

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)

Councillors F. Granger  
K.L.W. Perry  
P.C.H. Rendle  
J. Ruhrmund

19. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors D.J. Axford, S. Freeman and R.A. Mann.

20. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005, having been circulated, it was

**RESOLVED:** that they be signed as a true and correct record.

21. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Lannoweth Road Block Paving

As had been reported in the press, removal of the paving blocks had been deferred following treatment by the County Council, which had improved skid resistance.

It appeared that this process has been successful and would be applied to the whole pavement area but if it failed, the County Council had agreed to source an alternative supply of patterned clay paviors and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(b) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum

The Town Clerk advised that the minutes of the meetings held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005 had been received and were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

- (c) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - Access to Open Country

The Town Clerk reminded members that the above Act came into force on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and maps were held by the Town Council showing a number of areas which were now open to the public.

A series of “promotional walks” had been arranged to encourage responsible walking and care of the new areas and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

- (d) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Road Closures

(i) Ross Bridge - 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005 for replacement of steel nosings to both ends of the bridge;

(ii) Quillet Trye Valley, Newmill - 5<sup>th</sup> September for 5 days for ducting works

and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt of the communications from the County Council be noted.

- (e) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Proposed Disabled Persons Street Parking Place at St. Mary’s Street, Penzance

It was

**RESOLVED:** not to object to this proposal as long as the parking place was required by the resident concerned.

- (f) Residents’ Parking - Penzance Area

Following representation by the local county councillor, Mousehole, Paul and Sheffield had now been included in the consultation process.

In response to the “one size fits all” approach, the reply from the County Council advised that the scheme reflects approved county policy and although times can be adjusted, the basic operation of the scheme cannot and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

- (g) Yellow Lines - Colour Used

Representation had been made to the County Council with regard to the colour used to repaint yellow lines in certain parts of the town and it had been acknowledged that the colour had been incorrect.

However, the situation could not be reversed but it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Town Clerk write to the County Council to suggest that the narrow width lines be used throughout the town, not just the Conservation Area, when remarking takes place.

It was felt that it was not beyond the capability of designers to provide a machine which could print both yellow and road surface colouring and this suggestion would be included in the representation to the County Council.

(h) Meeting of A30 Support Group, Hayle - Penzance - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Councillor Granger advised that he had represented the Town Council on this group which was looking at the particular problems of the highway from the end of the dual-carriageway at Newtown roundabout through to Hayle.

Councillor Granger advised that his personal view had been to investigate the construction of a carriageway running parallel to the railway line and he had made it clear that this was not the view of Penzance Town Council but merely a suggestion on his part.

There was to be a further meeting in the near future and Councillor Granger would keep the Council advised of the detail of discussions taking place and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(i) Penzance Streetscape Guide - Penwith District Council

The Town Clerk reminded members that he had written to enquire with regard to the status of the above document and the Conservation Officer had responded to say that the guide would be adopted as a supporting document in the Penzance Conservation Area Management Plan.

The programme for adoption of this plan will be copied to members in due course and it does allow for further input from stakeholders on a number of issues, with a target date for adoption set for March 2006 and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(j) Historic Buildings Conservation and Design Publications - Penwith District Council

The District Council had written to confirm that the following documents had now been produced and adopted which related to Listed Buildings, the Conservation Area and the Shop Front Guide and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

(k) Copy Correspondence from Penzance Civic Society:-

(i) Penzance School of Art

The Civic Society had written to the Department for Culture to request that the School of Art be included in buildings of special architectural or historic interest and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Town Council should support this request.

(ii) Proposed Flats - Chapel Yard - Application 05/P/0528

The Civic Society had sent a copy letter to show that they were not objecting to this proposal save for the white render on the north elevation wall and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(iii) Appeal - Site at 5 South Parade, Penzance

The Civic Society were supporting the enforcement notice served by the District Council regarding the removal of traditional timber sliding sash windows to the semi-basement which had been replaced by a timber window and opening at semi-basement level on the front elevation of the property and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(l) Matters from Delegated Planning Meetings

Matters which had been mentioned at delegated meetings included the visit of Andy England to a Planning Committee meeting which the Town Clerk would again pursue, the request that applicants should be encouraged to enclose photographs and improve narrative in applications and that the position of trees should be included in all drawings.

The information with regard to the 75 properties which would be included in the Townscape Heritage Initiative was not yet available but it was noted that if properties on the list were unable to proceed, other properties would be invited to participate and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(m) Cornwall Local Access Forum - Annual Report 2004-2005

A copy of the above report had been sent for information and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

(n) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meetings - 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Copies of the above had been sent for information and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

(o) Penzance Traffic Management Scheme

Following on from an enquiry to the police, Inspector Barry Tripp had written with regard to enforcement of the new traffic scheme in Penzance town centre, to explain the policing policy at the present time and the policy for the future once permanent signage had been introduced and the letter had been copied to all members for information and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

22. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

Details of site viewing panel meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, the 25<sup>th</sup> July and the 22<sup>nd</sup> August were reported to members for information and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

23. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 26 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Committee, although a number of them had incorporated conditions which reflected the Council's comments.

There were also 3 notices of appeal and one appeal decision and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

24. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 24 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application number P/E/1/B/4/SJD (CCC) (Executive, Children, Young People and Families Portfolio) - proposed lower hard games court perimeter fencing at Pensans C.P. School, Madron Road, Heamoor, Councillor C.A. Dennis declared a personal interest in this matter.

8.50 pm

Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> October 2005