

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in The Mayor's Parlour, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Monday 10th November 2008 at 5.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillor J. Parkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D.J. Axford

R.A. Mann

42. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors A. Dennis, F. Granger, K.L.W. Perry, J. Ruhrmund and T.E. Williams

43. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were required to be made.

44. **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

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

(i) Western Promenade Road – originally 6th to 31st October 2008 now extended to 23rd November 2008 on an as a need basis in respect of work by Molwin Homes Limited – reconstruction of existing culvert and new rising main and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(b) Letter from Local Resident re. Parking Problems and Access to Heamoor Post Office

A local resident had written to complain with regard to the reserved parking bays adjacent to Heamoor Post Office which it was contended were often occupied by vehicles not associated with the Post Office.

The letter had also been sent to the Divisional Surveyor and the issue would seem to be one of enforcement and the Town Clerk would write to the Divisional Surveyor seeking a copy of the response made to the letter and suggesting that the mobile team responsible for parking enforcement be requested to visit the location from time to time and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk proceed accordingly.

(c) Information re. Design Panel Working in Conjunction with Penwith District Council Planning Department

Members had been made aware of the above panel but had no information with regard to its formation and its remit and given that Councillor Moreland of the Town Council served on the panel, it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk ask Councillor Moreland to prepare a briefing paper on the work of the Design Panel to be circulated to members in due course.

(d) Improved Street Lighting – Phase 3, Creeping Lane – Result of Consultation

The County Council had written to advise that there had been unanimous support for a further 4 street lights at the above location and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(e) Landscape Character Study 2005-2007 (Paper Issued to Members in July 2008)

The Town Clerk advised that the above paper had been issued to members at the time of its publication in July 2008, with members invited to make representation direct, and the item appeared on the agenda to formally note receipt of the Landscape Character Study and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

(f) Wharfside Shopping Centre – Note of Presentation to Meeting

The Town Clerk referred to the presentation made to members who had been present for the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 5th November which was not able to proceed, being inquorate.

The presentation team from the Wharfside Shopping Centre had attended and the informal group decided to receive the presentation.

The presentation team advised that there were 25 shops at the Wharfside with 200 people working in the Centre. The Centre encouraged a café relaxed dining culture and 17 families lived on top of the Centre.

The vision for the Centre was to be part of a process that enhanced the attractiveness of Penzance to its residents, its existing visitors and to its potential visitors.

The presentation team also sought the support of the Council to close the Centre between midnight and 7.00 am on the basis that it would reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour and it was also noted that Newtown Road provided a suitable alternative to enable access to the Wharfside Car Park.

The measure would provide for a 25 per cent saving in energy consumption and that money, £15,000.00, would be reinvested into the Centre to improve the amenity for visitors.

It was also noted that other such spaces, e.g. Simpsons Arcade, were also gated at night.

The measure had the support of the police and was considered to be environmentally friendly and a better use of resources.

The Town Clerk reminded members that this application had passed through the committee on the 4th September, when an objection had been lodged on the basis of a loss of right of way which was contrary to Penwith District Council's planning policies, and the condition requiring the Wharfside to be open for 24 hours should be retained. Members had felt that PIR sensors would protect the Centre in terms of vandalism and would also produce energy savings and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the note of the presentation be received.

(g) Parking Issues – East Ward – Representation re. St. Michael's Street Order

During the recent consultation relating to traffic orders in respect of a number of streets in East Ward, no comment had been passed on the St. Michael's Street proposal.

It had since transpired that a 60 signature petition had been sent to the County Council by local residents and it was

RECOMMENDED: that this matter be referred to the next full Town Council Meeting to allow ward members to assist with the formulation of a comment to the County Council.

(h) Penzance Street Audit re. Disabled Access – Consideration of Recommendations

The Chairman advised that this item would be brought forward to the next meeting of the Planning Committee and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

45. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The committee considered its finances to the 30th September 2008 and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

The committee also considered payments made in the months of August and September 2008 and it was

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

46. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

Councillor Rendle advised that he had attended a site meeting in respect of application 08-0534-P, demolition of disused commercial garages at Chancery Lane and construction of 4 terraced town houses with parking, but it had not been possible to access the site and Councillor Rendle had since been advised that the issue of possible unneighbourliness was being looked into in terms of the type of glazing to be used and the matter would go to the Planning Committee for a decision in due course, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted

47. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 7 decisions which were at variance with the views of the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

48. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

6.10 pm

Chairman
20th November 2008