

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 1st March 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)

Councillors D.J. Axford
S. Bennett
F. Granger
J. Lambourn
K.L.W. Perry
P.C.H. Rendle

73. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors R.A. Mann, J. Ruhmund, C.A.C. White and T.E. Williams.

74. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

- (a) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Disabled Persons Street Parking Places and Waiting Restriction at Thornberry Terrace

The County Council had written to advise that following two periods of consultation, amendments had been made to the proposals as follows:-

(i) No Waiting to the north side of Thornberry Terrace and Penare Road will not now be implemented;

(ii) The two disabled persons parking places will be placed closer to the junction with Lescudjack Road;

(iii) The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on the corners of Lescudjack Road with Thornberry Terrace and Penare Road will be reduced in length and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (b) Submission Re. Planning Application No. 05/P/1459 - 17 Pendarves Road - Conversion of Single Unit to 5 Flats

The Town Clerk reminded members that they had already objected to this application on the grounds of over development, but there were a number of residents in Pendarves Road who had formed themselves into an Action Group and who had commissioned a report from Planning Consultants, which had been copied to all members for information and which would remain relevant in the light of other possible applications in Pendarves Road or neighbouring streets, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

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

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

- (i) Madron Hill - 6th to 15th March - highway maintenance works;
- (ii) Branwell Lane, Penzance - Sunday 5th March - MacSalvors Crane Works

and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(d) Ross Bridge Closure

Although it was unlikely that Ross Bridge would be closed again in the near future, other than for access by boats to the Dry Dock, a trader in Market Jew Street had approached the Town Clerk during the recent week's closure of Wharf Road for essential bridge repair works to say that the new illuminated sign at Eastern Green, on the approach to Penzance, had succeeded in sending virtually all traffic onto the distributor road.

Whilst this served the needs of reducing traffic congestion in the town, the trader referred to the fact that it was half-term week for a number of schools in England and he felt that trade had been lost and this could be remedied by the placing of a suitable sign below the illuminated sign to indicate that the Wharfside Car Park was accessible.

Members also referred to the diversionary signage which had been placed around the town during the Ross Bridge closure which had led to considerable confusion and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to the Highway Authority in relation to both the Wharfside Car Park access and the correct positioning of diversionary signage.

(e) West Cornwall Spring Show

The Town Clerk reminded members that through this committee, support was provided for the West Cornwall Spring Show which this year would take place on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March and it was hoped that as many members as possible would support the show and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(f) Presentation at Full Town Council re. Alverton Manor Application

A representative of Poynton Bradbury Architects had been in touch to advise that a presentation would be made at full Council in respect of the one application on this site which had been refused planning consent and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(g) Correspondence from Andrew George, MP re. Powers of Parish Councils

The Local MP had written to provide an extract from Hansard relating to an adjournment debate which had taken place in the House of Commons and relating to the powers (or rather the lack of them) of Parish and Town Councils in planning matters.

The Town Clerk would copy the extract to all members and the matter would be retabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Planning Committee and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Penwith District Council - Papers for Planning Committee Meeting - 7th March 2006

The papers for the above meeting had been sent to the Town Council for information and were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

75. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its finances to the 31st January 2006 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the month of December 2005 and January 2006 and it was

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

76. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

Councillor Perry advised that he had attended the Site Viewing Panel meeting held on Monday 20th February in respect of the applications to convert the Abbey Warehouse to offices and to construct a restaurant, bar and café.

In this respect, Councillor Perry had understood from the site visit that further negotiations would be needed with the applicant.

In respect of the applications to construct a dwelling at 2 Lidden Road and the change of use, conversion and extension of a stable and former holiday unit at Boscovean, Polmennor Road, Heamoor. Councillor Perry understood that there would probably be no objections to these proposals, although he had not been able to attend the formal afternoon section of the meeting where the recommendations would be confirmed and it was

RECOMMENDED: that Councillor Perry's verbal report be noted.

77. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 3 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

78. **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 no. 0004/J/06, Mrs. M. Bowman, Rosevale, Alexandra Place, Penzance, felling of two Sycamores, crown reduction of one Holly and one Bay tree, Councillor P.C.H. Rendle declared a personal interest.

In respect of application no. 174/06 - Mr. and Mrs. Sincock, construction of replacement dwelling - 29 Laregan Hill, Penzance, Councillor F. Granger declared a personal interest.

In respect of application no. 172/06 - Penwith College, redevelopment on land north of Jelbert Way, Eastern Green, it was

RECOMMENDED: that this matter be considered at Full Council.

In respect of application no. 173/06 - Penwith College, outline residential development at the Penwith College site, St. Clare, Penzance, it was

RECOMMENDED: that this matter be considered by Full Council, with a query being raised in respect of the loss of trees as a result of the development work.

9.05 pm

Chairman
23rd March 2006