

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 24th January 2007 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 (Left meeting at 8.20 pm)

61. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors D.J. Axford, S. Bennett, J Ruhrmund and T.E. Williams

62. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) The Commons Act 2006 - Consultation on New System

Correspondence had been received from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils in respect of the Commons Act 2006 and, had been copied to all members for information. The information gave the website address for copies of the Act to be viewed and which contained details of the proposed system for consenting fencing and exchanging equivalent land for common land.

The information was provided for councils who are involved with the management of common land or village greens and the closing date was 9th April 2007. It was.

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(b) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum - Minutes and Agenda

The agenda for the meeting held on the 11th January 2007, together with the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December 2006, had been received and were available to any member who wished to have sight of them.

The Clerk reminded members that should they receive a complaint regarding footpaths which needed clearing in the parish, they should contact the office who would arrange for the path to be cleared and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

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

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

- (i) Wharf Road and Abbey Slip (Ross Swing Bridge) - 28th January 2007 - replacement of steel nosing and securing of deck panels;
- (ii) Madron Road, Heamoor - 10 days between 15th January and 9th March 2007 - Cornwall County Council resurfacing works;
- (iii) Bread Street and High Street, - 22nd January to 30th June 2007 - BBCB Limited Redevelopment Works;
- (iv) Jelbert Way and Posses Lane - 4 nights (19.00 to 07.00) between 5th February and 16th February 2007 - Cornwall County Council resurfacing works;
- (v) Parade Street and Queens Square - 12th February to 19th February 2007 - WPD cable works

and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

It was

FURTHER RECOMMENDED: that in respect of the Bread Street notice the Clerk contact the Highway Department to enquire as to the need for such a long closure and as to whether there could be a restriction on the time of deliveries to the site.

- (d) Regional Spatial Strategy Update - Issue 5 November 2006

The above update had been circulated to all councillors and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

- (e) Correspondence from Penwith District Council re. Penwith Local Development Framework

The Clerk advised that he had included this item on the agenda to give councillors prior notice that Officers from Penwith District Council would be attending the Town Council Meeting on the 5th February to informally discuss the Penzance & Newlyn Action Plan, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (f) Cornwall County Council Minerals Planning Consultation - 16th January 2007

Councillor Lambourn reported that he had attended the above event and thought that this could be of tremendous value for the area.

The topics that were mentioned included the value of second ground aggregates and, the development of disused quarries which also incorporated the use of restoration quarries.

Advantages of these were the different types of stone that could be used and developers could make more use of 'Cornish Stone'. These quarries could be listed so that stone could be provided on restoration works to buildings in the area.

Finally there were plans to extend the area around mineshafts which needed to be sterilised in order to make use of valuable metalliferous grounds.

Councillor Lambourn was thanked for his verbal report and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

63. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The Committee also considered payments made in the months of October and November 2006 and it was

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

64. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The Chairman reported that she was due to attend a Site Viewing Panel Meeting at The Warehouse, Leskinnick Place on Monday 22nd January but, this had been cancelled as access to the site was not available. It was

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

65. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Clerk advised of eleven decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and of three Notices of Appeal. There was also one notice of an Appeal Decision.

The Clerk also advised that a letter had been received from Penwith District Council in respect of application 06/T/0076 - felling of Cherry Tree - 19 Alexandra Gardens, Penzance. The letter advised that as the site of the tree was not within a Tree Preservation Order, nor in a Conservation Area, planning permission was not required and it was

RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

66. **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 014/K/06 - Mr. D. Marshall - demolition of existing dwelling, 6a The Saltponds, Mousehole, Councillor Rendle declared a personal interest in this matter.

In respect of application 1542/06 - Mr. R. James, 1 Albert Terrace, Penzance - Change of use and conversion of garage to dwelling, Councillor Dennis declared a personal interest in this matter.

10.20 pm

Chairman
15th February 2007