

Notes of a meeting of Chatteris Town Council's Planning Working Group held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Present: Cllrs L Ashley (Chairman), A Charrier, A Gowler, A Hay, V Joyce, M Siggee and S Unwin.

P21 23/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Carney sent an apology for absence but submitted his comments on the planning applications.

P22 23/24 Appeals, Decisions and Withdrawn Plans

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

The following were all granted permission:

Erection of fibre exchange telecommunications exchange including meter cabinet, generator, cabin and fence and gates.

Erection of a dwelling at land south of 16 Church Lane.

Fell a Lime tree within a conservation area at 2c New Road.

Fell 1 Purple Plum, 1 Red Robin and 1 Conifer plus small shrubs within a conservation area at The Old Forge, 25c Station Street.

Fell a Yew tree within a conservation area at 17 Church Lane.

Conduct works to group of Prunus within a conservation area at The Old Forge, 25 Station Street.

Works to a Lime tree covered by a TPO at 3 Belmont Gardens.

Erect a dividing boundary fence at 5 George Way.

Works to a Wild Cherry, 2 Crab Apple, 1 Rowan and 1 Common Holly trees within a conservation area at Sheltered Housing Accommodation, Lyons Court.

Works to an Ash Tree within a Conservation Area at land north east of 85-87 High Street.

Variation of Condition 32 of planning permission for land south east of Chatteris, off London Road.

Erect a 2-storey, detached garage/storage building with office/gym above at Braeburn House, 12 London Road.

Variation of conditions 10 and 13 of planning permission F/YR20/0722/F (erection of workshops and offices) at Aerotron Composites Ltd, Fenton Way.

Permission to fell 8 Sycamore and works to 1 Ash, 1 Elm and 4 Sycamore trees covered by a TPO at The Vicarage, Church Lane was refused.

No formal consent was required to fell a Walnut tree covered by a TPO at Walnut House, 9 Belmont Gardens.

P23 23/24 Applications and Revised Applications

- a) F/YR23/0730/O - Erect up to 6 dwellings and the formation of 2 x accesses (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) at land south of Highfield Lodge, Doddington Road – *Recommend Refusal. Land outside the building line/boundary of Chatteris. Concerns about access on a bend on a busy road; number of access points may have been reduced to two but number of vehicles generated by houses has not reduced. Not in new 30mph speed limit area.*
- b) F/YR23/0746/TRCA - Works to 1 Yew tree within a Conservation Area at 17A East Park Street - *Support*
- c) F/YR23/0747/TRTPO - Works to 1 Ash, 1 Elm and 4 Sycamore trees covered by TPO 1/1967 at The Vicarage, Church Lane – *Already granted planning permission by FDC.*
- d) F/YR23/0750/TRCA - Works to 1 Prunus, 1 Holly and 1 Cherry tree within a Conservation Area at 34 Station Street - *Support*
- e) F/YR23/0758/O - Erect 1 dwelling (outline application with matters committed in respect of access) involving demolition of existing dwelling at land north-west of 19 Blackmill Road – *Reluctantly Support. Please note Highways concerns which are supported by the Town Council. The drove must be improved and maintained, it must be kept open at all times (as it is a public right of way) and no building materials should be stored on drove. The site should be regularly monitored. (Cllr Joyce abstained from the vote).*
- f) F/YR23/0762/F - Erect 4 buildings (B8 use) and associated works and the formation of 1 balancing pond at land north of Fenton Way Business Park, Fenton Way – *Support, welcome economic development. Request Section 106 funding towards upgrading Slade End roundabout.*
- g) F/YR23/0765/F - Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 4 Halsbury Court – *Support*
- h) F/YR23/0770/F - Erect a first-floor rear extension to existing dwelling at 21B West Street - *Support*
- i) F/YR23/0779/VOC - Variation of conditions 15 (materials) and 18 (list of approved drawings) relating to planning permission F/YR20/0365/F (Erect 9 x 2-storey dwellings comprising 7 x 3-bed and 2 x 2-bed with garages and erect detached garage and 2.4 (approx.) metre high wall to serve 133 High Street) at land east of 133 High Street – *Support*

P24 23/24 Street Naming Update

The developer had continued to argue against the Town Council's decision that the new development at land east of 133 High Street (off Black Horse Lane) should be numbered into Black Horse Lane.

He had requested the matter be discussed again as he claimed it was discrimination. He was not keen to accept that it would not be taken back to Council. The Clerk had sent extracts of the minutes of the Planning Working Group meeting and the full council meeting when the unanimous decisions were taken plus a copy of the relevant Standing Order which stated that no decision could be overturned for six months unless 6 councillors demanded the matter was discussed again.

The developer had queried why two other developments in the town were named after residents. The Clerk had explained that Fillenham's Way was named after a drain and there was justification for Barrett Close as the first female Chairman of the Urban District Council was Mrs Florence Barrett, who had worked hard for the town and had died many years ago. The Clerk had also explained that the Town Council had followed FDC's street naming guidance.

P25 23/24 Any Other Business

Bridge Street Crossing: Cllr Hay had been approached by a Highways project manager from the County Council asking for guidance on the plans for a new zebra crossing in Bridge Street. The original plan had been to site the crossing between the junctions with Dock Road and Pound Lane. However, investigations revealed this would be above a concrete culvert and the cost of installing belisha beacons and the ducting for electrical connections under the road would be prohibitively costly. An alternative location had been suggested just north of Beaufort Drive. Members agreed the alternative location was acceptable.

CCTV Control Room Visit: The Clerk alerted members to the fact that she had forwarded an email from the CCTV manager Mr Aarron Locks inviting members to attend one of three opportunities to visit the new CCTV control room in Peterborough. All three dates were in October and members discussed lift sharing.