

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Emily Hobhouse Room at Public Hall on Monday 23 June 2025 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

Committee: Councillors Simon Cassidy (Chair), Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite, Nick Craker, Annette Lee, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor
Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward
Members of the Public – Michael Batten and Lin Moore

Councillor Cassidy thanked Councillor Taylor for her help and support chairing many of the meetings over the previous year when he was unavailable.

67 / 25 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Craker as Chair for 2025/2026.

68 / 25 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Taylor as Deputy Chair for 2025/2026.

69 / 25 APOLOGIES

Councillors Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell and Christina Whitty

70 / 25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE

Councillor Reid – PA25/01190 Eliot House Hotel neighbouring property with adjoining boundary.

71 / 25 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025

Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2025 were adopted as correct.

72 / 25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF ITEMS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025

Verbal report given

73 /25 AGENT PRESENTATION

PA25/01190 - Michael Batten explained that the property had been used for more than three years as a house of multiple occupation, providing a vital facility to Cornwall Council for housing families in need of emergency accommodation. The property had under used space, such as the commercially unviable function room and sought to formalise the existing use and increase capacity. The property had an on-site live in manager, and 24/7 security. Contrary to recent social media posts circulating locally the property did not house refugees, immigrants or asylum seekers, and residents were allocated by Cornwall Council. In response to a question, it was confirmed they were contracted to provide emergency accommodation for Cornish families. There was currently one room with disabled access and the new proposal would increase this.

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74 / 25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

75 / 25 APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

19:43 Councillor Reid left the meeting

PA25/01190 – Mr Michael Batten, MVB Asset Management Ltd, Eliot House Hotel, Castle Street
Change of use and alterations of former hotel (current use HMO), to HMO

With the assurance that the property was contracted for use as emergency accommodation for Cornish families, Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

19:45 Councillor Reid returned to the meeting

PA25/03003 – Mr Jack Mulley, InstaVolt Ltd, The Bubble Retail Park, Plymouth Road

Proposal for the installation of eight rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within the car park of The Bubble Retail Park, including one fully accessible EV charging bay.

While the principle of installation of electric vehicle charging stations was supported, Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **OBJECT** to the application until the long ongoing issue of flooding during heavy rainfall in this area of the car park was resolved. Clarification was requested on the compatibility of vehicle charging and the two hour parking restriction in place.

PA25/03505 – Mr and Mrs J Harris, 21 Stephens Road, PL14 3SX

Proposed extension and re-modelling to include provision for roof-mounted solar panels

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA25/03667 – Mr Tom Watson, National Grid Electricity Distribution (South Wes), Moorswater Lodge, Old Road PL14 4LB

NGED propose to upgrade the existing 11kV network between poles 45MTCA11 and 45MTCB3 from 2 wire to 3 wire. The poles between 45MTCA11 and 45MTCB3 will be changed as required on a like for like basis. Any poles not changed will be tested and any fixtures or fittings will be replaced as required. The 3rd wire will make the network 3 phase ready and the pole mounted transformer at pole 45MTCB3 will be replaced with a new 100kVA 3 phase unit.

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

Plans received after preparation of this Agenda

PA25/01848 – Premier Inn Hotels Ltd, Haviland Road – PROTOCOL WITH AMENDED PLANS

Single storey hotel extension and associated works

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application in line with the planning officer's recommendation.

76 / 25 CORNWALL COUNCIL STREET TRADING POLICY REVIEW

To consider and comment on the proposed changes to the policy

New inclusions to the policy were welcomed such as a single use plastics update, clarification on the disposal of business waste, and DBS checks. However, further clarification was required on the enforcement process, particularly for trading at events on a weekend, outside of office hours; and whether items such as glow sticks were considered single use plastic. Once approved the policy should be brought to the attention of local organisations who organise events.

77 / 25 CORRESPONDENCE

None

78 / 25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on **Monday 21 July 2025** at 7.30pm.