

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors D Holley (Chairman), R Austin, P Clements, G Ellison, M Gee, Mrs S Hooper MBE, A Killeya, Mrs M Killeya, C Oakes, C Riches, D Yates

ALSO PRESENT Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Bickford, N Challen, B Reid, P Stephens
County Councillor B Preston

Councillor Holley welcomed Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya to her first meeting since being elected, having signed the declarations.

179/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 08/01725/FUL for extension to the cemetery as it is an application by the Town Council. Councillor Austin declared a prejudicial interest and will leave the meeting during discussion of the item as he had helped to prepare the application.

Councillors Mrs Hooper, Gee and Ellison declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 08/02095/FUL for 77 Old Ferry Road as the applicant had assisted them in the past in their election as Independents for Change.

Councillors A Killeya, Mrs Merryn Killeya, Mrs Hooper, and Clements declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 02056 for the former station building as Members of the Saltash Rail Users Group (SRUG).

Councillors Mrs Hooper, Ellison and Austin declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 08/02000/FUL as they sit on the same Committee as Mr Shepherd at Groundwork and Councillors Mrs Hooper and Ellison also sit on the Saltmill Group with Mr Shepherd.

180/08/09 PLANNING

- (a) It was noted that District Councillors voted upon the information before them at this meeting but in the light of subsequent information received at the District Council, Councillors may vote differently.
- (b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
24.11.2008	08/01725/FUL	Saltash Town Council – Land Pt OS 6618 Churchtown Farm Bungalow, Farm Lane, St Stephens - change of use of land from agricultural to public

cemetery to include new vehicular/ pedestrian access, parking area, toilet block, care takers store and also allotments and associated utility services. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to: (a)** noting that the land outlined in blue does not belong to Saltash Town Council but to St Stephens Church **(b)** the description for allotment land **MUST** be **temporary allotment use**.

(Councillor Austin left the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest)

01.12.2008 08/01799/FUL Mr D Brown - **Tredamar, 12a Hillside Road** - construction of rear extension and replacement of conservatory. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.**

17.11.2008 08/01862/FUL Mr and Mrs D Barr - **Boisdale House, 78 North Road** - construction of new residential care unit including ramp and link corridor to existing unit. **Two letters of objection were reported. It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention (Councillor Holley) to RECOMMEND REFUSAL** as it is over-development of site. However, if the District Council is minded to approve the application, (a)there should be a Transport Plan for staff to get to work as the extension will increase the use of cars by extra staff and visitors. (b) there should be non-opening windows with obscure glass on the side overlooking. (c) concern that the light from the windows on the landing at night will be intrusive and blackout blinds should be provided.

01.12.2008 08/01901/FUL Mr S Lloyd - **The White House, Longlands, St Stephens** - construction of bedroom at first floor level over existing flat roof balcony and provision of new bathroom in existing bedroom at first floor level. **It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 2 abstentions (Councillors Killeya and Holley) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.**

01.12.2008	08/01915/FUL	<p>Mr J Walker - Saltash Car Supermarket, Unit 4 Tamar View Industrial Estate, Prideaux Close - installation of authorised treatment area for end of life vehicles. It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL as it is a sparse plan with not enough information to know about environmental issues; where the vehicles are going to be stored; the surface to know how spillages will be dealt with; no indication of a security fence.</p>
25.11.2008	08/02000/FUL	<p>Mr J Shepherd and Miss J Plevy - 4 Deer Park – construction of single storey “snug” and garden store with terrace over to rear of dwelling (demolition of existing sun room). It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 2 abstentions (Councillors Holley and Riches) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.</p>
01.12.2008	08/02056/FUL	<p>Planetvision Ltd - Saltash Station, Albert Road - renovation and conversion of existing railway station to form two offices and provision of parking area. It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.</p>
02.12.2008	08/02094/FUL	<p>Tamar Housing Society – Land adjacent 63 Alamein Road - construction of nine affordable dwellings with formation of new vehicular/pedestrian access and associated parking. It was RESOLVED by 10 in favour and 1 against to RECOMMEND APPROVAL but (a) a report on the effect of drainage in the area should be provided as residents are expressing concern regarding flooding. (b) regret the loss of the originally proposed play area and would like to see it back. It should be an adequate play park for the infants and if it is not, would like to see the construction of a play part in another area of Saltash. (c) It should be noted that a footpath crosses the site.</p>

03.12.2008 08/02095/FUL Mr B Pedley - **77 Old Ferry Road** - alterations to roof to provide loft conversion with dormer on rear elevation. Provision of pitched roof to rear tenement. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.**

