

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 16th June 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)

Councillors D.J. Axford
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle
J. Ruhrmund

7. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors J. Beamish, F. Granger, R.A. Mann, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

8. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 17th March, 14th April and 18th May 2005, having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED: that they be signed as true and correct records.

9. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum - Minutes of Meeting - 9th May 2005

PAROW had sent a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the 9th May for information and the Town Clerk also referred to a letter from the Ramblers' Association which expressed concern with regard to the County Council's strategy on the classification of paths according to their location and usage as either gold, silver or bronze.

The concern of the Ramblers' Association was that:-

- (i) Good paths would be made better;
- (ii) Infrequently used paths could become unusable;
- (iii) Other paths could disappear completely.

The Association was also concerned as to what would happen after the three year improvement programme and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk should write to the County Council seeking a response to the points raised by the Ramblers' Association.

(b) Access to Open Country - Coastal Parishes

DEFRA had written regarding the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to advise that since its introduction, 3,200 square miles (800,000 hectares) had been opened up to the public for access.

The communication also enclosed a map of registered common land and open country as it related to the Penwith area and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt of the information be noted.

(c) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Road Closures

The County Council had written to advise of the following road closures:-

(i) Parade Street and Queen Square - 20th June for 2 days for electricity cabling work;

(ii) New Street - 14th June to the 20th June for water connection works and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be received.

(d) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Speed Restriction Signs at Heamoor

The Town Clerk reminded members that the Council had supported the request of a local resident for increased/improved 30 mph signs between Hea Corner and the Sportsmans Arms Public House, but the County Council had written to say that repeater signs are not permitted under the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 and that it was, therefore, not possible to comply with the request and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Cornwall Waste Development - Report of Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisals

It was

RESOLVED: that these documents should pass through to the next Planning Meeting to allow comment and to be formally received.

(f) Correspondence from Penwith District Council re. Penzance Leisure Centre

The District Council had written to advise that it was now seeking to improve the access to the new Leisure Centre site which would require the removal of two large mature trees.

The Council had been reluctant to take this action, but improved access to the site could not be achieved without it and the letter went on to remind members that 300 trees had been recently planted on the site and that a landscaping scheme would be carried out

within the next two months and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(g) Consultation re. Roundabout at Bus Gate Entrance to Alverton

The Town Council had not been formally consulted on this issue, but the report to the District Council was to hand and it was

RESOLVED: not to object to the proposal which it was hoped would make a more pronounced statement to drivers with the natural flow of traffic running from Alverton Street and being directed up Penalverne Drive.

The point would be made with regard to the reversibility of this proposal if there were any future changes to the Market Jew Street one-way system and, in writing to the County Council, it was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Clerk should raise the issue of the yellow lines which had been painted on kerbstones in Market Jew Street.

(h) Correspondence from Penwith District Council re. Weed Control

Following the reinstatement of some funding by Cornwall County Council, the District Council had now decided that it would continue to carry out work as agent of the County Council in certain areas of Penzance, St. Ives, Mousehole and Paul and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(i) A30 Support Group re. Stretch of Highway Between Hayle and Marazion

The Town Clerk advised that this new group had been formed and its first meeting had been held on the 6th June 2005 which had, unfortunately, clashed with the full Town Council Meeting.

The group's aims related to improved safety and the free flow of traffic, and the group had felt that it would be beneficial to have a representative from the Town Council involved, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk establish the date of the next meeting.

10. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

There were no items to report.

11. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 8 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Committee, 4 of which related to highway signage in the town centre, and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

12. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 33 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the planning register.

In respect of application number 633/05, Penare Homes Limited, Kesbit Stidd, Bude - construction of 37 residential units (30 per cent of which to be affordable) associated access and landscape parking works at Jennings Street, Penzance, it was

RECOMMENDED: that the application should be objected to on the grounds of the roof line and its visual impact.

9.15 pm

Chairman
1st September 2005