

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD BY ZOOM AND TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2020 AT 7.00pm.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.
Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston, David Keeble, Lynne Burt.
Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.
County Councillor Armand Toms.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

None.

Agenda Item 3: Planning Applications:

3.1.1: Application PA20/05737

Proposal: Temporary change of use for three years of an existing static caravan from holiday use to residential use for a site manager.

Location: Bay View Farm Camping and Caravan Park, St Martin, Looe Cornwall.

Applicant: Mrs Elford.

Grid Ref: 227198 / 54387.

Response from Planning Enforcement Officer below:

Following the enforcement case EN19/01953, it has been confirmed that the site is no longer being used in breach of the Appeal decision or E2/09/01143/FUL i.e. dates and use of the land. However, one of the static caravans approved under planning permission 09/01143/FUL is currently being used as manager accommodation due to the owner no longer being able to run the site alone since her husband's death. Given the circumstances it was agreed that a temporary (3 year) application could be sought, which would allow the Council to formally access the use of the caravan. The enforcement case was closed on the agreement that an application of the static caravan will be submitted to the Council by the second week in July, a date was entered in the enforcement calendar to check the application (PA20/05737) was submitted as agreed.

Kind regards, Ben Bassett, Senior Development Officer (Enforcement and Appeals Team).

Parish Council's Decision: Approved with comments below: Proposed by Councillor Burt, seconded by Vice Chairman Powley, agreed 5 – 2.

Comments:

1. Cornwall Council Enforcement Team need to ensure all enforcement identified is regularly monitored and appropriate action taken should the enforcements be breached. (Currently at least 10 touring caravans are still on site and some are in use, this is not permitted and needs to stop, also winter caravan storage needs to cease).
2. The correct description of the site is used in all future correspondence, Bay View Farm is no longer a Touring Caravan and Camping site (see 2014 Appeal), touring caravans are not permitted, only motorhomes and tents are allowed.
The Parish Council acknowledge the owner has erected new signs excluding touring caravans.

Agenda Item 4: Planning Matters:

4.1.1: Letter from Looe Town Council, re: Planning Changes. 1

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5th August 2020

Dear Colleagues

We are sure that you are aware the Government has plans to overhaul the planning system which may have huge implications for Town and Parish Councils across Cornwall with build, build, build being at the forefront. We are confident that you will be in agreement that this would be a total loss of 'Localism' which means not being able to protect our infrastructure and the qualities of our sea and townscape which makes Cornwall such a special place. Concern has been raised by Cllr David Renard spokesman for Local Government Association for housing and planning who said:

"We urge the Government to act on these independent findings and remove permitted development rights. Developers must no longer be allowed to bypass the planning system and local communities must be able to have a say on all new developments in their area.

It is vital that councils and local communities have a voice in the planning process and are able to oversee all local developments so councils can deliver resilient, prosperous places that meet the needs of their communities."

22.7.2020

Please refer to www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-report-change-use-permitted-development-rights to be able to read Cllr Renards' full article.

Looe Town Council Areas of Concern:

- . Poor quality building with lack of local distinctiveness
- . Impact on our infrastructure
- . Limited dental and NHS facilities within Cornwall
- . Limited numbers of well-paid jobs in our county with predictions of Cornwall to be one of the worst hit areas in unemployment in the UK.
- . Impact on our natural environment and climate change
- . Ensuring the protection of our landscapes such as AONB
- . Impact on our conservation area
- . The implications on our emerging and adopted neighbourhood plans, which have resident support/approval through careful engagement
- . Ensuring that the local voice must be heard and not a one size fits all approach

As valued colleagues to Looe Town Council we would be very interested to know what stance your council has on this matter and what course of action you are taking against this proposal. We are sure like ourselves you would hate to see the loss of our planning committees which gives a valued platform to our communities.

For your information Looe Town Council will be writing to our MP Sheryll Murray to voice concern and lobby support and we would be keen to see if there is a collective voice we could bring to bear on this matter.

We very much look forward to receiving your comments and working with you to get clarity on the Government's proposal and ensuring we get the very best for our communities.

Yours faithfully

Mel Colton-Dyer

Commercial Strategy Director and Town Clerk

Looe Town Council

Discussions ensued and it was agreed to support Looe Town Council.

Agenda Item 5: New Business:

5.1.1: Community Network Panel – Community Highways Scheme Year 4 – Do the Parish Council wish to submit a highways scheme for consideration this year?

Discussions ensued and two schemes were discussed and will be submitted to The Community Network Panel. The schemes identified:

1. No Man's Land Pedestrian Crossing.
2. May Lane, Millendreath, virtual footway.

5.1.2: Seaton Country Park Parking – Discussions ensued and it was agreed to support Deviock Parish Council in whatever action they take.

5.1.3: Monkey Sanctuary – Appeal for financial help in the current pandemic (This item was emailed to all Councillors 3 days after the meeting and included in these minutes).

Following email responses and a discussion between the Clerk and the Chairman it was agreed to send a £50 donation and to offer 4 issues free advertising on the Parish Magazine (worth £60).

Expenditure authorisation will be included in the September Parish Council meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Keeble:

Speeding Traffic – A driver from Looe Taxis regularly speeds through the lanes particularly from the Monkey Sanctuary to Bay View Farm.

Tourists on the Camp Sites – Could the Parish Council please contact the local camp sites to remind the visitors to take care both as pedestrians and drivers in the lanes.

Councillor Lawes:

Speeding Traffic – Agrees with Councillor Keeble's comments.

Seagull Bin Protection – A big problem at Millendreath – County Councillor Armand Toms can supply covers for the bins at a small cost to the Parish Council.

Councillor Lankston:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Burt:

Speeding Traffic – Agrees with Councillors Keeble and Lawes the lanes are not suitable or the volumes of traffic using them.

Vice-Chairman:

Fingerpost at The Monkey Sanctuary – Still broken – The Clerk to chase up.

The Chairman:

Bus Shelter – Could the Clerk please contact the contractor for a start date.

Static Caravan in the field near May Lane – Regularly has the lights on at night despite being told it was not residential. Please monitor and report to Enforcement if residential use is suspected.

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Visitors and Road Safety – Councillor Toms has been visiting local holiday parks to remind visitors to take extra care on the highways.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 3rd September 2020, **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.00pm by Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.54pm.