

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

PRESENT

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

Councillors J.S. Lambourn
J. Parkin
K.L.W. Perry
J. Ruhmund
T.E. Williams

37. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors D.J. Axford, S. Bennett and F. Granger.

38. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

- (a) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Change of Divisional Surveyor

Cornwall County Council had written to advise that Mr. David Simpson had been seconded to the post of Project Manager on the new Newquay Airport Team and his replacement was Mr. Mike Peters, formally the Area Surveyor for the Penwith area, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

- (b) Latest Position re. Application by MDL re. Mineral Planning Conditions at Penlee Quarry

Councillor Lambourn had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda in order that there could be an update on the progress of the planning application which was being determined by Cornwall County Council.

The Town Clerk advised that he had been in touch with the County Council and had been advised that the Highways Department was still in discussion with the applicant to resolve access issues.

It was hoped that negotiations would be completed in time to allow the application to proceed to the next meeting of the County Council's Planning Committee to be held on the 14th December 2006 and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(c) Correspondence from Cornwall Association of Local Councils re. Speed Limit Guidance

CALC had written to advise that new guidance had been published by the Department for Transport in Guidance Circular number 1/06 entitled "Setting Local Speed Limits".

The guidance covered the setting of all local speed limits on single and dual-carriageway roads where drivers should adopt a different speed to the national limit.

Local Authorities were being charged (County Highways) with the task of reviewing limits on all roads and bringing forward proposals for any required changes by the year 2011.

Should the County Council recommend any changes, these would be subject to local consultation and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(d) Items from Members for Consideration in 2007/2008 Budget Preparation Process

Members referred to the issue of signage in the town, both directional and name-plates, and the Town Clerk referred to the Environmental Fund which currently stood at £2,600.00, part of which was already marked for the provision of signage in the town centre, ie. Place-names in both English and Cornish.

On the broader issue of directional signage, the Town Clerk advised that this item had been raised on many occasions with the District and County Councils and he would endeavour to raise it again with the appropriate officers in order that improved directional signage could be provided, eg. for areas such as the Promenade, the Lido and Penlee House and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk proceed accordingly.

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

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

- (i) Parade Hill, Mousehole - 30th October 2006 to 3rd November 2006 - main sewer works;
- (ii) Causewayhead - 27th October 2006 to 30th November 2006 - burst main remedial work;
- (iii) Penzance Town Centre - Sunday 19th November 2006 and Sunday 7th January 2007 - Christmas Lights rig and de-rig;
- (iv) Quarry Hill, Gulval - 1st December to 8th December 2006 - Lux overhead Cabling works;

(v) The Fradgan, Newlyn - 20th November to 30th November 2006 - WPD
electrical works
and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

39. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Committee considered its finances to the 30th September 2006 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the months of August and September 2006 and it was

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

The Town Clerk advised that the work to re-build the boundary wall at the Trannack allotment field had now been completed, the cost of which would be covered from a carry-forward from the Planning Committee budget from the previous year plus a contribution already agreed from the Finance Committee Buildings Maintenance budget and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

40. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk advised that there were no matters to report under this heading.

41. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of two decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and of four Notices of Appeal and it was

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

42. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 25 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

Councillor J. Ruhrmund, in commenting on the planning applications, made it clear that her comments were based on the information currently available and did not commit her to taking the same position when the matter was discussed at the District Planning Committee and full information was available.

In particular, in respect of application numbers 1231/06, 1148/06 and 126/06 and Councillor J. Ruhrmund abstained from the vote.

In respect of application number 1246/06 - Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, An-Avalon, Chywoone Hill, Newlyn - construction of extension, installation of dormer windows, car-port and relocation of front door - Councillor J.S. Lambourn declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or resolution thereon.

9.10 pm

Chairman
23rd November 2006