

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 at 7.15 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillor J. Parkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D.J. Axford

C.A. Dennis

Also present: Councillor M. Freeman  
Councillor M. Lovegrove  
Mr Phil Peters, Chairman of Morrab Road Association

14. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors F. Granger, R.A. Mann, K.L.W. Perry, J. Ruhrmund, T.E. Williams

15. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Axford declared a prejudicial interest in application 08-0814-P and Councillor Dennis declared a personal interest in applications 08-0794-P and 08-0795-AD rendering the meeting inquorate and rather than passing no comment, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman formulated comment on the applications concerned.

16. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

- (a) Correspondence re Charles Terence Estates – acquisition of properties to be used for multiple occupancy and planning process

Correspondence had been received from a resident of Alma Terrace concerning the use of a property on that street for 'chaotic singles' (single people with a drug and/or alcohol dependency problem) and raising concerns that no planning application for a change of use had been submitted. Councillor Freeman also raised concerns that 12 properties in Penzance had been earmarked for a similar use and that this seemed to be a disproportionate number for the parish.

The Chairman referred to the government paper "Changes of Use of Buildings and Land – The Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987" from which it is apparent that a change of use planning application is not required if a dwelling is occupied as a single household by up to six people and therefore no breach of planning regulations had occurred and it was

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

Councillor Freeman and Mr Peters left the meeting.

(b) Signage at entrance to Market Jew Street

Councillor Lovegrove addressed the meeting with regard to the traffic signs at the entrance to Market Jew Street that show access is only for local buses, taxis and bicycles. The signage is difficult for motorists to see resulting in many local and visiting motorists driving down the street and this was causing a constant problem for the police force who would like the signs to be replaced with 'no entry' signs and the exceptions listed below.

Councillor Dennis pointed out that, due to the fact that the street is not one-way, only blue advisory signs can be used and not the red prohibition signs and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that a letter be sent to the Highways Department of Cornwall County Council pointing out the difficulties caused by the present system and enquiring whether alternative, suitable signage is available.

Councillor Lovegrove left the meeting.

(c) Penwith District Council – Arboricultural Evening

The Clerk reported that an arboricultural evening would be taking place at 7.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July and it was confirmed that Councillors Phil Rendle, Judith Parkin and Keith Perry would attend as the Town Council's representatives and it was

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

(d) Painting of finger-posts at Gulval

In response to enquiries made with County Council about the painting of finger-posts in Gulval, the Town Clerk had been informed that sufficient funding was not available for this work and that some other parishes had undertaken the renovation themselves. The Town Clerk had therefore agreed to review the feasibility of the work being carried out by the Council's maintenance person and County Council had supplied the appropriate paint and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that the number and location of the finger-posts be checked and that it should be ascertained whether they all fell within the boundaries of the parish or whether some were positioned within a neighbouring parish.

(e) Causewayhead signage

Members were reminded that the Planning Committee had agreed to donate £1,000 towards new signage on Causewayhead. However, there was still a shortfall of £2,500 for the work required and the Causewayhead Traders Association was still actively seeking further funding and it was

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

(f) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008

The papers for the planning meeting that took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July were available for any member who wished to have sight of them and it was

**RECOMMENDED:** that receipt be noted.

(g) Notification of forthcoming roadworks

The clerk advised of the following notifications of roadworks:

- (i) Lesingey Lane, Heamoor, Penzance – 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September (7.30am to 6.00pm)
- (ii) Posses Lane, Chyandour, Penzance – 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September (7.30am to 6.00pm)

and it was

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

(h) Tree Preservation Orders

Tree Preservation Orders at 1 Wellington Place and Quillet Road, Newlyn had been received after circulation of the agenda and these items would be taken forward for consideration at the full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July and it was

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

17. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

There were no site viewings to report.

18. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 4 decisions which were at variance with the views of the Planning Committee and of 1 Notice of Appeal and it was

**RESOLVED:** to note the position.

19. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered 17 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

**NB: With reference to application nos. 08-0794-P and 08-0795-AD, Costa Coffee Ltd, 2 Wharfside Shopping Centre, further information was received relating to the original proposed change of use and this will be copied out to all members for discussion at full Council.**

8.35pm

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2008