

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 12th February 2009 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor P.C.H. Rendle (Chairman)

Councillors C.A. Dennis
R. Lewarne
K.L.W. Perry
J. Ruhmund

76. APOLOGIES

Councillors R.A. Mann, J. Parkin and T.E. Williams.

Absent without apologies: Councillors D.J. Axford and F. Granger.

77. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors J. Ruhmund and R. Lewarne in commenting on the planning applications, made it clear that their comments were based on the information currently available and did not commit them to taking the same position when the matter was discussed at the District Planning Committee.

In respect of application number 09-0073-TCONS, Miss T. Dixon, 21 The Fradgan, Newlyn – felling of one Sycamore and one Jack Pine - Councillors J. Ruhmund and R. Lewarne declared a personal interest as they know neighbours of the applicant.

In respect of application number 09-0097-P, Mr. T. Wilkinson, 39 Alma Place, Penzance – conversion of utility room to shower room and construction of extension – Councillor K. Perry declared a prejudicial interest as he is related to the applicant.

In respect of application number 09/0122-TPO – Penwith District Council – tree works to one Sweet Chestnut tree – Penlee Manor Drive – Councillors R. Lewarne and J. Ruhmund declared a personal interest as members of Penwith District Council.

78. REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

- (a) Copy Letter from Cornwall County Council re. Penlee Foreshore Remedial Works

This letter had been sent to the Town Council to explain the purpose of the works which were required, principally, on safety grounds and comprised the breaking up of overhanging structures on the foreshore and the replenishment of stone and armour stone on Penlee Quarry.

The Town Council had been consulted but the application was out of time and, in any event, no objection would have been raised.

The work had to be carried out within a two week period in highway and land use terms, subject to notification of elected members, and the nearest residential properties and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

(b) Update on Mousehole – North Cliff Railings

The Town Clerk reminded members that the Town Council had supported the request for new railings and a site meeting had been requested with Cornwall County Council.

In the event, it appeared that this was not needed and the work had gone ahead, and local residents had written to thank the Town Council for its support in this matter, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

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

- (i) The Fradgan, Newlyn – 24th to 26th February 2009 – Western Power Distribution – replacement of service joints;
- (ii) Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor – 16th to 20th February 2009 – Cornwall County Council traffic calming – build-outs and speed humps

and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt of the information be noted.

(d) Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Town Clerk advised that the latest edition of the electronic newsletter entitled “Tir Tey” covering December/January 2008/09 had been received and was available to any member who wished to have sight of it and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

(e) Council for the Preservation of Rural England Cornwall – Invitation to Planning Workshop – 18th April 2009

An invitation to attend the above workshop had been received to be held on the above date at Lakeview Country Club in Lanivet, Bodmin. The cost of the workshop was £17.50 and any member wishing to attend should contact the Town Clerk and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (f) Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Recruitment 2009

The Forum Secretary had written to advise that there were 7 vacancies on a group of 20 members in total.

The aim is to attract enthusiastic committed people to develop opportunities for public access to the Cornish countryside. The group provided advice to Cornwall County Council and other appropriate bodies on how to make the countryside more accessible and enjoyable for open air recreation in ways which address social, economic and environmental interest.

Meetings were every 2 months on a Tuesday afternoon and moved around Cornwall for ease of access, with the AGM being on the 21st July, and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the information be noted.

- (g) Correspondence re. Street Sign Audit

The Town Clerk advised that there had been a response from Penwith College requesting further information in relation to the proposed audit and the Town Clerk would endeavour to arrange a meeting between Councillor Ruhrmund, a representative of the College and himself and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (h) 'One Cornwall' – Parish and Town Council Newsletter Issue 16 – Redevelopment of Planning and Regeneration Matters

The above had been copied to members for information and now appears as Appendix "A" to the minutes.

Further information had also been received regarding departmental structures and the structures for Divisional Planning Offices, including Building Control, and this, too, would be copied to members for information at the next Planning Meeting and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (i) PAROW Agenda – 11th February and Minutes of Meeting 12th January 2009

The above had been sent for information and it was

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

- (j) Planning Meeting – Penwith District Council – 13th January 2009 and 10th February 2009

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

RECOMMENDED: that receipt be noted.

The Town Clerk advised of 3 additional items which were minor in nature but two of which required early attention.

- (k) Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2007/08

The above document was now no longer provided in hard copy but was available to anyone requiring sight of it on-line and it was

RECOMMENDED: that the position be noted.

- (l) Traffic Revision Orders Penzance re. Tolver Road, High Street, Belgravia Street, St. James Street, Alma Terrace, Bread Street and St. Mary's Terrace

A copy of the final proposals in respect of the above traffic revision orders had been sent for information and, subject to two minor amendments, members concurred with the proposals as outlined and it was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should advise Cornwall County Council accordingly.

- (m) Gwavas Estate, Newlyn – Bus Access: Minor Highway Amendments to Improve Access

Again, because of the timescale for comment, a response was required on the above and it was

RESOLVED: that there should be no objections subject to no local concern being expressed.

79. SITE VIEWING PANEL MEETINGS

The Town Clerk advised that there were no such meetings on which to report.

80. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk advised of one Notice of Appeal and of 4 decisions which were at variance with the view of the Planning Committee and it was

RESOLVED: to note the position.

81. NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The committee considered 26 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

9.25 pm

Chairman
2nd April 2009