

Lostwithiel Town Council – Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12 March 2013

A Meeting of the Town Council's Planning Committee was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 7pm.

Councillors present

The Worshipful the Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Mrs G Parsons
Planning Committee Chairman Councillor D Robson
Honoured Burgess Jones, Honoured Burgess Peareth,
Councillor D Abbiss, Councillor J Pegg &
Councillor V May.

In attendance

Deputy Mayor Mrs P Jarrett
Councillor P Watkins
Town clerk Sandra Harris

Five members of the public were in attendance

PL727/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Planning Committee was addressed regarding PA13/00971 Land adjacent to Castle Hill Lostwithiel and PA13/01196 Pullington Farm Sweetshouse.

PL728/12 APOLOGIES

None

PL729/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PL730/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 12 March 2013 were approved and duly signed by the Committee Chairman Councillor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg Seconded Councillor Abbiss. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

PL731/12 PLANNING DECISIONS

PA12/10820 Restormel Water Treatment Works

New water treatment process plant building and associated works. - *Approved*

PA12/10963 Unit 9 Restormel Industrial Estate Lostwithiel

Retention of Uses Classes B1, B2 and B8 with the addition of D2. - *Approved*

PA12/12006 38 Grenville Road Lostwithiel

Proposed alterations to existing garage/workshop to provide ancillary accommodation. - *Approved*

PA13/00462 Co-operative Retail Services Ltd Quay Street Lostwithiel

The installation of new covered areas to the yard area. - *Approved*

PL732/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a)

PA13/00971 Land adjacent to Castle Hill Lostwithiel
Amendment to approved plans to change 3 x 1 bedroom flats to 3 x 2 bedroom flats (plots 16, 17 & 23) PA10/05805 dated 28/06/11
It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Honoured Burgess Jones that Lostwithiel Town Council supports the amendment to the affordable housing provision as it should be of more benefit to first time buyers. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

PA13/01137 Opposite 8 Edgcumbe Road Lostwithiel
Siting of 2 x green modular cabinets
It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that this application is supported for the benefit of the community. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

PA13/01196 Erection of wind turbine 24.9m to hub, 34.5m to blade tip
Pullington Farm Sweetshouse Bodmin
It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Jones and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that this application does not receive the support of Lostwithiel Town Council. The Council wishes to express its concern regarding the close proximity of the proposed structure to dwellings, the visual impact in an Area of Great Landscape Value, the distraction and possible flicker for road users on the bend of a narrow road and the access route is not suitable for HGVs. The siting of the turbine so close to the road and the lack of community benefit. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

b)

PA13/01339 Installation of 2 green metal modular cabinets
Lostwithiel Telephone Exchange, Summer Street, Lostwithiel
It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Honoured Burgess Jones that Lostwithiel Town Council does not support the location of these cabinets. Lostwithiel Town Council does support the provision of broadband and accepts that these cabinets are necessary. However, in this particular instance the Town Council would prefer the cabinets to be located within the boundaries of the telephone exchange out of sight of the road. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

PL733/12 FLOOD WARDENS & FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Flood Wardens meeting was advised that according to Environment Agency data Lostwithiel is the town most at risk of flooding in Cornwall. The Wardens discussed many of the issues following the floods of 22 December. One of the biggest concerns is the conduct of members of the public during the flooding. Unfortunately when the river was at its most dangerous residents and visitors were walking along the river bank at King George V playing

field and Brunel Quays. The wardens considered if it is possible to tape off those areas to prevent public access during severe flood warnings.

It was also felt that there needs to be a better management system for the Flood Wardens to ensure they report back at regular intervals and that the assembly point is changed from Brunel Quays to Lostwithiel Community Centre.

The Town Council should consider writing to the Community Centre to ask permission to use their facilities. A system also needs to be introduced that when individuals are rescued they report to the Community Centre. The Community Centre can then log movements & whereabouts.

There are now enough wardens for each warden to be allocated only one sector. Each Flood Warden was given details of their revised sector at the meeting held on 28 February and the next Flood Wardens meeting is due to take place on 11 April.

The clerk was instructed to check the plan with the Town Council's insurers and the Fire Service and Councillors were reminded that they are welcome to attend the Flood Wardens meetings.

PL734/12 FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN – COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- a) Lostfest – It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Honoured Burgess Jones that a table is booked at Lostfest at no charge to Lostwithiel Town Council. This proposal received the support of the Committee.
- b) Lostwithiel School 20 June 2013 – It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that Councillor Pegg does a flood presentation for the school. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

PL735/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council Consultation on Cornwall Local Plan

The clerk was instructed to email the link to all Councillors and to make the consultation an agenda item for the April full council meeting.

PL736/12 TOWN PLAN

Mayor Mrs Parsons advised the Committee that the figures from the questionnaire have been collated but not all the comments. The Mayor hopes to have the information available to present to the Town Meeting on 22 April and will then take it forward to publish as a Town Plan.

PL737/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Town Plan

Report from flood meeting

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman

Date