

#### **4. To receive an update on progress of items from the last meeting of the Planning Committee on Monday 22 July 2019 – FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Decisions**

PA19/03966 – Mr Paul Philip Stratton Beech Lawn Care Ltd, Beech Lawn, 45 Higher Lux Street

Works to Trees: A1 Turkey Oak to be cut down. A3 Oak and A4 Sycamore reduce size and remove dangerous and weak limbs. Conifers to South to be cut down and removed

The Town Council OBJECTED to the application, in accordance with the comments of the Tree Officer. However, the planning officer advised that the applicant had agreed to remove part 3 of the application relating to pruning of sycamore and oak, and asked if the Town Council would then remove their object/support the proposal.

The Town Council confirmed it would now support the application.

##### **Affordable and / or Community-led Housing**

Following the invitation from the Town Council, the Rural Housing Enabler has agreed to attend the planning committee meeting on Monday 21 October at 7pm to discuss the project and her role.

##### **Road adoptions**

Boveway Drive (carriageway and footway) became highway maintainable at public expense on 1 July 2019.

##### **Pre-applications**

PA19/02029 – Western Power, Land at Culverland Road, Trevecca

Construction of 13 dwellings (offered as an open market dwelling scheme with a % of affordable housing)

Advice has not yet been issued. The site is within the Neighbourhood Plan Development boundary.

##### **Changes to the CIL Regulations**

Changes to CIL Regulations come into force on 1 September 2019.

The highlights are:

- The removal of the existing pooling restriction (Regulation 123) that limits the number of developer contributions that can be used towards a single piece of infrastructure, i.e., the maximum of 5 has now been removed. The changes also mean that CIL and s106 money can now both be used on the same item of infrastructure.
- Introduction of an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement which sets out how much CIL and s106 is collected, how much is spent and what it is spent on. The first annual report would be due December 2020.

## **10. BT Consultation – Removal of public payphones – To comment on proposals to remove 3 public payphones in Liskeard**

The boxes proposed for removal are:

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of calls in last 12 months</b>	<b>No. of 999 calls in last 12 months*</b>
Lake Lane	90	5
Addington North	146	12
Clifton Terrace	22	1

The boxes which will remain are:

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of calls in last 12 months</b>	<b>No. of 999 calls in last 12 months*</b>
The Parade (outside Post Office)	650	14
The Parade (opposite Post Office)	260	10
Dean Street/ Barras Street junction	400	10

\* These calls have not been confirmed as emergencies

Consultation notices have been placed on the relevant payphones to ensure the local community are informed.

### Background

Overall use of payphones has declined by over 90 per cent in the last decade and the need to provide payphones for use in emergency situations is diminishing all the time, with at least 98 per cent of the UK having either 3G or 4G coverage. This is important because as long as there is network coverage, it's now possible to call the emergency services, even when there is no credit or no coverage from your own mobile provider.

Research shows that over 33% of adults use phone boxes from time to time, while 7% use them regularly. They're most popular with:

- Young people
- People on low incomes
- People with mobiles but no home phone
- People who have no phone at all.

They're especially important in areas where mobiles don't work, and in any community where there are disadvantaged people.

Even so, people aren't using phone boxes like they used to, and BT say six out of 10 of their phone boxes are losing them money.

### The Consultation

Any objection to the removal of a public payphone must be based on relevant factors, which can include but is not limited to:

- Housing type in the area – mainly rented properties, social housing or residential care homes could mean there are people on low incomes who need the phone box
- Number of households in the area – number of households within 400 metres, and alternative access to telephone services.
- Revenue / usage – indicator of value to the community
- Emergency calls – not just emergency services but also roadside breakdown etc. Is it more likely to be used for emergency calls e.g. near a known accident blackspot?
- Mobile phone coverage

Community Safety Officer, Lucy Allison has advised that the police have some concerns regarding the removal of any public payphones in relation to public safety, especially in the case of abusive relationships where someone could be fleeing from danger and use a payphone to call for help. They advise that often the first things to be destroyed by an abusive partner are phones and cars, in an effort to isolate a person and preventing them from reporting/seeking help and fleeing.

Consultation end date 7 October 2019

### **11. Addition of footpath from Classified Road A390 to Footpath 16 – To agree any evidence for a response**

This forms the start of the Beating the Bounds route.