

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 6th September 2007 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillors C.A. Dennis
M. Lovegrove
J. Moreland
D. Nebesnuick (left meeting 8.55 pm)
J. Parkin
K.L.W. Perry

22. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors R. Clark, F. Granger and J. Ruhrmund.

23. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of items appearing in the Town Clerk's Report and declarations in respect of planning applications are as recorded in the Planning Register.

24. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 14TH JUNE AND 4TH JULY 2007**

Having been circulated, it was

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

25. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) Cornwall Countryside Forum Annual Report and Dates of Forum Meetings

The Town Clerk advised that the 2006/2007 Annual Report had been received for information, together with dates of Forum meetings which were on a bi-monthly basis and rotated around the County.

The meetings were open to any member who wished to attend and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(b) Consultation re. The Review of Additional Pitch Requirements for Gypsies and Travellers in the South West

The Town Clerk advised of a consultation document issued by the South West Regional Assembly which provides for a partial revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The consultation is open until the 31st October 2007 and the Town Clerk will provide details to members for the Planning Meeting to be held on the 18th October 2007 and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(c) Trees - Request for General Discussion re. Applications - Councillor Perry

Councillor Perry advised that he was somewhat concerned by the number of applications being received, particularly on the part of Penwith Housing Association and, in this respect, enquired as to whether the Association was carrying out the necessary arboricultural works on an ongoing basis to ensure that trees were maintained in good condition.

Councillor Perry was also concerned with regard to applications by the District Council in respect of trees for which it was responsible and it was, therefore,

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should write to the Chief Executive of PHA requesting details of their maintenance budget in respect of tree works and their general policy towards the care of trees on PHA land.

The Town Clerk would also make the same representation to Penwith District Council and District Councillors would be asked to support the Town Council in this matter.

(d) Various Tree Work Applications - Phoenix House, Penzance, Tree Work to Two Monterey Cypresses at Land Adjacent to St. Clare Flats and Tree Works at Barlanwick, Alverton

(i) In respect of Tree work at Phoenix House, a copy of the Tree Preservation Order made by the District Council had been received with a request for comments by the 20th September.

Members were pleased to note receipt of the Tree Preservation Order which sought to preserve the two Magnolia Grandiflora trees in question and it was

RESOLVED: to support the Tree Preservation Order.

(ii) The Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council had objected to the application in respect of the Monterey Cypresses at St. Clare Flats and the Town Clerk advised that he was now awaiting the outcome of the report to the District Council's Planning Committee on the 28th August which, although the report recommended felling, it also suggested that a second opinion should be sought.

The Town Clerk also advised that a copy letter had been received from the Civic Society in this matter and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(iii) Tree Works at Alverton

In respect of tree works on the part of Penwith Housing Association which had been approved by the District Council, PHA had written to advise that this work would take place between the 3rd September through to the 3rd October 2007 and, following the intervention by Councillor Ruhrmund, the committee had been assured of the presence of a detailed schedule of replanting and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Letter from Causewayhead Traders re. Enforcement of Traffic Regulations

The Town Clerk advised of a letter which had been received from the Causewayhead Traders which was requesting greater policing of vehicles entering Causewayhead to ensure that it was regulated to allow delivery vehicles only.

The police had been asked for their presence over a couple of days to reinforce the message and a meeting had been held with Cornwall County Council Highways with regard to improved signage.

Councillor Parkin advised that during the recent South West Water Works, deliveries by trolley from delivery vehicles parking at the top of Causewayhead had seemed to be fairly effective.

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Mayor had been involved with Causewayhead Traders regarding a number of issues, including this matter, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that support be provided for the Causewayhead Traders Association.

(f) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Addition of a Footpath from Quay Street, Mousehole to the County Road

The Town Clerk advised that the County Council had written to seek comments with regard to the addition of the above path to the Definitive Map.

Members noted that this was known walk-way and it was

RESOLVED: to support the Modification Order.

(g) Correspondence and Meeting re. Proposed Development at Former Courtwoods Photographers Site

The Town Clerk reminded members that the council had a particular interest in this site because of its involvement in the maintenance of the neighbouring cemetery site.

The Town Clerk had been copied two communications between the Board of Deputies as owners of the site and the agent for the developer and, as a result, a meeting had taken place on site with the local custodian and concerns with regard to the railings on the top of the wall in place of barbed wire had been satisfactorily resolved from the point of view of

the council and if the Board of Deputies remained unsatisfied, then the custodian would advise them to take the matter up directly with the Planning Department.

This matter formed the subject of an appeal on the part of the developer and in respect of the main application for the site, it had been agreed that it would bring substantial improvements to the building and its surrounds in terms of aesthetics and security and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (h) Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Outcome of Proposed Traffic Measures at Gwel Lewern/Jelbert Way, Queen Street and Penalverne Crescent

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

(i) Gwel Lewern/Jelbert Way - decision was to proceed as advertised in respect of 'no waiting' restrictions;

(ii) Queen Street - decision was to proceed with a limited area of 'no waiting' around the Voundervour Lane entrance;

(iii) Penalverne Crescent - decision to proceed with the provision of a disabled parking bay

and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (i) Minutes of PAROW Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of the Penwith Access and Rights of Way Meeting held on the 11th July 2007 had been sent for information, together with the agenda for the meeting on the 10th September 2007 and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

The Town Clerk advised Councillor Parkin that she would be welcome to join the group and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

- (j) Draft Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy

The Town Clerk reminded members that he had sought advice from PAROW with regard to a response to the above document and PAROW agreed to provide such a response in due course and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(k) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meeting - 28th August 2007

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

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

26. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

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

27. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of one Notice of Appeal, one Appeal outcome and of 18 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

28. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered 23 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application number 07/P/0928 and 07/H/0104 - change of use and conversion of warehouse to offices and kitchen, construction of attached restaurant, bar, café and associated access works (amended design 05/P/0736 and 05/H/0082). It was

RECOMMENDED: that this application be dealt with at the full Town Council Meeting on the 1st October 2007.

(a) Declarations of Interest

In respect application number 07/P/0958, Councillor P. Rendle declared a personal interest as he knew the agents.

9.20 pm

Chairman
18th October 2007