

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Long Room on Tuesday 27 March 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – Ex-Officio
Councillors (committee) – Tony Powell (in the chair), Tyler Bennetts, Roger Holmes, Jane Pascoe, Susan Shand, Naomi Taylor and Julian Smith
Support Services Manager – Yvette Hayward
Cornwall Councillor – Nick Craker
Agent/Applicant – Dr Rehan Symonds (Oak Tree Surgery)

The Chair advised those present of housekeeping matters and that the meeting was being recorded.

601/17 Apologies

None

602/17 Declarations of Members Interests Registerable or Non Registerable

Councillors Holmes, Smith and Taylor declared an interest in application PA18/02317 as patients of the surgery.

603/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018

Councillor Holmes proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on Monday 5 March 2018.

604/17 To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the planning committee on Monday 5 March 2018

Verbal report given

605/17 Agent/Applicant Presentation

Dr Rehan Symonds, managing partner at Oak Tree Surgery made the following points with reference to their application:

- NHS at a local level said the pharmacy was needed.
- NHS Litigation Authority considered an appeal of this decision and the Secretary of State for Health confirmed that the pharmacy was needed.
- Dispensing was already happening in the building, but only to limited number of patients who lived in rural areas.

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- They can now dispense to all patients which reduces car use and is a significant benefit to persons who share so called “protected characteristics”, e.g. the very old, mothers with young children, housebound who are brought to surgery for specific appointments by their carers
- They have provided planning precedent from across England where the same thing is happening now and there appears to be planning precedent that the proposed use falls within the accepted use of a medical centre under D1.
- There is virtually no retail – i.e. they are not selling toiletries, vitamins etc, so patients still use the normal retail facilities of the town. No existing pharmacy is threatened by this as they operate quite different models.
- They would only sell specific medicines such as pain killers – i.e. mother with a sick child needs Calpol.
- Patients are very supportive - they have received an enormous amount of support from their patients for this new service throughout the process from its first inception through to a new and much needed addition to local pharmacy services fully integrated with primary health care.

In response to questions, Dr Symonds confirmed that while the pharmacy could be used by anybody, he would expect this naturally to be their own patients, since people are unlikely to have a prescription issued at another surgery and then travel to them to get it fulfilled.

They were agreeing a timeline with the landlord for signing a new lease with the necessary variations to allow pharmacy services, and approving the ongoing development of a pharmacy in the building. They have made interim changes to address waiting times and have further plans to extend the pharmacy into an underused part of the building to improve the service, which is likely to require another planning application.

606/17 Public Participation

None

607/17 Correspondence

None

608/17 Applications for Consideration

PA17/05013 – Mr Robert Libby, Land North east of Taylors Garage, Barn Street, Liskeard PL14 4BL

Change of use and conversion of the existing building into six flats including partial demolition of building. Construction of four dwelling houses together with access road, parking and other associated developments

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and the Committee

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RESOLVED that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA18/01768 – Mrs Clare Bevan, Unit 27, Holman Road, Liskeard PL14 3UT
Change of Use from class B1, B2 and B3 to or including A5 (Hot food takeaway) and installation of an extractor through the roof.

In discussion, the committee noted the following points:

- This is currently an employment site and should be retained as such
- The Liskeard Business Park has high occupancy rates and waiting lists for units under the current permitted uses.
- This could have an adverse impact on the viability and vitality of the town centre
- There are frequently vacant premises in the town centre where A5 use would be permitted
- The existence of another hot food takeaway on the site

Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **OBJECT** to the application, as it contravenes policy EM4 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The site should be retained for employment use as there is current demand for this. The application would also have an adverse impact on the vitality and viability of the town centre.

The committee requested that confirmation was sought that the existing hot food takeaway on the Liskeard Business Park had permission for A5 use.

PA18/02083 – Mr and Mrs S Nicholls, 28 Tregartha Way, Liskeard PL14 3TF
Alterations and extension to rear of dwelling with associated works.

The application was deferred, as it is understood the applicants are considering their options following advice from the planning officer that the current proposals are unlikely to gain approval.

PA18/02279 – The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Natwest, Trehawke House, Dean Street, Liskeard PL14 4AG

Application to remove existing brand signage and ATM and through-out the building, carefully remove non-original fixtures, fittings, furniture and equipment relating to the operation of the branch.

Councillor Bennetts proposed, Councillor Shand seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA18/02280 – The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Natwest, Trehawke House, Dean Street, Liskeard PL14 4AG

Listed building consent for the removal of existing brand signage and ATM and internally, through-out the building, carefully remove non-original fixtures, fittings, furniture and equipment relating to the operation of the branch.

Councillor Bennetts proposed, Councillor Shand seconded and the Committee

RESOLVED that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA18/02317 – Mr Mark Hedley Cornwall Medicine Limited trading as (T/A) Oak Tree Pharmacy, Oak Tree Surgery, Clemo Road, Liskeard PL14 3XA
Certificate of Lawfulness for pharmacy within doctor's surgery.

The committee noted the comments made earlier by Dr Symonds, and considered the following additional points:

- The existing town pharmacies offer a good delivery service for medication, and jeopardising this service would be unwelcome
- Only one of the town pharmacies is accessible
- The proposed service would bring great benefit to some vulnerable members of the community

Councillor Shand proposed, Councillor Bennetts seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

PA18/02560 – Mrs Anne Hobbs, 2 Fowenn Court, New Road, Liskeard
Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, namely various works to the group of trees G1 and trees T1 – T6

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

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PA18/02120 – Mr Colin Chadwick, 9 Donierts Close, Liskeard PL14 4HS
Works to trees in a Conservation Area, namely fell single unstable Leyland Cypress (Cupressus Leylandii) at the top of the rear garden.

Noted

Plan received after preparation of the Agenda

PA18/02828 – Mr D Eldridge Optical Services UK Ltd, Clemo Road, Liskeard PL14 3XA

Proposed installation of assessable doors for staff

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

The committee wished to express thanks to everybody from the Neighbourhood Plan team who have worked tirelessly to bring the Plan to its current stage, and most recently gave up their time to attend the independent inspector's hearing and answer questions where required.

609/17 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be on **Tuesday 17 April 2018** at **7.30pm** in the Long Room at the Public Hall