

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 20th November 2008 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillor J. Parkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C.A. Dennis
 K.L.W. Perry
 J. Ruhrmund
 T.E. Williams

49. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors D.J. Axford, F. Granger and R.A. Mann

50. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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.

In respect of application number 08-1420-HP - Mrs. S. Challen, 9 Lower Green Street, Newlyn – construction of UPVC conservatory to rear – Councillors Ruhrmund and Williams declared a prejudicial interest in relation to support letters received for this application from Lib. Dem. members.

In respect of application number 08-1454-HP – Mrs. Walker, 12 Penlee Manor Drive, Penzance – replacement of timber windows with UPVC on north elevation. Councillor Ruhrmund declared a personal interest as the applicant was a former employer.

In respect of application number 08-1455-HP – Mr. T. Shelton, 6 Trendal Gardens, Penzance – construction of single-storey extension on rear elevation. Councillor Perry declared a prejudicial interest as the applicant was a former work colleague.

In respect of application number 08-1475-AD – Sport Swift T/A Card Factory – installation of replacement fascia sign – 9 Wharfside Shopping Centre, Penzance. Councillor Dennis declared a personal interest as an employee in a Wharfside retail outlet.

In respect of application number 08-1387-P – Mr. R. Emslie, 12 Clements Road, Penzance – demolition of garage and replacement with garage/studio. All members present declared a personal interest in relation to a letter of objection received from a neighbour who was an Honorary Freeman.

In respect of application number 08-1439-P – Mrs. T. Wearne, Bal Farmhouse, Gulval Churchtown – construction of single-storey extension and replacement of 3 windows. Councillor P. Rendle declared a personal interest as he knows of the applicant.

In respect of application number 08-1458-TCONS – Dr. D. Kingston, St. Aubyn House, Gulval Churchtown – pruning of Holly and Ash tree/bushes. Councillor Rendle declared a personal interest as he knows of the applicant.

In respect of application number 08-1519-HP – Mr. P. Lambert, 24 Quay Street, Penzance – replacement of 2 windows on front elevation. Councillor Parkin declared a personal interest as she knows the applicant.

In respect of application number 08-1520-P – Penwith Housing Association – construction of retaining wall and installation of step lift at 4 Pendennis Close, Penzance. Councillor Perry declared a prejudicial interest as the resident of that address is a friend.

51. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2008 AND 10TH NOVEMBER 2008

Having been circulated, it was

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

52. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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

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

(i) B3317 between A3071 and A30 Trefeife, Newlyn – 17th to 19th December 2008 (24 hours) – carriageway patching work;

(ii) Mousehole Lights Carolaire 2008 in and around Newlyn and Mousehole, 'Park and Ride' in progress on the evening of the 13th December 2008.

It was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(b) Local Associates Information Service – Planning S.I. 2008/2362

The above document had been copied to all members for information and contained measures to reduce flood risk from surface water run-off and to reduce the number of householder planning applications.

The types of work which would no longer require a planning application included residential conversion, loft extensions, other roof alterations, porches, outbuildings, swimming pools and oil or LPG storage tanks, hard-surfacing (not permeable) chimneys and ventilation.

Microwave antenna were also exempt and the paper now appears as Appendix "A" to the minutes and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(c) Disabled Access Audit (brought forward from previous meetings)

Members welcomed the principle of conducting an audit and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk write to both Penwith District Council and Cornwall County Council to establish the response of the Statutory Authority, particularly in terms of proposed modifications to listed structures and work being done to raise pavements and bus-stops when vehicles now had variable height boarders.

(d) Street Sign Audit – Councillor Ruhrmund

Councillor Ruhrmund requested that this item appear on the agenda to establish whether it might be possible to commission a survey to look at signage throughout the town in terms of that which was essential, its current location and design. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk obtain maps from the Statutory Authority showing the location of signage throughout the town and further, that an approach be made to Penwith College to establish whether a survey would be an appropriate piece of work for students to carry out in relation to a given area of study.

(e) Tree Warden Scheme – Councillor Perry to Report

Councillor Perry advised that he would bring a report to a future meeting of the committee and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(f) PAROW Meetings – Agenda for 10th November 2008 and Minutes of 9th October 2008

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

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(g) Primary School Visit to Leskinnick Allotments

The reception class at St. Mary's Catholic School had been to the Leskinnick Allotments as part of the raising of children's awareness of the existence of such amenities and the issues surrounding the growing of vegetables and sustainability, and the children had sent a letter of thanks, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

(h) Papers for Penwith District Council Planning Meeting – 18th November 2008

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 receipt be noted.

53. **SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS**

There were no Site Viewing Panel meetings on which to report.

54. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Town Clerk advised of 3 decisions which were at variance with the views of the Planning Committee and of one Notice of Appeal and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

55. **NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered 29 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

In respect of application number 08-1462-LBC – Mr. M. Bows – conversion of existing store to provide extension to hotel for conference/meeting room and hotel accommodation at The Union Hotel, Chapel Street, Penzance. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the application be considered by full Council in relation to concern with regard to the historic theatre and the fireplace contained therein.

9.05 pm

Chairman
8th January 2009