

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 6.45 pm

PRESENT

The Mayor ex-officio

The Deputy Mayor - in the Chair

Councillors: Sally Hawken, Adam Hodgkins, Anne Purdon, James Shrubsole and Lorna Shrubsole. Councillor Powell joined the meeting during Part II.

In attendance: Councillor Roger Holmes who apologised for his late arrival.

Town Clerk: Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk: Stuart Houghton

Members of the Public: Peter Stevens, Cheryl Stevens, Jean Eames, B. Eames. S. Newton, D. Cotterill, A. Harwood, C. Rowe, A Green plus 1 other.

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters and reminded all that the meeting would be recorded.

She reminded the members of the public that the Town Council were only consultees in planning matters, and that the final decision, which might differ from the opinion of the Town Council, would be made by Cornwall Council. The members of the public were asked if they wished to address the Council.

582/14 PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Two people addressed the Committee, they were concerned about the proposal for Aldi Stores to open until 10.00pm, and they complained that the store was already opening until that time. They commented;

- Deliveries were being made at 4.30 am and the lorries kept the engines running whilst waiting to unload
- Reversing alarms, palette trolleys and moving cages disturbed sleep
- When a marquee was used in the summer employees started work to replenish stock at 6.30 am
- With the store closing at 10.00 pm employees were leaving work after that time and could be heard talking loudly

They added that they were only now making these comments because the store was applying to make the current opening hours official. They had no problem with the store, they used it themselves, but would ask the store to be a better neighbour.

The Chair thanked them for informing the committee of their opinions and invited them to stay whilst the Committee discussed the application.

583/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Christina Whitty and Cornwall Councillor Mike George

584/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS REGISTERABLE OR NON REGISTERABLE

No declarations of interests were made.

585/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2015

Councillor L. Shrubsole proposed, Councillor Hodgkins seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 6 January 2015.

586/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Matters arising (Minute 537/14)

1. Any Other Business (Minute 515/14 (Webbs Hotel))

The Town Clerk reported that he had reported the matter to Cornwall Council who had contacted the owner of the building. The gutter had now been repaired.

2. Any Other Business (Minute 515/14(Taylors Garage))

The Town Clerk reported that he had requested details of the new owner of the site, but had not yet received a reply.

587/14 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

PA14/11913 - Aldi Stores Ltd 1 Charter Way Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3XB

Variation of conditions 13 and 14 attached to decision notice PA13/01653 to extend the opening and delivery hours

The Committee had heard earlier in the evening, from residents, about early morning deliveries, extended opening times and noise disturbance, before and after the times stipulated in Conditions 13 and 14 of the permission granted for application PA13/01653. Some deliveries had been made at 4.30 am and with the store being open until 10.00 pm disturbance was caused by employees leaving the site later at night.

In comparison to all retail outlets, in or on the edge of rural towns, and

especially Liskeard, the Committee concurred that the existing conditions, 13 and 14, were reasonable, workable and adequate; they were not restrictive and should be enforced and not extended.

It is noted that the conditions agreed and set out in the previous permission granted to App No PA13/01653, have been deliberately breached for some months.

References

DEFRA Noise Policy Statement

Noise is an unwanted intrusion that adversely impacts on the quality of life, affecting health and well-being.

NPPF Paragraph 123 Planning policies and decisions should aim to;

- Avoid noise from giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of a new development of extended opening and delivery times
- Mitigate and reduce to a minimum other adverse impacts on health and quality of life arising from noise from new developments, including thorough use of conditions

Councillor Hodgkins proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **OBJECT** to the application as the earlier and later operating hours would create more noise and nuisance that would adversely impact on the health and quality of life of adjacent residents.

PART II

588/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business.

589/14 ITEMS REFERRED FROM THE MAIN PART OF THE AGENDA

To receive a pre-application presentation from Ocean Developments for proposals to construct 44 affordable homes on the site adjacent to Old Road and Woodgate Road.

590/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the members of the Press and Public are re-admitted to the Meeting.

591/14 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

None.

592/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

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