

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 6.45 pm

### **PRESENT**

The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Jane Pascoe - in the Chair

Councillors: Anne Purdon, Tony Powell, James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole and Christina Whitty

Also in attendance - Councillor Roger Holmes

Town Clerk: Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk: Stuart Houghton

Members of the Public: Mr Snowdon

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

### **221/15 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from The Mayor - Councillor Phil Seeva

### **222/15 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE OR NON REGISTERABLE**

None.

### **223/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2015**

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 18 August 2015.

### **224/15 UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed, by the applicant to the old Magistrates Court development, that they had reached agreement with Cornwall Council. They would provide serviced plots for employment use and contribute a sum of money to the Affordable Housing Team.

Members expressed their concern that the developer was not to provide completed employment units as originally agreed, they felt that the affordable Housing Team had interfered and had reduced the employment potential of this site which was not in accordance of the NPPF. The developer had instructed his solicitor to make the agreement with Cornwall Council.

Councillor L. Shrubsole proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Cornwall Council to express the Councils extreme disappointment that completed employment units would no longer be provided as a part of this development.

## **225/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Snowden addressed the Committee about Planning Application PA15/07466 which proposed to demolish an old wooden bungalow and build a pair of Town Houses. He lived immediately behind this plot.

He said that a similar application had been made previously that had been rejected by the Planning Officers; he felt that this application should be rejected for the same reasons.

The proposal had windows on the second floor, that were the same level as his lounge, and he would be seriously overlooked. He felt that the architect had not considered this and had shown a lack of sensitivity to this item. He also thought that the proposal was overcrowding of the site and that access issues had not been addressed.

## **226/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from Mr Snowdon who had elected to speak in the public participation section.

## **227/15 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

PA15/06957 - Mr & Mrs Ian Bowman, 50 Allen Vale

Conversion of garage for habitable purposes and internal alterations

Councillor L. Shrubsole proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA15/07302 - Mr G. Stokley, Windrush Developments, Land at Springfield Road

Outline application for the construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings with all matters reserved

Members noted that the proposal included an area of Public Open Space in

Eastern Avenue. This area was used as a public right of way, was maintained by the local residents and had been noted in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan as an important public open space.

They also noted that if the land in Eastern Avenue was not available the land available in Springfield Road was not suitable for the current proposal and that there were several mature trees on the site.

Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **OBJECT** to the application as the proposal was considered to be over-intensive for the Springfield Road land, the public open space should be retained as it was recorded by the Neighbourhood Plan as being well used, it was a natural habitat and the tree Officers opinion should be sought about the mature trees.

PA15/07466 - Mr Michael Curgenvin, Maconda, New Road

Construction of a pair of town houses in replacement of an old wooden wartime bungalow

Members noted that although the ridge height was similar to the adjoining properties the proposal had dormer windows at the same height as the living areas of the property at the rear of the plot, therefore it would overlook this property and cause a loss of privacy.

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **SUPPORT** the current proposal provided that the dormer windows are removed.

PA15/07448 - Blue Banana Group, Prince Albert House, Liskeard Business Park, Holman Road

Proposed extension

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

**228/15 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

Councillor Powell asked if the Council knew the current position about the B&M Store. The change of use application had been refused but the store was still trading as if the permission had been granted.

The Town Clerk replied that he had spoken to the enforcement team and they were waiting for an appeal to be made by B&M.

Councillor Powell asked that the Cornwall Councillor members of the Town Council investigate this situation.

**229/15      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 6.45 pm.