

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 14th September 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)

Councillors D.J. Axford
P.C.H. Rendle
J. Ruhmund

25. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors S. Freeman, F. Granger, R.A. Mann, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

26. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) **Reinstatement of Boundary Wall - Trannack Allotments**

The Town Clerk advised that he would be reporting to the Finance Committee with regard to work required on the above wall.

The owner of the neighbouring property had agreed to a reduction in the height of the wall to just over six foot which would enable the wall to be taken down to four foot and rebuilt to the above height. The cost would be met from the Buildings Maintenance budget brought forward from the previous year and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(b) **The "Big Recycle" Competition**

The Town Clerk advised that Penwith District Council had written to say that in respect of the above competition, the Ludgvan/Gulval area had won a prize in respect of the quantity recycled by the community, £500.00 of which could be used for an environmental initiative such as a play-site or garden, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted and that the Town Clerk should liaise with Gulval Community Association and the school with regard to the use of the prize money.

(c) **Traffic - Causewayhead**

The Town Clerk advised of receipt of a copy letter from a local resident relating to an incident in Causewayhead where a local taxi had come into contact with a child, although there had been no real injury.

The incident had taken place during the day and the resident had understood that the street was closed to vehicles except for the purposes of unloading between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm.

The resident felt that there was little action that could be taken on the part of the police but she did wish to have the incident recorded in case it formed part of a larger picture of abuse of the traffic restrictions in Causewayhead. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk establish through the Traders Association or the District Council who held responsibility for the locking of the gate at the top of Causewayhead and who exactly held keys.

(d) Parking Issues

Councillor Dennis advised that she had asked for this item to be replaced on the agenda, particularly in relation to the policy of the District Council when considering planning applications and the issue of parking attached to developments.

Councillor Dennis went on to advise that whereas in the past the guidance to Local Planning Authorities had been that they should not take account of parking issues, a recent communication had indicated that it was now a matter of discretion and a copy of the letter would be provided to enable the Town Clerk to take the matter up with the Local Planning Authority and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Complaint re. Weed Treatment Work

As members were aware, the budget for the above work had come under considerable pressure in the current financial year and, as a result, a number of service lanes in and around the town were looking very untidy by way of weed growth which, in itself, was attracting further rubbish and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to the County Council to establish whether the service could be returned to its original funding level.

(f) Penzance Promenade - Review of Cycling Facilities

The Town Clerk advised of a letter which had been received from Cornwall County Council following complaints to the Local Ombudsman who had directed that an independent study should be carried out in respect of the shared cycleway facility.

HALCROW Group had been commissioned to carry out the survey and their recommendations were about to be implemented which directed that the cycle route was to be transferred to the main carriageway and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(g) Matters Arising from Delegated Planning Meetings

(i) Travellers Site - Land Adjacent to Alexandra Gardens

A small number of travellers who had congregated on this site had now been removed and

it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Road Closure

The County Council had written to advise of a road closure at Chysauster Road to Bosulval, Newmill from the 26th to the 30th September for the purpose of overhead cable renewal works and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

27. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its finances to the 30th June 2005 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the month of June 2005 and it was

RESOLVED: to approve such payments (see Appendix "A" for both financial position and payments made).

28. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The District Council had written to give notice of a site meeting to be held on the 19th September in respect of application number 04/P/1701/F - Disused Commercial Garage, Chancery Lane, Penzance, construction of four terraced houses with parking - and the Chairman would represent the Council at this meeting and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

29. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 5 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Committee and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

30. **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 1026/05 and 111/H/05 - The Union and Western Hotel Limited, Union Hotel, Chapel Street, Penzance - change of use and conversion and extension of storage buildings to self-contained units, rear of Union Hotel. It was agreed that this should be considered by full Council with a recommendation for a site visit.

In respect of application number 007/K/05 - Mr. J. Knights, Penrose Heights, Briton's Hill, Penzance - demolition of lean-to and boundary wall and application 1074/05 in respect of change of use of store to studio flat and construction of 8 studio flats (9 units in total) at The Store (Furniture Salesroom), High Street, Penzance - it was agreed that this matter should be considered by full Council with a recommendation for approval.

8.40 pm

Chairman
6th October 2005