

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 7th September 2006 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor C.A. Dennis (Chairman)
Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors F. Granger
J.S. Lambourn (joined meeting 7.10 pm)
K.L.W. Perry

19. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors S. Bennett, J. Parkin and J. Ruhmund.

20. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH JUNE AND 28TH JUNE 2006**

Having been circulated, it was

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

21. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) **Correspondence re. Application No. 06/P/0897/F**

The Town Clerk advised that Penwith District Council had been advised that the development address on this application was incorrect and the District Council had agreed to reissue the application for consultation.

Members advised that they were, in fact, aware of the correct address and their comments were made in that knowledge and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(b) **Response from Cornwall County Council re. Tesco Roundabout**

The Town Clerk advised that the Area Surveyor had acknowledged the Town Council's letter regarding lack of consultation in respect of the modifications carried out to the Tesco roundabout.

The Area Surveyor had advised that consultation would be carried out in future but went on to advise that because of the District Council's decision not to maintain the roundabout for health and safety reasons, the actions of the County Council would not have been changed.

It was understood that there was to be a survey of this busy junction and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to the Highways Authority seeking information regarding a timetable for the survey and improvement works in order that the

Town Council could have early input in relation to pedestrian issues, the possible use of part-time traffic-lights and the use of pressure-pad reactive lights rather than a strict timer mechanism which often caused unnecessary delay.

(c) Cornwall County Council - Waste Management Proposals - Series of Public Meetings and Report from Cornwall Waste Action Group

The County Council had written to advise that they would be holding a series of meetings to discuss any issues of concern associated with the County Council's long-term plans for managing waste.

The meetings would be on an individual basis and bookings were by appointment only and the Town Clerk provided members with the contact telephone number.

The meetings would take place on the 20th September in St. John's Hall between 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

The Town Clerk also advised of the report received from the Cornwall Waste Action Group which would be copied to members in due course for information and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(d) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum

The minutes of the meetings of PAROW held on the 15th June and the 14th July 2006 had been provided for information for any member wishing to have sight of them.

The Town Clerk went on to advise that the group's long serving Chairman, Mr. Graham Ronan, was standing down from this position and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Ronan expressing appreciation for the considerable work he had put into the group and his interest in the footpath network.

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

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

(i) Trye Valley to Gear Hill, Newmill - 11th September 2006 to 13th October 2006 for bridge strengthening works;

(ii) Tolver Place to Taroveor Road, Penzance - 18th September 2006 to 6th October 2006 for sewer connection works.

Members noted that the address given on the second notice was incorrect and the Town Clerk would contact the Highways Department asking them to take greater care in the preparation of public notices and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(f) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Installation of New Street Lighting - Parade Street, Penzance

The County Council had written to advise of proposals to install two new lights in Parade Street, the first of which would be opposite the Acorn and the second on the side of the Co-op building.

The County Council went on to advise that there were over 300 schemes on the waiting list and only a small handful of schemes were selected each year.

The Town Clerk went on to advise of a copy letter received from Councillor Ruhmund which indicated that she had discussed the proposals with business owners in Parade Street and, although the lighting was welcome, there were objections because of the unsympathetic nature of the lighting columns which clashed with the architecture of the street.

There was also concern over possible light pollution/nuisance which would be caused to residents in the upper floor flats of properties in Parade Street.

Councillor Ruhmund's letter suggested that the situation could be improved by the installation of a higher powered light on the wall-mounted lamp on the gallery next to the Acorn Theatre and, that the Victorian lamp fitting on Phoenix House could be restored to be in keeping with its surroundings.

The Town Clerk drew members' attention to the Environmental Project Fund held by the Planning Committee which could be used in partnership with the County Council to cover the cost of custom-made lighting for this location and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Highways Department as set out above.

With regard to the criteria used by the County Council to prioritise lighting requests, it was

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should seek a copy of this criteria.

(g) The 2007 Civic Trust Awards for Architectural Design

The Town Clerk had received information regarding the above award scheme which sought to mark developments in respect of outstanding new build, restoration projects, public art or landscape and rural design schemes.

Any scheme of work completed between the 1st January 2004 and the 30th September 2006 could be nominated, although the closing date was the 13th September 2006.

Details of the website, where nomination forms could be completed, were available from the Town Clerk and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Home Sellers Pack - Introduction Delayed

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor Dennis had requested that this matter appear on the agenda in relation to the energy rating requirement of the legislation in terms of listed properties but, in the event, the introduction of the Home Sellers Pack had now been delayed by the government for an indefinite period and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(i) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Roadside Planting Maintenance

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had followed through with the County Council on the issue of the trimming of shrubbery at the Wharfside.

The letter from the Divisional Surveyor had indicated that cutting had been left too late this year and that the pruning carried out by his staff had been over-vigorous.

The letter went on to say that discussions were now underway with local traders in the area with regard to the maintenance of the flower/shrub beds and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(j) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Penzance Residents' Parking Scheme

As members were aware from the press release, the County Council had, after consultation with the three divisional members, decided that there was insufficient support to proceed to the next stage of the process in any of the locations consulted on.

The County Councillors were aware of the continuing parking difficulties for residents in the town and had indicated that the search for an appropriate remedy would continue and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(k) Tree Preservation Order - A30 Trereife Crossroads

Although the proposals in respect of the Sita recycling site at Newlyn Coombe had now been dropped, the campaign group opposed to the work had pressed for a Tree Preservation Order on all trees in the immediate vicinity which had been made by the District Council and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(l) Delegated Planning Meeting

The Town Clerk confirmed for the record that Delegated Planning Meetings had taken place on the 13th July, 3rd August and 17th August 2006 and the comments in relation to planning applications are as contained in the Planning Register, which also includes details of expressions of interest by members, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(m) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meetings - 25th July and 22nd August 2006

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

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(n) Planning Meeting - 20th September 2006 - Bellair Proposals

The Town Clerk advised that the promoters of the above scheme had requested attendance at the next meeting to make an informal presentation to councillors in respect of the Bellair site and this would be open to all members to attend and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

22. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk advised that there were no meetings on which to report.

23. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Clerk advised of two appeal decisions, two notices of appeal and six decisions on the part of the Planning Authority which were at variance with the view of the Committee and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

24. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 17 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application no. 1030/06 - N. Waller, Bosun's Locker Cottage, Dock Lane, Penzance - variation to roofline and gable end windows - Cllr. Dennis declared a personal interest (knows applicant).

9.10 pm

Chairman
12th October 2006