

MINUTES of the ORDINARY TOWN MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 5 December 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor M Thomas - Mayor
Councillor Mrs S James – Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	N. McFadden
B F Angwin	F Morris
W F East	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds
	D. Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan – Cornwall Council
Margaret Freeman - Chair, Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Committee
Simon Lewis, Local Resident – Pre-Planning Advice

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K McFadden.

TC.184 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs James declared a personal interest in minute no. TC.192 (a) (ii) (Moorland Close) as the Chair of the Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust (LEPCLT).

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in minute no. TC.192 (b) (Applications) in respect of PA11/08954 as the applicant was known to him, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.185 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 November 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.186 NEVADA & BENDIGO TWINNING COMMITTEE

Margaret Freeman, Chair Nevada & Bendigo Twinning Committee attended the meeting to provide the Town Council with an update on the Committee's work, her recent visit to Bendigo, Australia and the close historical links to St Just. The Town Council was represented on the Committee by Councillor Angwin, and Mrs Freeman invited other Town Councillors to become members of the Twinning Committee.

The Twinning Committee had a new website (www.penzancetwinningassociation.co.uk) and Mrs Freeman urged Town Councillors to look at the information on the site.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Freeman for her presentation and asked any Town Councillor interested in becoming a member of the Twinning Committee to contact the Town Clerk.

TC.187 THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL (ST JUST) (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2011

The Town Council was advised that Cornwall Council was seeking comments on a proposal to provide a local nominated new 20 mph speed limit with two 30 mph speed limit buffers. The reason for introducing the 20 mph speed limit was to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety in the vicinity of the local schools.

The Town Council expressed its concern at the proposals as roads were already restricted due to the volume of on-street parked vehicles and also that consideration had not been given to the introduction of a similar 20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of Pendeen School on the grounds of highway safety.

Councillor Goninan acknowledged the Town Council's comments but stated that the 20 mph speed limit on Cape Cornwall Road had been proposed following comments received from local residents.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council considers that

- (1) The scheme is ill conceived and a waste of public money;
- (2) The new speed limits would be unenforceable;
- (3) The Town Council does not support the proposed increase in street furniture required to accompany the new speed limits, and
- (4) The Town Council formally requests that funding is made available to undertake a re-designation of the A3071 to a "B" road classification from the junction with B3066, Carn Bosavern along Fore Street to Bank Square, St Just to enable a 20 mph speed limit to be introduced on the road.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.188 THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL (ST JUST) (VARIOUS STREETS) (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2006 (AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER 2011

The Town Council was advised that Cornwall Council was seeking further comments on an amended design for South Place as a result of comments received during the recent public consultation period.

The amended design would create a chicane in parking along South Place which would further reduce vehicular speeds and also protect the junction of South Place Gardens. The proposal also included the addition of two disabled parking bays in other areas in St Just.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council is advised that the Town Council supports the amended design for South Place and the additional disabled parking bays.

Action by : (Elaine Baker)

TC.189 CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

The Town Council was advised that Cornwall Council was currently consulting on a new parking order for Cornwall because Cornwall Council was proposing new charges across the county.

The proposed rates had been set after consideration of local requirements as expressed by Cornwall Councillors of the local Community Networks. Changes to the charges in each car park varied but had been designed to provide a 3% increase on the total income.

The proposals for Lafrowda Car Park, St Just and St John's Terrace, Pendeen included the introduction of a £1.00 daily rate charge Monday to Saturday (9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) with effect from 1 April 2012.

The Town Clerk reminded the Town Council that this was a separate issue to the discussions currently being held between the Council and Cornwall Council in respect of the two car parks, but that they were still included in the order so that, in the event that an agreement was not reached, then Cornwall Council would be in a position to introduce charges at the car parks.

RESOLVED: That Cornwall Council be advised that the Town Council has considered the proposed order and wishes to object on the grounds that it believes that by introducing these car parking charges across the county, Cornwall Council is not helping the current economic climate as these charges increased costs to the public which had the effect of reducing trade for local businesses.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.190 CAR PARKS

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had been advised of the Town Council's response to the devolution of the two car parks and in respect of public toilets, but that no formal response had, as yet, been received. The Town Council noted the current position.

TC.191 FINANCE

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

None received.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £25.34 be approved for payment.

(c) Letters of Thanks

None received.

TC.192 PLANNING

(a) Pre-application Advice

(i) Trevarno, Leat Road, Boscaswell, Pendeen

The Town Council gave its informal view on a proposal for the re-submission of a planning application to Cornwall Council's Planning Team (West) in respect of a new dwelling with detached garage on land adjacent to Trevarno, Leat Road, Boscaswell, Pendeen. The previous application PA11/05676 having been refused.

The applicant Simon Lewis attended the meeting to present his amended plans.

