested works to improve the safety of the A142 on previous similar applications and these requests have been ignored and safety measures have not been introduced. Safety on the A142 is of prime importance to the residents of Chatteris and the surrounding area. The Town Council is becoming increasingly concerned that the extra traffic being generated by developments off the A142 are increasing the dangers on a road already acknowledged as a high accident route.*

## **P27 21/22 Any Other Business**

Street Naming: The Clerk had been asked if there was any news about the likelihood of a street being named after Mr Albert Harlock, who was awarded the BEM for bravery in WW11. The Clerk had explained the Council was still waiting for development to begin and once there was movement the Town Council would hopefully be consulted about street names. Members said a decision would be taken then on whether to put the name forward.

Elms Car Park: The Clerk had been copied in to further correspondence between a resident of The Elms and the FDC officer responsible for attempting to sell the car park to the south of 57 The Elms. The resident had pointed out that when planning permission for the development was granted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1974 permission was granted for 100 car parking spaces to reflect the sale agreement between the Ely Diocese and the local authority to provide Council housing with the design and layout set in perpetuity for 80 years from 1965. The resident also provided evidence that the Council was responsible for the street lighting and pointed out these facts were not present in the sale pack for the car park. The FDC officer had confirmed the land had been withdrawn from the auction on the 12<sup>th</sup> October whilst the legal pack documents were reviewed.