MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 16th October 2008 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Parkin (Vice-Chairman) (In the Chair)

Councillors D.J. Axford
C.A. Dennis
K.L.W. Perry
J. Ruhrmund

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J. Moreland (left meeting at 7.25 pm)

34. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors F. Granger, R.A. Mann, P.C.H. Rendle and T.E. Williams

35. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J. Parkin declared a personal interest in Minute 38(e) - correspondence from Cornwall County Council – consultation re. traffic signals at Chywoone Hill.

In respect of Application no. 08-1313-P Mr R. Dylan, Trelander House, Ridgeovean, Gulval – construction of dwelling, Councillor C.A. Dennis declared a personal interest as she knows the applicant.

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.

36. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on the 4th and 17th September 2008, having been circulated, it was

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

37. **RESOLUTION TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was

RESOLVED: to vary the order of business to enable Councillor Moreland to speak to the item pertaining to traffic revision orders.

38. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

(a) Correspondence re. New Waiting Restrictions along Bread Street, Tolver Road, High Street, Belgravia Street, St. James Street, Alma Terrace, St. Michael's Terrace and the Un-named Road between Lescudjack Road and Penare Terrace outside the Church of St. John the Baptist

Members referred to the site meeting which had taken place on the 15th October 2008 and the on-site proposals were agreed and now appear as Appendix "A" to the minutes.

When submitting the consultation response, the Town Clerk would seek confirmation from the County Council's representative at the site meeting that the views of the council matched those which were agreed on site and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(b) Regional Spatial Strategy

The Town Clerk provided members with details of the Penwith District Council response and the Cornwall County Council response to the draft revised Regional Spatial Strategy and, in addition to the comments made by those councils, it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Council would comment as follows:
"(a) The number of houses to be built within the period should be 6,400. The reason for this figure is in recognition of the need for affordable housing provision and with the Secretary of State likely to recommend a new ratio set at 35 percent affordable in any development, 6,400 would be a minimum number to achieve anywhere near the affordable number required.

It is also felt that policies should be developed to restrict the number of houses built as second homes and in certain zones, a greater percentage of the properties should be required to be affordable.

(b) In respect of the infrastructure, it is felt that the RSS is very weak as to how this will be provided/improved in respect of roads, rail-links, hospitals etc. and, if not addressed, will lead to a lack of inward investment in the commercial sector which will be, in itself, an inhibitor to the provision of new employment opportunities for the increased population arising from the additional housing stock."

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

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

(i) Wharf Road at Ross Bridge and Abbey Slip – 5th January to 3rd April 2009. It was noted that the Town Clerk, in conjunction with Councillor Moreland and the Regeneration Management Group was looking into an appropriate colour for the repainting of the bridge on completion of the work and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(ii) Western Promenade Road, Penzance – 6th to 31st October 2008 – Molwin Homes Limited – reconstruction of existing culvert and new rising main.

(iii) New Street, Penzance – 3rd November to 19th December 2008 (on an occasional basis) – no set hours – B & B Builders Limited relating to building site safety works and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be received.

(d) Penzance Street Audit re. Disabled Access

The Town Clerk advised that in addition to the paper copied to members, additional support papers had been received from Councillor Mario Fonk as follows:-

(i) Copy of questionnaire;
(ii) Wheelchair access in and around Penzance from Nancealverne to Causewayhead;
(iii) Smart assessment – Causewayhead;
(iv) Smart assessment - The Greenmarket;
(v) General survey re. Market Jew Street

It was

RESOLVED: that the item be retabled at the next Planning Meeting to allow a response to be made.

(e) Consultation re. Traffic Signals in Chywoone Avenue

Councillor J. Parkin declared a personal interest in this matter as she resides in the vicinity.

The Town Clerk referred to the proposal to introduce a one-way traffic-light system to control the pinch-point in and around the Newlyn Centre.

Councillor Parkin advised that she had spoken to many residents and there was great concern regarding this proposal and no support for it and it was

RESOLVED: to object to the proposed traffic-light control system.

(f) Cornwall County Council Parish Tree Warden Scheme – Cornwall Great Tree Hunt

The Town Clerk advised that the County Council had now launched a recruitment drive for new Tree Wardens and in support of it had sent the following:-

(i) The Tree Warden Newsletter;
(ii) Details of the Tree Warden Scheme;
(iii) Details of the Great Trees of Cornwall Project;
(iv) Details of Training Opportunities

The papers were passed to Councillor Perry for consideration who would advise in due course whether he would be prepared to act as Tree Warden for the council area and it was **RECOMMENDED:** that the position be noted.

(g) Items for the Record of which members had been notified at the Delegated Planning Meeting on 24th July 2008

The purpose of this agenda item was merely to note receipt of information received on the 24th July which included papers from the Ramblers, PAROW site meetings, a number of road closures and the papers for the Penwith District Council Planning Meeting on the 29th July 2008.

Notification had also been received from the County Council regarding its intention to install 4 new street lights as part of the Creeping Lane scheme and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(h) BCTV Work for the Parish

Information concerning the above voluntary group had already been sent to members, earlier in the year, for information.

The group was based at Tuckingmill and its aim was to improve people's local environment through inspiring people to become involved as volunteers and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

(i) Information re. Changes to the Planning System - DIS Circular 692/3

The extract from the Direct Information Service circular now appears as Appendix 'B' to the minutes and contains information relating to a relaxation in the planning process which would see 80,000 household planning applications removed from the planning system each year via a general permitted development order.

Examples of building works which would no longer require consent included loft conversions and minor extensions and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(j) Proposed Plaswood Seat

The Town Clerk advised that the committee had already agreed a £75.00 contribution to the cost of this new seat to be sited on the cycleway between the Railway Station and Marazion.

The cost was now greater than at first thought and the Town Council contribution was requested at £101.00 and it was

RESOLVED: to approve payment.

(k) PAROW Meeting – Agenda for 9th October and Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2008

The papers for the above meeting had been sent for information and it was

RECOMMENDED : that receipt be noted.

(l) Papers for Penwith District Planning Meeting – 21st October 2008

The papers for the above meeting had been sent for information and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

39. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

A report was received in respect of application number 08-0517-P and the meeting which took place on the 6th October 2008 at 'Tregullow', 5 Rock Road, The Lidden, Penzance in relation to the construction of a dwelling, and Councillor Ruhrmund advised that a decision had been deferred to allow negotiation on an amended scheme to provide for a smaller footprint and lower roof height, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

40. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no planning decisions on which to report but 4 Notices of Appeal and 2 Appeal Decisions had been received and it was

RESOLVED: to note receipt.

41. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING DECISIONS**

The committee considered 27 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

9.40 pm

Chairman
20th November 2008