

## **Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at the Council Chambers, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), A Gowler, A Hay, V Joyce and S Unwin

### **P22 24/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs J Carney and M Siggee. Cllr Carney submitted his comments on applications a) to c).

### **P23 24/25 Appeals, Decisions, Withdrawn Plans**

Notification had been received that the appeal against FDC's failure to determine a planning application within a prescribed period had been allowed and planning permission granted for the erection of 9 dwellings at 14-16 Wenny Road.

The Clerk updated members on the latest planning decisions from Fenland District Council. The application for the erection of 14 dwellings at 2 Doddington Road had been refused and the following had all been granted permission:

Single storey rear extension to 46 Gull Way.

Alterations to single-storey rear roof at 31 Wenny Estate.

Works to a Fir tree and a Hawthorn tree at 22 East Park Street.

Works to 4 Lime trees, 4 Prunus trees and 1 Ash tree at the King Edward Centre.

Works to a Yew tree at 2 South Park Street.

Formation of a manege at land north west of Highfield Lodge, Doddington Road.

It had also been decided permission was not required to replace existing hardstanding with concrete at Night Layers Farm, Fenton Way.

### **P24 24/25 Applications and Revised Applications**

a) F/YR24/0918/F - Erect a single-storey extension to side of existing dwelling involving demolition of existing rear extension at 203 New Road - *Support*

b) F/YR24/0927/F - Installation of air conditioning unit on rear flat roof of existing building at 8 Market Hill - *Support*

c) F/YR24/0939/F - Erect single storey, rear extension to existing dwelling at 16 The Grove - *Support*

### **P25 24/25 To Consider Capitially Funded Highway Maintenance Scheme Requirements**

The Council had been asked to identify any Capitially Funded Highway Maintenance Schemes which were necessary in Chatteris for consideration by Cambridgeshire County

Council. Schemes considered would be major resurfacing or reconstruction of roads or footpaths, installation of drainage systems for roads and major maintenance of Public Rights of Way.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Carney had already submitted an application for the continuation of the footpath along the A142 Fenland Way from the new training centre to the existing footpath outside Stainless Metalcraft. Members agreed to support that application.

They also agreed that the following roads all needed major re-surfacing works:

Wenny Road

Station Street

New Road (also in need of new drainage)

West Street

High Street mini roundabout and approach roads

The Clerk also reported that she and Cllr Selman had toured the town the previous day to identify problem roads and to look at the state of signposts. A long list of faults had been drawn up, which would be passed to Highways. In many cases the signs were obscured by vegetation, were dirty and often had letters and numbers missing. Of particular concern was two main green directional signs which were missing. The sign as motorists approached Chatteris from March, along the A142, was laying face down on the verge and the sign as motorists approached the Huntingdon Road roundabout from Huntingdon (the A141) was missing altogether.

## **P26 24/25 Byway Width Consultation**

Notification had been received that Cambridgeshire County Council had made an Order to record the legal width of Chatteris Public Byway No. 22 and the Town Council was being consulted and asked if it had any objections to the order.

A map showed the byway ran from the end of West Street to Little Acre Fen Drove and its width varied between 6 and 17.4 metres. Members had no objections to the Order.

## **P27 24/25 Any Other Business**

Street Names: The developers of the new estate off Fairbairn Way had asked the Mayor for ideas about possible street names. Members suggested the names could have a Royal connection and incorporate such words as Coronation, Regent or Queen.

Webinar: The Clerk informed members that planning training webinars were now available on demand from CAPALC.

Complaint: The Stocking Drove resident who was complaining about the development of Wildflower Barn, Stocking Drove into an 8-bedroom business venture, had sent the Council a copy of the Stage 2 complaint he had made to Fenland District Council, who had granted permission for the development.

Mural: The Clerk was seeking permission from FDC for the design of the boxers' mural planned for the East Park Street bus shelter. An officer had asked how the mural would be fixed to the bus shelter and Cllr Unwin said it would be painted directly on the wall.

Paint: As part of the scheme to put a defibrillator in the old telephone kiosk, the Clerk had been offered paint to re-decorate kiosk but it would have to be picked up from Huntingdon or Peterborough. The Clerk asked Cllr Joyce if the paint was needed and he confirmed it was.

Persimmon Homes: Cllr Ashley reported that Persimmon Homes were having problems on their site in Chatteris with thefts and security guards being threatened. The police had allegedly not been keen to take action against the alleged perpetrators. Cllr Unwin said it was a similar situation with thefts from the garage where she worked. Cllr Gowler suggested the owners should complain to the Police and Crime Commissioner and it was agreed to invite Sgt Chris Arnold to a Council meeting.