

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 2nd November 2005 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors D.J. Axford (elected to chair the meeting)
F. Granger
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle
J. Ruhmund
T.E. Williams

37. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors C.A. Dennis, R.A. Mann and C.A.C. White.

38. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

- (a) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Highway Structures, Assessment and Strengthening Programme: Consultation

The County Council had written to advise of a programme of structures assessment following the increase in allowable vehicle loadings in 1999.

Over 500 structures had been identified and dealt with throughout the County and a further 72 had been identified and the County Council was now consulting with appropriate groups with regard to the action to be taken.

In respect of the Penzance Parish area, the two locations were at Cherry Garden, Mousehole - retaining wall and the quay slipway at Penzance - again, retaining wall.

The options were to either strengthen or weight restrict and, in both cases, it was

RECOMMENDED: that the strengthening option be adopted, subject to full plans of the proposals in respect of the quay slipway at Penzance, given its historical value.

- (b) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Proposed Disabled Persons Street Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions at Thornberry Terrace, Penzance

In respect of this application, it was

RESOLVED: to support the proposed parking place as long as it was required by the resident concerned.

- (c) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum

The latest meeting of the Forum had taken place on the 17th October and the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2005 had been sent for information and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

The Town Clerk referred to a meeting with Mr. Toby Lowe, the Cornwall County Council's Footpath Ranger, and Vaughan Glover, the Town Council's Footpath Maintenance Officer, on the 20th October to examine work which would commence through Cormac in January 2006 in relation to the "gold" classification paths in the parish.

The Town Clerk was pleased to report that Mr. Lowe had informed of a number of paths previously graded "silver" which had been upgraded to "gold" and, as a result, would receive improvement works to items such as signage, stiles, the surface and general clearance. Members were pleased to note this news which would lead to the bringing forward of proposals to create circular walks in the parish, with supporting literature, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

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

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

- (i) B3315 - Newlyn to Sparnon Road at "Oakhill", Trewoofe from 31st October for 6 weeks for bridge strengthening works;
- (ii) Boslandew Hill, Paul - 23rd October for 3 days for water rehabilitation works;
- (iii) Footpath 96 (Old A30 off Mount Misery) - 14th November 2005 for 5 weeks for water rehabilitation works

and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Market Jew Street - Site Meeting 26th October 2005

Because of the absence of a number of other members of the Market Jew Street group, Councillor Dennis advised that the meeting had been postponed until a future date could be arranged and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted and it was also noted that there were no serious issues in relation to the works taking place at the current time.

(f) The "Big Recycle" Competition

The Town Clerk advised that, as reported previously, the council had been awarded a prize but the £500.00 was to be split between Ludgvan and Penzance, in particular the Gulval ward of Penzance in relation to targets reached in respect of recycling, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk should approach the Residents' Association at Gulval with regard to the use of this money for a community project, eg. safer walk to school and amenity area.

(g) Projects or Ideas with Financial Implications 2006/07

No projects were brought forward under this heading and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Penwith Local Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement - Draft for Consultation

The Town Clerk advised that one or two members had indicated that they would wish to make a contribution to the response to this document and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the matter be considered at full Town Council.

(i) South West Coast Path News

The latest edition of the above newsletter was available to any member who wished to have sight of it and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(j) Weed Treatment Works

As a result of requests from Councillor Ruhmund, Penwith District Council had responded to carry out works at a number of locations throughout Penzance, a full list of which was available from the Town Clerk and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(k) Correspondence re. The Adoption of "High Mountains", Newlyn

The Town Clerk advised of letter from a local resident requesting support for the adoption of "High Mountains" by Cornwall County Council.

The Town Clerk went on to advise that he had been to two meetings at the District Council with representatives of the County Council and Mr. Arthur Roberts, Head of Operational Services.

Money had been set aside by the District Council, with the support of the County Council, to upgrade the surface at "High Mountains" which could lead to its adoption, but it was understood that a number of members of the Environment Committee of the Newlyn Fish Industry Forum were concerned that the upgrade would consist of resurfacing using tarmacadam.

The “High Mountains” had previously been a cobbled street and the Town Clerk had suggested that it might be possible to reach a compromise position to allow for the sides of the lane to be cobbled, with the centre tarmac and possibly gravel surfaced to soften its look and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to the District Council and the County Council accordingly.

(l) Installation of New Street Lighting

Through the Local Transport Plan, the County Council had written to advise that from the allocation of monies in the current financial year, it would now be possible to provide street lighting through Treneere Coombe down through Chyandour Lane.

This area had been assessed as a priority within Penzance Parish and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the proposal be supported.

(m) Cornwall County Council Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Following approaches to the County Council, which followed on from letters received by the Town Council from ReSolve, an environmental group concerned with waste disposal issues, the County Council had written to provide its side of the argument in terms of the PFI process and the fact that it was exempt from producing a waste strategy, as claimed by ReSolve, (under Regulation 2(a) of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategies) (Disapplication of duties)(England) Regulations 2004).

This exemption also applies to the six waste collection authorities in Cornwall.

It was claimed by the County Council that DEFRA fully supports the authorities’ scheme and there was a letter to this effect from Ben Bradshaw, the Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare.

Councillor Williams advised that there was still concern, on the part of a number of members, with regard to the approach being taken to this issue by Cornwall County Council and felt that a debate was needed at Town and District level throughout the County, prior to any position being finalised, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that local County Council members be asked to provide their views in this respect to inform such debate.

(n) Penwith District Council - Papers for the Planning Meeting 1st November 2005

The above papers were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

39. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its finances to the 31st August 2005 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the months of July and August 2005 and it was

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

40. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk advised that he understood that the Chairman had represented the Council at site meetings held on the 17th October 2005 in respect of application number 05/P/0504/F, Dew House, Ponsandane Farm - construction of agricultural storage shed (Councillor Ruhrmund advised that a decision had been deferred in this matter to allow for further investigation on the part of the District Council) and in respect of application number 05/P/0728/F, 2 Hea Cottages, Heamoor - construction of rear two-storey extension with integral garage (Councillor Ruhrmund advised that this application had been approved on the 1st November) and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

41. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 2 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

42. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 37 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

9.10 pm

Chairman
24th November 2005