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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
held on Thursday 24 September 2020 at 7.00pm
via the Zoom platform

Present Cllrs, Gordon (Town Mayor), Penhale (Deputy Mayor), Conway, Gilbert, Harris, Heaton, Nancarrow, Nolan, Young and Tremain (Chairman)
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)

2009/16 Election of Chairman
Cllr Gordon proposed and Cllr Conway seconded, that Cllr Tremain be elected as Chairman of the committee
Cllr Tremain was duly elected as Chairman

2009/17 Election of Vice Chairman
Cllr Gilbert proposed and Cllr Penhale seconded, that Cllr Gordon be elected as Vice Chairman of the committee
Cllr Gordon was duly elected as Vice Chairman

2009/18 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr Hogan who was substituted by Cllr Conway

2009/19 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

2009/20 Public Representation
There were no representations

2009/21 Minutes of the last meetings
The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 were signed as a correct record

2009/22 Current Planning Applications for comment

Application	PA20/07126
Proposal	Construction of a detached two-storey dwelling with parking space
Location	Land North West Of 1 Polson View Race Hill Launceston PL15 9BQ
Applicant	Mr Ian Aldridge
Decision	SUPPORT

Application	PA20/07835
Proposal	Works to trees in a Conservation Area, namely Sycamore (T1) to reduce by 2 metres, pre work tree is 12 metres, post works tree will be 10 metres in height
Location	5 Foundry Gardens Tredydan Road Launceston Cornwall PL15 8PA
Applicant	Mr Garrett Harrison
Decision	SUPPORT

2009/23

Issues Regarding On street Parking

It was **resolved** that the following proposals and concerns be forwarded to Cornwall Highways;

- a) Yellow lines be installed along the length of St Thomas Road and that the layby area by Dockarcre Road be allocated for free parking for 45 minutes and between the hours of 6pm and 8am
- b) Parking along Castle Street from Eagle House Hotel to the corner of Tower Street causes obstruction and larger vehicle cannot access the roads
- c) Parking enforcement is required along Windmill Hill and Castle Street
- d) Parking on Priory Park Road and Tredydan Road needs enforcement
- e) The Council investigate whether parking could be accommodated at the Priory Park site
- f) Consideration be given to operating a one way system around North Street and Duke Street
- g) Full Council considers the issues of speeding and traffic flow

2009/24

Correspondence and items to note

- 1) The committee received the following update from the Chairman;

It was interesting to read the emails from Cubert Parish Council with reference to affordable housing and S.106 problems. I am sure we will be kept informed of developments.

The Buildings at Risk Register still shows 13 High Street upper floors as of ongoing concern. Hopefully the recent repairs will have addressed some of these concerns.

An absentee landlord who bought several properties in Snowdrop Crescent and Honeysuckle Gardens when they were first built and rents them out is in the process of having them converted into Houses of Multiple Occupancy. Neighbours are concerned and Cllr. Farrington is dealing with this via the Private Sector Housing Department at County Hall.

I have been informed there are still ongoing sewage overflow/smell problems at Stourscombe. Sewage is being pumped from the Wainhomes site into the main system through Snowdrop Crescent. The main sewer outlet has overflowed in the past through the public open space that the Town Council and local residents are hoping to plant out this autumn. South West Water are working on the problem but residents are concerned as to how the new developments may add to the problems.

Cllr. John Harris brought to our attention some info about Accessibility Standards and it is something for us to be aware of.

The Rural Service Newsletter the Clerk forwards to us is an excellent document and sometimes there are links to planning issues.

I joined the 2020 Planning Conference yesterday via Teams. It was an interesting presentation and it will be available to us all through the Cornwall Council website before too long. Approximately 1,400 planning applications are received per year and 93% are approved, whilst 92% align with local community views. There are pressures on enforcement with a backlog due to Covid 19. Officers working hard to deal with the new changes to the planning system.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed..... Date.....