

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on Monday 28 January 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – Ex-Officio
Councillors (committee) – Tony Powell (in the chair), David Ambler (Deputy Mayor – ex-officio), Tyler Bennetts, Jane Pascoe, Sue Shand, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor
Also in attendance: Councillor Sally Hawken
Support Services Manager – Yvette Hayward
Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker

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

395/18 Apologies

None

396/18 Declarations of Members Interests Registerable or Non-Registerable

None

397/18 Election of Deputy Chair for remainder of the year 2018/2019

Councillor Ambler nominated, Councillor Smith seconded the nomination and the Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Naomi Taylor as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the 2018/2019 year.

Councillor Powell expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to Roger Holmes for his many years of service and work on the Planning committee.

398/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2018

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Long Room at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 4 December 2018.

399/18 To receive an update about progress of items from the last meeting of the planning committee on Tuesday 4 December 2018

Verbal report given

400/18 Agent/Applicant Presentation

None

401/18 Public Participation

Councillor Craker reported that he had protested to Cornwall Council about a new business opportunity they had advertised for a food and drink outlet in the car park at Luxstowe House. He did not feel this was in accordance with the Council's plans to support regeneration of the town centre and could be harmful to the vitality and viability of the town centre. Cornwall Council had now removed the offer.

402/18 Correspondence

Email from D Taylor regarding parking in Gas Lane

The committee considered this along with recent problems highlighted by the fire service, who had been unable to get an appliance through last week in nearby Varley Lane due to poor parking. The area borders the West and East wards, and both Cornwall Council ward members were present.

Considerations identified when dealing with these problems were:

- Imposition of yellow lines will displace the problem to another area of the town
- Parked cars provide a form of traffic calming, in areas where yellow lines have been introduced problems have ensued due to speeding traffic endangering cyclists
- Double yellow lines would be needed to prevent any parking and keep routes clear for emergency vehicles, but single yellow lines which permit overnight parking may be more favourable to residents
- Rapson's carpark is not considered safe by some residents for overnight parking

Councillor Pascoe (also CC west ward) had already spoken to Paul Allen at Highways about the matter who had advised that a traffic order would take 6 months to implement. The issue could also be submitted to the next round of highways projects for the Community Network Panel.

Councillors Hawken and Pascoe would work together to obtain advice from Highways on possible solutions, which residents could be consulted on.

It was suggested the fire service be asked for any footage of incidents where vehicles have been removed quickly to allow an appliance to attend an emergency, as wider exposure of this may deter poor parking.

403/18 Applications to be Considered

PA19/00188 – Mr Jon Taylor, 9 West Street

Listed Building consent for retention of works (like for like replacement of roof covering and roof light)

Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **SUPPORT** the application.

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PA19/00361 – The Trustees of St Martins Lodge, Masonic Hall, The Parade
Listed Building Consent for the installation of a stairlift

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

Application for Street Trading Consent – Miss Sarah Shaw, Vintage Truck & Trike Catering Co

To Trade at Liskeard Business Park

Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Shand seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **OBJECT** to the application due to the impact it would have on the viability and vitality of the town centre.

404/18 2019 Off-Street Parking Order – To Agree Comments to Submit for the Consultation

In discussion, the committee considered the following points:

- The level of car parking charges is a continuous issue raised by the public
- Would pay on exit barriers improve dwell times? – there is a phased instalment in other Cornwall Council car parks (this may have associated problems with the park and stride initiative etc)
- Any increase does not help the viability and vitality of the town centre
- There were no objections recorded at the Town Forum
- Charging in round amounts would be easier as the machines do not give change e.g. £1 for up to two hours
- We have a large base of elderly residents who do not own the technology to use the parking app or wish/understand how to use it. Mobile coverage in some car parks is patchy
- There were no improvements for blue badge holders
- New arrangements were under discussion to provide suitable parking for registered carers when visiting patients
- Low cost parking is needed for people who work in the town centre – these people support the town centre spending money at lunchtimes etc, and this would also deter undesirable on street parking – e.g. Rapson's and Lower Sungirt car parks at £1 per day
- Improve promotion of season tickets as they represent good value
- Christmas free parking generated lots of extra cars in the car parks
- Higher cost for longer stays does not encourage people to dwell after the main purpose of their visit
- Free parking is not a solution as car parks get clogged with vehicles and it does not encourage greener car sharing and use of public transport

- Restructure of charges are needed to discourage people from driving around local roads looking for a space and alleviate the associated traffic/safety, pollution and road wear problems
- The correct level of charges would increase revenue as more people used the car parks (pilots in the past had demonstrated this such as a Saturday £1 per day charge)
- Could concessions such as windscreen repair or car sales in the car park be used to subsidise costs?
- The recent High Street Report included a recommendation that local authorities ensure parking charges support accessibility to local businesses, encourage footfall and attract customers to the town centre
- The Positive Parking initiative identified key priorities of congestion, safety, air quality, accessibility, technology, working together and fairness
- Cornwall Council's Positive Parking Framework was in place and included an objective to support local businesses by providing enough car parks, in the right place at the right price.

In response to the consultation, the committee agreed to object to any increase in charges due to their impact on the vitality and viability on the town centre. In addition, they requested consideration was given to a restructure of charges which could include a £1 charge for up to 2 hours, and £1 per day charges in Rapson's and Lower Sungirt car parks. Promotion of the season tickets was requested to raise awareness of this lower cost option which currently exists.

405/18 Cattle Market Update - To receive a verbal report on the current position On the Cattle Market

Councillor Hawken reported that the success in being awarded funding which would result in the charrette process was good news for the town and would move things along. It was not starting from a blank page as they have the benefit of work already done. All 3 local schools would be involved, and Councillors should advise of any other groups which should be included as invitees at the launch event. Work on the feasibility of a community space on the site was also taking place.

406/18 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be on **Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Council Chamber.