

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING MEETING AT 7.00PM HELD ON THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2021 BY ZOOM.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.
Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Andrea Lankston, David Keeble,
Simon Lawes, Nigel Cummings.
Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Parish Councillor: Barbara Reynolds,

Agenda Item 3: Planning Application:

3.1.1: Application No: PA21/06329.

Proposal: Retrospective permission for the Change of use of land, for mixed use agriculture and tourist accommodation from 1st April to 31st October. To include the siting of a camping pod, and the erection of a toilet and shower.

Location: Field at Bokenver, St Martin by Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant Mr Pete Buttery.

Grid Ref **228433 / 55493.**

Deferred from the Parish Council Meeting on 2nd September to allow absent Councillors (due to the current pandemic) to have a say.

Parish Council's Decision: Discussions ensued which included concerns about future development on the site and adjoining land, the possibility of asking for a covenant restricting further development, compost toilets and the distribution of waste on adjoining agricultural land, only one pod being an unsustainable business model which would need to expand to make the business viable and the possible setting a precedent allowing similar sites in the parish.

Following the discussions, it was agreed to submit the following to Cornwall Council Planning:

Application refused 4 votes to 3 (The Chairman used his casting vote).

The Parish Council would only support this application if:

- 1. We receive written guarantees from the applicant that the site is to be for only one pod with facilities, and with no future expansion planned now or in the future, be it with the current owners or any new owners should the site be sold.*
- 2. Only one vehicle to be allowed on site for the exclusive use of the visitors in the pod.*
- 3. NO camper vans to be allowed on the site at any time.*

Comments.

The Parish Council applaud the applicants for the development carried out so far, all be it without planning permission. The site is an excellent example of how a sustainable, environmentally friendly tourist accommodation site can be, and should be used as an example to others who legally plan to develop their land in a similar way.

The Parish Council are disappointed the applicants chose to operate the site before permission has been sought; their actions may well have eroded any trust the Parish Council has that they will comply with their requests.

The Planning Inspectorates' comments insinuating that a small-scale development may be ok, was in our opinion out of order and beyond their remit, The Parish Council suggest no decision should be reached by the appointed Planning Officer based on these comments.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7th October 2021 at 7.30pm The **Parish Council Meeting** at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.42pm.