

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

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

Councillors F. Granger  
J.S. Lambourn  
J. Parkin  
K.L.W. Perry  
A.J. Richings (joined meeting 7.05 pm & left meeting 9.00 pm)  
J. Ruhmund (left meeting 8.45 pm)

49. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor S. Bennett

50. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

- (a) South West Regional Spatial Strategy Revision - Examination in Public - Preliminary List of Matters and Participants

The Town Clerk reminded members that he had raised this matter at the previous Planning Meeting where he had advised that neither the District Council or the Town Council had been invited to attend the Examination in Public and, the matters raised by both councils were not listed for further consideration by the Panel.

The Town Clerk went on to advise that the closing date for comments on the first stage of the process, ie. the list of matters and the participants was the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006, and he was liaising with the Head of Sustainable Development, Mr. Andy England, with regard to suitable representation to be made on the part of both the District and the Town Councils and given the closing date for responses, it was

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk should proceed as outlined above.

- (b) Cornwall Minerals Development Framework - Report on Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal

The Town Clerk advised that the above named consultation document had been received with a closing date for comments of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007.

The Town Clerk proposed returning the item to the next agenda of the Planning Committee in January and went on to advise that the two local quarries mentioned in the report were Penlee and Castle-an-Dinas. It was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Committee in January 2007.

(c) Abbey Basin Development - Replies to Queries Awaited

The Town Clerk advised that he had placed this item on the agenda but given that letters had only been issued from the previous Planning Meeting, no response had yet been received and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

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

The Town Clerk advised that he had received notification from Cornwall County Council as follows:-

- (i) Footpath 99, Mousehole - 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December for resurfacing work;
- (ii) Leskinnick Terrace and Lescudjack Road - 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December for cabling works and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(e) Notes of Meeting re. Improvement/Planting Schemes in Penzance

The Town Clerk advised that he had been furnished with a set of notes by Councillor John Moreland of a meeting with representatives of the County and District Councils with regard to improvements to a number of open space areas in Penzance and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the notes of the meeting be copied to all members for information in due course.

(f) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum

PAROW had provided the Town Council with a copy of the agenda for the next meeting to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006, which were available to any member who wished to have sight of them, and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

51. **FINANCIAL POSITION INCLUDING REVISED ESTIMATES 2006/07 AND ESTIMATES 2007/08**

The Town Clerk referred members to the budget papers which provided details of the above with supporting notes.

The two items of note were the increase in water charges on allotment fields, largely due to the long hot dry summer, and also the virement of money from the Buildings Maintenance budget and the bringing forward of unexpended monies 2005/06 as previously agreed by council in respect of the re-building of the boundary wall at the Trannack allotment site.

With regard to the Environmental Fund, the Town Clerk advised that the items listed were those currently under consideration or where the Town Council had previously resolved to offer support, eg. customised lighting at Parade Street, hanging basket supports at Market Jew Street and historic street name signage in town centre.

Councillor Lambourn requested that consideration be given from the fund for the provision of hanging baskets at a number of locations in Newlyn and Mousehole and the Town Clerk advised that in addition to the cost of brackets, there would be a requirement for the District Council to provide such baskets and cover the cost of their maintenance, ie. watering throughout the summer period, and if Councillor Lambourn brought forward proposals, the Town Clerk advised that he would be happy to take the matter up with the District Council.

With regard to directional signage in respect of the Promenade and the Jubilee Pool, the Town Clerk explained the position with regard to numerous meetings which had taken place in an attempt to provide directional signage in Penzance, in addition to the County Council finger-posts, and very little progress had been made.

With regard to the Jubilee Pool, it was noted that the new group, 'The Friends of the Jubilee Pool' had now been formed and it was suggested that the group be invited to make a bid to the Town Council's grant fund for monies, which together with their own funds, could be utilised to persuade the County and District Councils to match fund and provide suitable directional signage for at least the Jubilee Pool.

Subject to the above, it was

**RESOLVED:** to note the financial position to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 and

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** to recommend to full council the approval of revised estimates 2006/07 and the estimates for the financial year 2007/08 (see Appendix "A").

#### 52. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

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

#### 53. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of one Notice of Appeal and of one Appeal Decision and it was

**RESOLVED:** to note the position.

#### 54. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 26 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 respect of Application number 1188/06 - Mr J.L. Palk, 11 St. Michael's Street, Penzance - re-roofing with natural slate, - Councillor J. Ruhrmund declared a personal interest.

9.20 pm

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2007