

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at 2 Park Street, Chatteris, on Tuesday 30th July 2024.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), A Gowler, A Hay, V Joyce and M Siggee. Cllr J Carney joined by Zoom.

P10 24/25 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

P11 24/25 Appeals, Decisions, Withdrawn Plans

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

Change of use of existing retail/dwelling to 4 x flats at 76 High Street;

Erection of a self/custom build dwelling at land west of 130 London Road;

Change of use of premises to mixed use – part residential (2-storey, 3-bed), part commercial – at 4-6 Market Hill;

Variation of conditions to planning permission for the erection of a dwelling at land west of 130 London Road;

Works to 1 tree of Heaven within a conservation area at Narborough House, 20 Park Street;

Re-build section of external curtilage, listed boundary wall at 105 High Street.

P12 24/25 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR24/0556/F - Replacement of 3 existing antennas and relocation of 2 antennas to a maximum height of 21.5m and associated ancillary works within existing cabinets at Chatteris Water Tower, Eastwood - *Support*

b) F/YR24/0562/F - Erect 14 dwellings (2-storey, 4 x 2-bed, 10 x 3-bed) with associated garages and parking and formation of a new access involving demolition of existing dwelling and storage building at 2 Doddington Road – *Overdevelopment of site. Council would support 10 dwellings. Concerned that conditions of previous approved application stipulated trees should be protected and those trees have been removed. If the application is approved the trees should be re-instated. Another survey to test soil for contamination should be required. If application is granted request Section 106 contribution of £2,000 per dwelling for facilities in Chatteris.*

c) F/YR24/0561/F - Erect an agricultural storage building and formation of a hardstanding area (retrospective) at land north Of Kings Farm Cottage, Langwood Fen Drove - *Noted*

d) F/YR24/0085/O - Revised application to erect up to 5 dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) with highway improvements at land south of 19 Blackmill Road – *Recommend Refusal, access problems have not been sorted. Access is still inadequate. The drove is a public right of way which is just 3.2m at its widest point and the*

passing places suggested are believed to be in private ownership. The by-way is well used by walkers, cyclists and horses, more traffic will create an additional hazard for those users. This is piecemeal development and represents over development in the countryside. There are also potential flooding issues.

e) F/YR24/0595/TRCA- Works to 2 Lime trees, 1 Oak tree (English), 1 Hazel tree and 1 Maple tree (Norway) within a conservation area at 15 New Road – *No objections in principle to works but will be guided by tree officer.*

f) F/YR23/0697/FDL - Revised application for the erection of 152 dwellings (41 x 2-storey, 2-bed, 78 x 2-storey, 3-bed, 27 x 2-storey 4-bed and 6 x 2-storey 5-bed) and garages, with associated parking, landscaping, and the formation of 2 x attenuation basins and 2 x new accesses at land south of The Elms – *Not in agreement with access on to the A142. The A142 has a poor safety record and there are already major issues at the existing two accesses on to the road from New Road and Wenny Road, due to the speed of traffic. The A142 is acknowledged as a red, high casualty route and another access on to it would set a dangerous precedent. The roads, paths and cycleways should be linked to the approved planning application for the land off Wenny Road so access is from Wenny Road. There are also concerns that one of the footpath links from the site appears to be into a car park at The Elms. The spinney along the recreation ground is marked on the map, this must be preserved as it contains a public footpath. If the development does go ahead land levels need to be checked before the work begins to ensure existing properties in The Elms do not suffer more flooding issues. If the development is approved request Section 106 contribution of £2,000 per dwelling for facilities in Chatteris.*

P13 24/25 Any Other Business

Disabled Persons Parking Bay: The County Council had received an application to install a disabled persons parking bay for a resident in West Street and the Town Council's views were sought. The proposal was to install the bay next to an existing disabled parking bay outside 20/22 West Street. Members queried if another bay was needed as local knowledge suggested the existing bay was no longer required. Cllr Hay offered to take up the matter with the County Council.

Shuttle Bus Trial: The Clerk had been copied in to correspondence between Cllr Carney and the transport co-ordinator at FACT, Mr Mark Oakerbee. It had been agreed to run a trial bus between Chatteris and Manea railway station beginning on Saturday 10th August. There would be a £1 charge for the service which would leave Chatteris (East Park Street) at 08.45 to coincide with the train to Peterborough at 09.11. It would then return to Chatteris and pick up people for the journey to Cambridge. The bus would return from Cambridge at 17.00, drop off in Chatteris and continue to Manea to pick up people returning from Peterborough at 18.17. The costs of the journeys would come from the Tesco's pot of money and would be £65 for the outgoing journey and £78.00 for the return. Cllr Carney said he had been advertising the service on social media and it had created a lot of interest. The only thing to

be decided would be whether it would be necessary to book the journey in advance. It was agreed to monitor the service.