03.12.2008 08/02096/FUL Mr Procter and Ms Dixon – **3 Beatrice Avenue, St Stephens** - demolition of garage and construction of front screen wall and gate. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.**

(Councillors Ellison, Austin and Mrs Merryn Killeya declared a personal interest as the applicant is known to them)

181/08/09 ONE CORNWALL

(a) The draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Cornwall Council had been previously circulated. A response is required by the 10th February 2009. It was felt that the revised Pill Ward makes good sense and maybe the re-naming of Wards should be given consideration. It also appeared that the numbers are wrong under the new County electoral boundaries .

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) a letter is sent to the County Council, with a copy to the Boundary Commission asking them to check and explain how they get their figures for current and future houses for Saltash.
 - (ii) the District Council is asked for a full scale map showing the proposed changes for Saltash
 - (iii) a Working Group is to meet and draft a response to the document and report back on the 13th January for a final discussion before agreeing the response to the consultation.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Riches goes in place of Councillor Ellison with Councillor Killeya to the Parish and Town Council Engagement event on the 18th December at the District Council Offices.
- (c) A letter was reported from Mr Runnalls at the District Council stating that he had discussed the Council's initial inquiry regarding 18 Belle Vue Road with Mr James Wakeham, Lead within the One Cornwall

Team, who had stated that he would discuss this at the planned meeting on the 26th November. However, the people who came with the One Cornwall Team to the meeting knew nothing about this.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Austin and Holley will see Mr Runnalls and ask him to come to the next meeting on the 13th January.

- (d) Councillor Holley reported that Councillors and the Clerk had met with the One Cornwall Team on the 26th November and it was generally felt that there was insufficient office space at The Guildhall for the Community Network Manager and three or four staff. The Team were shown around Brunel House, Lower Fore Street and 43 Lower Fore Street and also advised of 18 Belle Vue Road.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) the Town Council agrees that there is no space at the Guildhall suitable to accommodate the Community Network Manager and staff but it would be logical to accommodate them centrally within the Town and to bear in mind that the St John Hall is under utilised.
- (ii) a letter is sent to the One Cornwall Team regarding the space at the Library and the loss of book space and flow of the Library.
- (iii) A proposal was put that the Town Council would be prepared to discuss use of Brunel House on the understanding that the Town Council would get some space in the building and share funding of the lease on a proportional basis.

An amendment was put that the Town Council would prefer to see a second location for the One Stop Shop in the Centre of the Town and close to the Town Council to make for effective liaison.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried by 7 for, 3 against with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Killeya). It was then put as a substantive motion and was carried by 10 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Killeya).

- (e) The paper from the One Cornwall Team on Active Partnering Schemes (A Model for Joint Service Delivery) was discussed and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would be interested in piloting Option 4 “Joint Service Delivery” for grass cutting.

The Council feel that they are able to monitor and provide a more flexible approach with their local knowledge on publicly owned grass. The Town Council has experience in working with other Agencies, which include the County Council for the upkeep of its footpaths and roundabouts in Saltash; the Highway Agency for the maintenance of Carkeel roundabout on the A38 and Caradon District Council for the enhancement of amenity areas. The Town Council might be interested

in taking on service delivery themselves in the future and feel the pilot scheme would be a good leaning opportunity.

- (f) A consultation document was received on the Localism Charter. It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Clerk complete and reply by the end of December
- (g) Although a meeting for two Councillors and the Clerk to attend a meeting of the larger Local Councils and the Cornwall Association of Parish and Town Councils had been originally cancelled, it had been re-convened at short notice for tomorrow. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya attend.
- (h) Councillors reported that Looe had issued a press release stating their preference of being included in a Community Network Area with Liskeard. It was **RESOLVED** that a press release is issued.
- (i) Other issues to consider writing to the County Council are:-
 - (i) Expressing concerns at the overspend for One Cornwall which was originally £19m compared to the current £60m .
 - (ii) Senior level appointments, ie Heads of Service either external appointments or County centric. Diversity of geographical coverage will not go amiss and keep local expertise.
 - (iii) Increase for planned redundancies and the cost implications from 200 – 400.

182/08/09 **PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Killeya will write a press release

- (a) encouraging people to respond to the consultation on the review of boundaries and to give the Town Council their views also, including possible new Ward names.
- (b) responding to Looe regarding Community Network Areas.

183/08/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7 pm

184/08/09 **COMMON SEAL**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.