

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held via Zoom on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

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

P46 21/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carney sent apologies for absence but had submitted his recommendations on planning applications a) to f).

P47 21/22 Appeals, Decisions & Withdrawn Plans

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

Single-storey rear extension to 59 Westbourne Road;

Change of use of land to domestic and erection of self-contained residential annex at Bromsgrove House, Honeysome Road;

Conversion of existing building to form 1 x 2-storey, 3-bed dwelling and internal and external works to a curtilage listed building at Former Coach House, London Road;

Porch alterations to 79 Fairbairn Way;

Erection of detached garden room/store at 9 George Way.

She also reported that two planning applications for Chatteris would be considered at the FDC Planning Committee meeting on the 4th May. The application to erect 2 blocks of industrial units at the South Fens Enterprise Park was recommended for approval with conditions but the application to alter the shop front of 5 Park Street (the Nisa store) was recommended for refusal as it was deemed to be “unsympathetic to the appearance of the existing buildings and the townscape characteristics of the areas”. The report also stated the proposals would be detrimental to the conservation area. The planning officer concluded that the public benefit would be insignificant and was insufficient to justify the scheme. Members disagreed especially as the alterations would make the shop accessible to disabled people and Cllr Haggata asked to be registered to speak at the meeting in favour of the application.

P48 21/22 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR22/0408/TREEEX - 5 day notice – Felling of 1 Birch tree, covered by TPO 4/2001, to a 2ft stump at 3 Belmont Gardens - *Support*

b) F/YR22/0401/F - Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 6A Station Street - *Support*

c) F/YR22/0240/F - Revised application to erect 3 x dwellings (2 x 2-storey, 3-bed and 1 x 2-bed flat) and front boundary wall with 1.3m high piers at land west of 1 King Edwards Road – *Revision Noted*

d) F/YR22/0412/F - Erect single-storey rear extension and detached single-storey store/office to existing dwelling at 8 Westbourne Road - *Support*

e) F/YR22/0433/F - Install metal cladding to exterior of existing building and replace existing doors with roller shutters at 9A Park Street – *Members appreciated the need for the roller shutters but were not in favour of the cladding as they felt it was out of character in a retail and residential area. Whilst appreciating the need to improve the frontage of the building they did not agree with the solution put forward and suggested other ideas to break up the blandness should be considered.*

f) F/YR21/1466/VOC - Variation of condition 06 (approved plans) of planning permission F/YR21/0196/PNC04 (change of use from agricultural building) at Barn North of Cawthorn Farm, Stocking Drove – *Support*

P49 21/22 Any Other Business

Wenny Road Development: Cllr Haggata said it had been brought to his attention that there were complaints that the Council did not consider the biodiversity report when deciding on the revised application for 93 homes north of Wenny Estate. He pointed out that Councillors had received the link to the application on FDC's planning portal ahead of the Town Council meeting and had been able to read all the revisions and the biodiversity report. There was the opportunity to raise the issue at the meeting. The main change as far as councillors were concerned were the highways details which were discussed and it was agreed to support the application.

Piling: Cllr Gowler said he had received two complaints about the piling machines at the Womb Farm development which were shaking houses on Doddington Road. One resident had tried calling FDC but had not received a call back. The Clerk agreed to pass on the concerns the next day. Cllr Gowler and the Clerk were also still waiting for replies to concerns about 92 High Street which had been passed to enforcement at FDC.