



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF BUDOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL ON 26th AUGUST 2014

PRESENT: Cllrs Bastin, Bennett, Mrs Clark, Fairbank (Chairman), Geraty, Gibson, Hart, Hennell and Mrs Perham

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Iddon – Clerk, Cllr Hatton (until point mentioned) and a number of members of the public (until point mentioned)

1. SAFETY PROCEDURES.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Heritage.

3. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS RECEIVED.

There were none declared.

4. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

There were no requests for dispensations from members.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman ascertained that all members of the public attending the meeting were there in relation to Agenda item 9. Although invited to make comments, none chose to do so.

It was agreed to discuss Agenda item 9 as the next agenda item.

9. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPEAL 14/00257 LODGED IN RESPECT OF UP TO 154 DWELLINGS ON LAND OFF BICKLAND WATER ROAD

The reasons for the original refusal of this application were explained for the benefit of the members of public at the meeting. Cllr Hatton gave an update on the Local Plan and the following points were highlighted:-

- Cornwall Stategic Plan for new houses
- Grade 2 / 3A Agricultural Land Policy
- Falmouth Town Council's support for rejecting the appeal
- Felt to be no need for more houses/affordable homes in Budock parish, especially now approval has gone ahead for 300 houses on Kergilliack site.

At this point several members of the public were keen to contribute and:

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell and seconded by Cllr Hart and:

RESOLVED that the meeting now reverts back to Agenda item 5.

On a vote being taken this was unanimously approved.

Agenda item 5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Following items were raised by the members of the public:-

- Concerns raised as to whether the feelings of the local people will be taken into account.
- Concerns over loss of Grade 2/3A agricultural land. If permission granted for this, it will set a precedent for other applications.
- Concerns that as no work has yet commenced following Midas winning their appeal for industrial units adjacent to this site, and that a 'Change of Use' application could follow, resulting in even more houses in this area.
- No need seen for more affordable housing for the parish.

- Concerns that the Cornwall Council could come to an agreement with council's from outside the area and provide houses for people from these areas, as has happened with other housing estates in Cornwall.

The meeting then returned to Agenda item 9.

Agenda item 9 – continued.

Further discussion on all points raised so far and the following additional points:-

- Also - English Heritage Inspector has stated that they stand by their original comments and have confidence that the Cornwall Historic Environment section of Cornwall Council will put forward their views – some concerns as this department is part of the Planning department.
- Tree Preservation Orders have now been confirmed along Bickland Water Road.

It was agreed that the council would put together a full response to the appeal, with the Chairman co-ordinating the responses with the final submission being passed to all Councillors for final approval before it is submitted. All aware of short timescale for this.

All the members of the public left the meeting at 7.48pm

Cllr Hatton left the meeting at 7.50pm

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 28th JULY 2014 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Clark and seconded by Cllr Hart and:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 28th July 2014 are received and approved.

On a vote being taken, this was approved unanimously.

7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 8th AUGUST 2014 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Geraty and seconded by Cllr Bennett and:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 8th August 2014 are received and approved.

On a vote being taken, this was approved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention.

8. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

- i) **PA14/07458** – The Coach House, Menehay, Budock Water – Removal of 8 holly and 4 sycamore trees – Mr Alan Pearce

A general discussion took place, and it was noted that no comments have, as yet been submitted by the Tree Officer. Concerns were expressed regarding the amount of trees that have been removed and coppiced within the Menehay development over the recent period.

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell and seconded by Cllr Gibson and:

RESOLVED that Budock Parish Council cannot support this application, in the absence of a report from the Tree officer.

On a vote being taken this was approved with 8 votes for and one abstention.

9. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPEAL 14/00257 LODGED IN RESPECT OF UP TO 154 DWELLINGS ON LAND OFF BICKLAND WATER ROAD

Discussed before item 6 – see above.

10. TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Bastin and seconded by Cllr Mrs Clark and: -

RESOLVED that accounts totalling £816.40 for the month of August 2014, are approved for payment.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

11. TO AGREE REPRESENTATION AT CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING WORKSHOPS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF COSTS

It was agreed that Cllrs Fairbank, Hennell, Heritage and the Clerk will attend the Planning Workshop to be held in Pool on 30th September.

It was proposed by Cllr Geraty and seconded by Cllr Hart and:-

RESOLVED that the Council approves the payment of £10 per delegate for this workshop.

On a vote being taken this was unanimously approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02pm

Signed
Chairman

Date: 29th September 2014