Mr Lewis was advised that the comments were the informal view of the Town Council, based on the information presented to the meeting, and would not form part of its formal response which would only be provided as part of the formal consultation process when the Town Council would be consulted on the new application.

(ii) Moorland Close, Pendeen

The Deputy Mayor declared a personal interest in this item as Chair of LEPCLT.

The Deputy Mayor presented to the Town Council an amended layout for the proposed development at Moorland Close, Pendeen which was required due to an issue regarding the ownership of part of the land. The new layout proposed two bungalows at the front and two blocks of three terraced houses to the rear.

RESOLVED: That the amended layout for the proposed development be supported.

(a) Applications

PA11/04472 Alterations to farmhouse and conversion of barn to form dwelling at Cocks Roost, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. S. Watt. **(T CI strongly supported the application and the principle of the new extension, provided that the extension was faced in local granite to match the barn, the use of wooden windows and not UPVC. The Town Council also expressed its concern at the continued use of Planning Policy H11, and felt that the use of the building should not be restricted to business use.)**

PA11/08224 Erection of extension at 18, Talveneth, Pendeen. Applicant: Miss M. Olds. **(T CI No objection)**

PA11/08664 Erection of a three bedroomed dwelling on land adjacent to 12, Portherras Villas. Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. O. Hawes, Royle Properties Ltd. **(T CI strongly supported. Considered that car parking could be adequately provided on site.)**

Councillor Stevens declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as the applicant was known to him, and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item.

PA11/08954 Erection of replacement outbuilding (amended design PA11/03534) at 1, Botallack, St. Just. Applicant: Ms. Lucy Birbeck. **(T CI support, subject to a condition limiting the use of the outbuilding to 1, Botallack, St Just.)**

PA11/09204 Conversion of outbuilding to form annexe at An Lethy, Boscaswell Downs, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas. **(T CI no objection to proposed conversion, but did not support the use of UPVC windows or the installation of an external stainless steel chimney flue as it detracted from the external appearance of the building.)**

PA11/09183 Certificate of lawful development in respect of existing use of the Chalet as a separate dwellinghouse at The Chalet adjacent to the Count House, Balleswidden, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Hilary Spenceley. **(T CI support)**

PA11/09207 Certificate of lawful development in respect of existing use of the Cabin as a separate dwellinghouse at The Cabin adjacent to the Count House, Balleswidden, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. Hilary Spenceley. **(T CI support)**

PA11/09431 Construction of extension to side to provide self-contained annexe at Roslyn, 20, Carrallack Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. C. Fanelli. **(T CI no objection)**

PA11/09555 Installation of a B.T. green metal modular cabinet opposite 18, Nancherrow, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. V. Hurlstone. **(T CI no objection)**

PA11/09692 Installation and operation of a solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment with a maximum array height of 2.6m and a maximum installed capacity of 50kw at Little Dowran Farm, Dowran. Applicant E-tricity Ltd. **(T CI strongly support)**

PA11/09404 Felling of one sycamore and coppicing of one goat willow at Daisy Cottage, Cot Valley, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Mark Nankervis. Evolve Tree Consultancy. **(T Cl no objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA11/08631 Alterations to dwelling to include 3 additional rooflights, replacement chimneys and removal of two windows on the east elevation at Merivale House, 3, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Dr. Viv. Cothey. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection to overall proposal but continues with its objection in respect of the removal of the two windows on the east elevation)

PA11/07713 Construction of heliport including improved vehicular access point on Station Approach/Treloeweth Lane, car parking areas, terminal building, hangar, fuel installations and 1 helipad on land adjacent to Station Approach/Treloeweth Lane, St. Erth. Applicant: British International Helicopters Ltd. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. No objection but support Route B as the flight path has less impact on the parish of St. Just.

(c) Enforcement

None.

(d) Dowran

The Town Clerk reported that she had received an email response from Cornwall Council on how the hamlet of Dowran would be dealt with as part of the emerging Core Strategy.

Cornwall Council was currently exploring ways in which housing, particularly affordable housing, could be delivered in more rural locations, including hamlets. These proposals, along with the Cores Strategy proposals would be consulted on during January and February 2012 when the Town Council would be able to make further comments as part of that process.

TC.193 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

TC.194 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor McClary requested that grant applications be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 9 January 2012, and that it be considered in conjunction with the issue of communications.

Councillor N McFadden confirmed that the Christmas trees for St Just and Pendeen would be delivered and erected this weekend.

Councillor Nicholls requested that the Christmas Shop Window Display competition and the proposed new Household Waste Recycling Facility at Penzance be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 9 January 2012.

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Councillor Ms Angove requested that the issue of Battery Recycling Tubes be placed on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on 9 January.

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Town Mayor