

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 23rd January 2008 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillors C.A. Dennis
F. Granger
M. Lovegrove
J. Moreland
K.L.W. Perry
T.E. Williams

70. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors R. Clark, D. Nebesnuick, J. Parkin and J. Ruhmund.

71. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In respect of application number 1469/07, The Responsible Board, The Lescudjack Centre, Penzance - Councillor T. Williams declared a prejudicial interest as a member of the Management Board and in respect of application number 0033/08 - Truro College, new development at Penwith College - Councillors P. Rendle and J. Moreland declared a personal interest as representatives of Penzance Civic Society.

In respect of the above application, ie. 0033/08, Truro College, demolition of sub-standard buildings, refurbishment of remaining building including Treneere Manor (this proposal affects the setting of a Listed Building) at Penwith College, the matter would be forwarded to full Council with a

RECOMMENDATION: to support the proposal.

It was felt that a presentation to full Council was not required but that the Town Clerk should ascertain whether it would be possible for members to attend the presentation by the architects for the above scheme which would be made to the District Council's Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should proceed as outlined.

72. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) **Correspondence from Cornwall County Council re. Road Closures:-**

(i) Bread Street - 21st to 24th January 2008 - Western Power - new service works;

Councillor Dennis raised the issue of the placing of signage in respect of these roadworks which the Town Clerk would take up with the County Council, although it was noted that the works were due to end on the 24th January.

- (ii) Fore Street, Newlyn - 21st January to 4th February 2008 - Collard Construction, building repair works at 40-44 Fore Street.
- (iii) Quay Street and road from Quay Street to Wharf Road, Penzance – Cornwall County Council carriageway patching works.

The Town Clerk advised that since placing this item on the agenda, he had been advised that the above works would now be postponed until later in the year.

It was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

- (b) Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum - Meeting 10th January 2008 and Minutes of Meeting 5th December 2007

The above papers were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and the issue of representation of the Town Council on the above group would be taken forward to full Council for consideration and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (c) Invitation to Planning Design Training by Penwith District Council - 30th January 2008 and to Presentation re. Old Gas Works Site at 1.00 pm on Same Day

The Town Clerk requested that members advise him if they wished to attend the above event as soon as possible and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (d) Correspondence from Penwith Housing Association re. Felling of Trees

Penwith Housing Association had written to advise that the felling of one of the two large trees at St. Clare Flats would take place on the 4th February and that one of the conditions of the consent to fell had been that the stump should remain in place.

The Town Clerk would enquire as to whether it was proposed that a replacement specimen would be planted and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (e) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meeting - 15th January 2008

The above papers had been received and were available to any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(f) Street Lighting Consultation

The papers in respect of street lighting consultation had been copied to members previously and the Town Clerk went through the three options under consideration.

After consideration of the options, it was

RESOLVED: that the committee would support option 3 and, in addition, would make the following points:-

- (i) That a move to LED lighting be considered;
- (ii) That photocell power should be introduced wherever possible, ensuring that the sensors were adequately exposed to natural light;
- (iii) That the safety of the public is paramount and that various proposals to 'dim' lighting and to switch off some lighting between 12.30 am and 5.30 am be carried out on a trial basis, with full implications carefully examined.

In terms of energy use and lighting cost, the issue of separate lighting for every road traffic sign was raised and it was felt that where possible in the future, such signs should be grouped to be lit by a single unit.

(iv) Additional Items to be Taken Forward for Consideration at Full Town Council

(a) Tree Preservation Order - Emergency Order at Pendarves House, Penzance

The above order had been made in respect of the retention of a Eucalyptus tree and the comments of the Town Council were being sought.

(b) Cornwall County Council Street Closure

Road on Parade Street to Morrab Road, Penzance - 4th to 17th February 2008 - South West Water main improvement works.

(c) Cornwall County Council - Old Paul Hill, Newlyn

28th January to 6th February 2008 - South West Water main improvement works.

(d) Bosvenna Way, Heamoor - Safer Routes to School

Proposal to introduce a raised crossing point at the above location.

(e) Installation of New Street Lighting

The County Council had advised that additional funding was available to provide further lighting at the western end of Creeping Lane.

(f) Cornwall County Council Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath
No. 74 at Mousehole

The Town Clerk advised that the Council's operative would visit the location and that he would endeavour to seek the views of Mousehole residents to enable the Town Council to respond. It was

RECOMMENDED: that, where appropriate, the response to the additional items be made at the full Council Meeting on the 4th February.

73. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The committee considered its finances to the 31st December 2007 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The committee also considered payments made in the months of October November and December 2007 and it was

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

74. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

The Chairman advised that he had attended the Site Viewing Panel Meeting in respect of application 07/P/1356/F at 7 Trenoweth Close, Penzance where, because of inaccuracies in the plan, the applicant had been required to submit an amended application which had subsequently been dealt with under delegated powers, resulting in approval, and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

75. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 5 decisions which were at variance with the views of the Planning Authority and of one Notice of Appeal and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

76. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered 18 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application number 08-0033-P, Truro College, College Road, Truro - demolition of substandard buildings, refurbishment of remaining buildings including Treneere Manor, provision of new buildings and associated works (this proposal affects the setting of a Listed Building) at Penwith College, St. Clare Street, Penzance, it was

RECOMMENDED: that it travel to full Town Council with a recommendation to support.

8.50 pm
Chairman
7th February 2008