

**Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at 2 Park Street, Chatteris, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

**Present:** Cllrs A Gowler (Vice Chairman), V Joyce and M Siggee. Cllr J Carney joined via Zoom.

**P30 23/24 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs L Ashley and S Unwin sent apologies for absence due to illness. Cllr Ashley submitted her comments on applications a) to g).

**P31 23/24 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans**

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council.

The following had all been granted planning permission:

- Outline application for the erection of 4 dwellings at land north of 2-8 Gibside Avenue;
- Outline application for the erection of up to 6 dwellings and formation of 2 accesses at land south east of Highfield Lodge, Doddington Road (Town Council recommended refusal);
- Outline application for erection of a dwelling at land north-west of 19 Blackmill Road;
- Erection of single-storey rear extension to 3 Farriers Gate;
- Erection of a single-storey rear extension to 4 Halsbury Court;
- Erection of a first-floor rear extension to 21B West Street;
- Variation of conditions relating to materials and design for erection of 9 dwellings at land east of 133 High Street;
- Works to 14 Lime trees and 1 Pine tree within a conservation area at 40 Railway Lane.

**P32 23/24 Applications & Revised Applications**

- a) F/YR23/0871/F - Erect a dwelling (2-storey,3-bed) with garage and associated works at land west of 1 King Edwards Road – *Support, the area has been an eye sore for many years.*
- b) F/YR23/0923/TREEEX - 5 Day Notice – Fell 3 Lime trees covered by TPO 01/2001 at 14 Boadicea Court - *Support*
- c) F/YR23/0924/TRTPO - Works to 3 Lime trees covered by TPO 01/2001 at 14 Boadicea Court - *Support*
- d) F/YR23/0940/F - Erect 70 dwellings (29 x 2-bed 2-storey, 29 x 3-bed 2-storey, 6 x 4-bed 2-storey and 6 x 2-bed single-storey) at land west and south of 74 West Street – *Agreed to defer final decision to full council meeting but the following comments were made: Support in principle the development of the site but members are concerned about the density and have highways concerns, particularly about the state of the access road (West Street). Request*

*screening behind all the existing bungalows and Cllr Ashley suggested requesting that Chatteris residents get first refusal on the new homes, especially the rental properties.* Councillors were concerned such a high density development would lead to anti-social behaviour problems. They were also concerned that two-storey properties were planned behind existing single-storey properties and they felt West Street needed to be upgraded and were worried about the impact on the junction of West Street with Huntingdon Road (which was already a problem area). They queried the border between the attenuation ponds and the Old Railway Line footpath and noted that the NHS had requested funding towards the expansion of services at the George Clare Surgery.

e) F/YR23/0941/TRTPO - Fell 1 Ash tree covered by TPO 04/2001 at 5 Belmont Gardens - *Support*

f) F/YR23/0948/F - Erect a detached annexe block (2-storey, 10-bed), involving demolition of existing outbuilding, and alterations to external staircase and door and windows arrangement at ground floor level at rear of Bramley House Hotel, High Street – *Support (Cllrs Joyce and Siggee declared an interest).*

g) F/YR23/0953/F - Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling and a single-storey rear extension to existing garage at 84 Bridge Street – *Support*

### **P33 23/24 Mural at 14a St Martin's Road**

The Clerk updated members on the complaint about the mural at 14a St Martin's Road. Members had a copy of some of the correspondence between the complainant and the FDC Development Manager, Mr David Rowen, and an email sent by the complainant to Cllr Carney.

The complainant had taken up a point made by Cllr Carney, namely that when the extension to 14a St Martin's Road - the site of the mural - was approved the owners had to submit particulars for the materials to be used for the external walls for approval.

In reply Mr Rowen explained that once the development was completed the condition was fulfilled and there were no further requirements or on-going controls. He stood by his previous ruling that the mural was permitted development and he referred the complainant to the Council's 3Cs complaints procedure if they were dissatisfied.

Cllr Carney confirmed he would have no further part in proceedings.