

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – Ex-Officio
Councillors – Tony Powell (in the chair), Roger Holmes, Jane Pascoe, Susan Shand, Naomi Taylor and Sally Hawken (also Cornwall Councillor for Liskeard East)
Town Clerk – Steve Vinson
Support Services Manager – Yvette Hayward
Cornwall Councillor for Liskeard North – Nick Craker
Cornwall Council Planning Officers – Jon Luker and George Shirley

Residents – Patricia Ascott, John Cain, Brian Carnegie, David Danson, Jamie Husband, Jack and Brigette Mann, Jon Pollard, Robert Saville, Jonathan and Maeva Usher

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters and that the meeting was being recorded.

412/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Tyler Bennetts

413/17 Declarations of Members Interests Registerable or Non Registerable

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in item 6, as she owned a property on the Liskerrett estate

414/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Long Room at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14 November 2017.

415/17 To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the planning committee on Tuesday 14 November 2017

Verbal report given

416/17 Agent/Applicant Presentation

None

417/17 Public Participation

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Liskerret estate traffic concerns

Several residents spoke of the concerns of those that live in the area, which they feel may culminate in a fatality, and asked the Town Council to support their campaign to seek remedies.

Concerns included:

- volume of traffic all entering and exiting the estate via a single access point on Charter Way,
- speeding traffic,
- unadopted roads which are not then maintained by Cornwall Highways,
- parked cars reducing visibility and further narrowing the roads which may obstruct access for emergency services,
- unsigned children's play area near the road,
- children playing in the road,
- confusing street naming,
- the current application by Linden Homes for a further development off Jago Close which will increase traffic flows.

It was accepted that the estate may have been poorly planned, with narrow roads and insufficient resident parking, and while this could not be changed remedies must be found.

Possible solutions discussed were:

- a south exit via a bridge over Lake Lane,
- traffic calming measures,
- adoption of the roads,
- improved signage.

It was noted that the recently approved large development by Wainhomes on land east of Oak Tree Surgery, which will create a new access point on the opposite side of Charter Way will further exasperate traffic problems in the area.

Councillor Hawken reported that she had been working with Cornwall Council for some time to resolve these issues, and as a result Cornwall Council were seeking to purchase land south of Lake Lane in order to take control of the future of the 'bridge to nowhere'. The south exit via a bridge had originally been planned as an access for emergency vehicles and public transport only, but the feasibility of this will need further exploration. It was also noted that traffic in the estate was currently largely that of residents and their visitors. Were a through road to be opened, it could also bring additional through traffic.

Councillor Hawken also advised that road adoptions had reached a stale mate situation, as roads needed to be at certain standards and various provisions made before Cornwall Council could adopt them. Failure by the developers to do this had therefore halted the process. To resolve the situation, it may be necessary to release

the developers from some obligations in order to make progress for residents. She would forward an update on the current position with adoptions for each of the roads involved.

Councillor Hawken would also talk to Cornwall Highways about signage and other measures which could be introduced to resolve these problems. She was also concerned the estate was currently cut-off from the rest of the town due to its single road access and lack of pedestrian links with local schools, the town centre and shops at the Bubble site, and hoped that addressing connectivity would bring further improvements for residents.

The Chair asked Councillor Hawken to investigate whether an updated emergency services review could be undertaken in this area.

418/17 Correspondence

Mrs B Mann / Mr & Mrs Angrave – breach of planning conditions at Persimmon development

Residents requested the Town Council write a letter to Cornwall Council Enforcement team supporting their anxiety at breaches of planning conditions which are causing distress.

Of particular concern was the pumping of sewage, necessary as the new development is still not connected to the mains sewage system. Failure to complete agreed landscaping, provide play areas, and plant noise outside of permitted working hours were also noted.

Councillor Craker would provide the Town Council with a full list of recorded breaches and their current status, to enable the Town Council to contact Cornwall Council in support of the residents.

Cornwall Council – Tregay Lane proposed 30mph speed limit consultation until 22 December

Noted

419/17 Applications for Consideration

PA17/10535 – Mr Tom Beale, Luxstowe Vets Ltd, Liskeard PL14 3QF

Advertisement consent for a proposed fascia/box sign to replace/upgrade luminated sign.

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

PA17/10987 – Mr & Mrs Darren and Heather Bungey, 6 Meadow Park, PL14 4EX
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing garage conversion.

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Shand seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council **DEFER** to the application, pending further information.

420/17 6 month trial of an Area Based Team

To receive a presentation from Jonathan Luker and George Shirley

This trial is led by planning officers who are based in Liskeard and fixed to the area, gaining a better understanding of it, and improved relationships with Town and Parish Councils. The aim is to improve the quality of the developments approved.

Following discussion suggestions were made to:

- improve communication between the Town Council and the planning officer,
- allow the Town Council the benefit of other consultee comments before needing to give its own comment,
- give more weight to local knowledge (particularly in highways matters),
- give more consideration to the construction period of the development,
- give improved feedback to those who object to applications,
- give reasons for planning decisions in plain English.

421/17 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee would be on **Tuesday 2 January 2017 at 7.30pm** in the Long Room at the Public Hall.