

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at 2 Park Street, Chatteris, on Tuesday 28th May 2024.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley, A Gowler, M Siggee and S Unwin.

P1 24/25 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Carney, A Hay and V Joyce had sent their apologies. Cllr Carney had submitted his comments on the planning applications.

P2 24/25 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Group

Cllr Gowler proposed Cllr Ashley as Chairman of the group, seconded by Cllr Siggee and agreed by all.

Cllr Gowler proposed Cllr Siggee as Vice-Chairman of the group, seconded by Cllr Ashley and agreed by all.

P3 24/25 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

Notification had been received that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against FDC's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of 5 dwellings (1 x 2-storey 5-bed, 1 x 2-storey 4-bed and 3 x 1-storey 3-bed) at land south west of 16 London Road. The Town Council recommended refusal.

The following had all been granted planning permission by Fenland District Council:

Erect 31 dwellings at land south of Caravan Site, Fenland Way;

Erect a single-storey extension to side of existing building and change of use of football changing rooms to events room at The Sportsman, Fairway;

Permission in principle to erect up to 4 dwellings at land north east of The Grange, London Road;

Erect a dwelling (2-storey, 4-bed) at land west of 1 King Edward's Road;

Erect a single-storey outbuilding at 30 The Hawthorns;

Works to 10 x Elm and Ash trees covered by a TPO at land south of The Elms;

Works to 1 Yew tree within a conservation area at The Zion Building, Park Street.

P4 24/25 Applications & Revised Applications

a) F/YR24/0402/VOC - Variation of condition 06 (materials) and 10 (approved plans) of planning application F/YT21/1288/F Plot 3 Only (erect 3 dwellings) to enable changes to brick type and design changes to chimney, front gable height and brick detailing at land west of 130 London Road - *Support*

b) F/YR24/0423/PLANOB - Modification of Planning Obligation attached to planning permission F/YR19/0834/O (entered into on 15/10/2020) relating to affordable housing at land at Womb Farm, Doddington Road – *Noted. Members are most concerned that in the planning obligations there is no mention of the extension of the pathway along the A141 Fenland Way which was agreed as a planning gain. Since this development is well underway the infrastructure for the footpath should have gone in and members are concerned that it will be forgotten.*

c) F/YR24/0421/VOC - Variation of condition 7 (list of approved drawings) of planning approval F/YR23/0660/RM (Reserved matters application relating to detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Plot 1 only) pursuant to planning permission F/YR22/1018/VOC to erect 1 x dwelling (3-storey, 7-bed) at land north west of 24 Willey Terrace - *Support*

d) F/YR23/0940/F - Revised application for the erection of 70 x 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 – *Support in principle development of the site but members are concerned about the density and do not agree to 70 dwellings. They are concerned about the impact on surrounding roads, in particular West Street and the junction of West Street and Huntingdon Road, and the greater loss of green space and biodiversity. Members are also concerned about the drainage arrangements.*

P5 24/25 Any Other Business

Planning Webinar: The Clerk informed members about a series of planning webinars which were being organised by CAPALC and held during June.

Old Auction Yard: Cllr Unwin reported that a volunteer with In Bloom had been busy clearing the green space at the Old Auction Yard, which belonged to the Crown Estates. Whilst clearing the vegetation they had noticed that an overgrown tree had two broken branches which were in danger of falling on a passerby. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Gowler should approach Fenland District Council and ask for help as the tree represented a danger to pedestrians. Cllr Unwin also asked if a memorial bench, to match the existing street furniture, could be installed on the land.