

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Christina Whitty - in the Chair

Councillors - James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole, Tony Powell and Anne Purdon

Also in attendance - Councillor Roger Holmes

Town Clerk - Steve Vinson

Support Services Manager – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public - None

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

### **221/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Mayor and Councillor Phil Seeva.

### **222/16 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTERABLE OR NON REGISTERABLE**

No declarations of interests were made.

### **223/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Chair proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber at 7.00 pm on Monday 19 September 2016.

### **224/16 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Progress of JD Wetherspoons

Councillors were receiving a number of questions about the future of the proposed JD Wetherspoons site.

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Alan Hartridge from Liskeard Town Forum had forwarded the Town Clerk correspondence he had received from JD Wetherspoons stating:

'We are still reviewing our works at this particular site. We are happy with the site and we are not intending to move to any other location. Our architects are putting proposals together and we are also value engineering the project with our contractors.'

Jonathan Luker at Cornwall Council also confirmed consent had been given, with the only outstanding issues being land contamination, lime mortar and drainage details.

PA14/01429 Stuart Jones and Phil Beattie Joint LPA Receivers, Area 10b Maudlins Farm, Liskeard

On 17 June 2014 the Planning Committee resolved to support this application subject to 4 conditions. It has been confirmed that item 4, 'Any permission granted provides that the route joining the two parts of the development via the existing bridge be completed.' did not form part of the final agreement.

A covenant was included that 'there shall be no Commencement of Development until such time as the Off-Site Public Open Space has been transferred to Liskeard Town Council for one pound with full title guarantee free from encumbrances', and this transfer is progressing.

## **225/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

## **226/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed George Vaughan Ellis Award

The Town Clerk had circulated an e-mail from the family of the late George Vaughan Ellis, who wished to purchase a commemorative plate or cup to be given to Liskeard Town Council, and presented annually or as appropriate, in recognition of any person or organisation that contributes to the architectural heritage of Liskeard, either by preserving historic buildings or designing something beautiful.

This was felt to be a wonderful tribute, where maybe a salver could be presented bi-annually for a project with a planning aspect which was both innovative and provided a functional benefit to the town.

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The Town Clerk had circulated this communication by e-mail.

### **227/16 APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

PA16/08494 – Mr Andrew Solomon, Solomons Liskeard Ltd, Trevithick House, Moorswater Estate Road

Application for Advertisement Consent for the display of an externally illuminated static premises name sign mounted above the front façade of the building.

Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

### **228/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Draft Written Statement of the Neighbourhood Plan was presented for note and comment.

It was in draft form, plain text, easy to read and no graphics, but would look more user friendly before presentation to the public.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan commenced in 2014, and has involved a group of more than 30 people. Extensive consultation took place and many replies were received. As a result, working groups were set up focusing on the 4 key areas identified. Part way through the process, further work was needed due to changes to be made to the Cornwall Local Plan, which Liskeard's plan will need to be compliant with. In 2016 policy writing commenced, based on a re-think on reports from the 4 working groups (available online), which form the backbone to the written statement.

The next step is for this to go to public consultation, a statutory minimum of 6 weeks is required, and Liskeard's intention is to extend this to 8 weeks, which will finish in late December or early January. Any necessary reworking will then be done before submission to Cornwall Council to be checked against the legal requirements, and submit to an independent inspection to confirm it as a viable plan. The whole process may take up to 5 months. The final step is to hold a public referendum (Yes/No vote), with a result in favour making the Plan legally binding until 2030, however in the interim its contents will be a material consideration.

Councillors may be asked questions about the Plan in the coming months. It is a large multi-purpose document and an 8-page easy guide will be provided for public distribution to assist with comprehension.

The Chair thanked Councillors J and L Shrubsole, and all those involved for the hard work and effort they had put in to bring the Plan to its current state.

**229/16      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be on **Wednesday 2 November** 2016 at 7.00 pm.