

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Tuesday 11^h August 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs S Hooper MBE (Chairman) R Austin, N Challen, P Clements, G Ellison, M Gee, D Holley, A Killeya (for part of meeting), Mrs Merryn Killeya (for part of meeting), B Reid, P Stephens, D Yates

ALSO PRESENT Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Bickford (holiday), C Riches (Cornwall Council Planning meeting), C Oakes (family funeral)

84/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

85/09/10 PLANNING

(a) It was noted that Cornwall Councillors voted upon the information before them at this meeting but in the light of subsequent information received at Cornwall Council, Councillors may vote differently at that meeting. Councillor Mrs Hooper did not vote on any planning applications.

(b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
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27.07.2009	09/00699/FUL	Mr J Smith – 49 North Road - siting of portakabin. It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND REFUSAL as it is out of keeping with the street scene and there will be a loss of amenities,
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13.07.2009	09/00767/FUL	Mr and Mrs S Puckey - 2 Barrow Down, Latchbrook - construction of extension over existing porch to enlarge bedroom. It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL .
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(Councillors A and Mrs Merryn Killeya arrived)

13.07.2009	09/01033/TPO	Mrs D Jordan - 28 The Brook - consent to thin crown by 30% removing one in three stems, to raise the canopy over garden by 2m and reduce the crown
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spreading to the east and west by now more than 2m and all reducing branches to be pruned back to suitable growing point of two Ash Trees covered by Tree Preservation Order. **It was RESOLVED by 10 in favour with 2 abstentions (Councillors Mrs Hooper and Reid) to RECOMMEND REFUSAL as (a) the trees form an essential part of the Pillmere green finger (b) the trees do not interfere with the light to the house.**

20.07.2009 09/01068/FUL Mrs L Stubbs - **18 Meadow Drive** - conservatory to rear elevation. **It was RESOLVED by 11 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

27.07.2009 09/01069/FUL Mrs Keen – **3 Goldfinch Grove, Pillmere**- construction of conservatory. **It was RESOLVED by 11 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

29.07.2009 09/01073/FUL Cornwall Council - **7 – 18 Tamar Street Flats, Tamar Street** - application by Cornwall Council for the replacement of external staircases. **It was RESOLVED by 11 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

(Councillors Austin and Holley declared personal interests as Members of Cornwall Council)

22.07.2009 09/01085/TPO Mr P Greenslade - **4 – 6 Badgers Close, Pillmere Estate** – consent to crown raise to a height of 6m and reduce crown spreads east by 2.5 – 3 metres to one Sycamore (T2), re-coppice at height of old coppice stool of one common Ash (G1), reduce southern crown by approximately 20%, reduce northern crown spread (north) by 2 metres and remove dead wood of Oak (T5) of tress protected by tree preservation order. **It was RESOLVED by 11 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of work to trees T1, T2, T4, G1, G2 but the Council have concerns at the work proposed for the**

oaks T3 and T5 where they recommend that safety work only should be undertaken.

(Councillor Holley declared a personal interest as he is acquainted with the occupant of No. 6)

29.07.2009 09/01128/FUL

Mr K LeSuer - 25 Deacon Drive, St Stephens – retention of extension to driveway and retaining wall. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to appropriate measures to ameliorate its impact on the street scene, such as screening or facing.

86/09/10 CORNWALL COUNCIL

- (a) Councillor Mrs Hooper reported on meetings of the Cornwall Association of Larger Local Councils which she had attended and asked if there were other issues which Councillors would wish raised at these meetings, the next being in September. Councillor Holley stated that Saltash should still be asking that it wants more details on service sharing and property; also what is the scope of the CNA review; the necessity to keep car parking charges low in Saltash because of its proximity to the Plymouth area.

Councillor Austin stated that the 13th October was to be the first planned meeting of the CNA but this may not happen. He also stated that the CNA needed a budget but this is under discussion. Mr Swale has in hand to arrange a cheese and wine for the Parish and Town Councils and Councillor Mrs Hooper will mention at her next meeting that no meeting has yet been held with the CNA Parishes.

(Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya left the meeting)

Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that one of the issues which was raised by the Truro Town Clerk was their concerns over who pays for environmental issues in the Town. Councillor Mrs Hooper felt that it might be good for the group to meet before the meetings to see around the towns and see how things could be undertaken.

(Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya returned to the meeting)

- (b) Councillor Austin reported that he had spoken with Mr Arthur Hooper who was responsible for grass cutting contracts and would be prepared to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss how the Town Council could become involved in the cutting of verges and parks.

It was **RESOLVED** by 10 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya) that Mr Arthur Hooper is invited to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

- (c) It was **RESOLVED** that the Local Democracy Consultation from National Association of Local Councils will be circulated and discussed at the full Council meeting.
- (d) Councillors raised the question of services provided at the One Stop Shop, in particular that staff only give out the telephone number of services and do not deal with the query but is more like an information point; when asked about a planning query, staff have stated that paper plans are not available at the Town Council offices but that the person would have to go to Liskeard; benefits advice appears to be available all the time but it was understood that this would only be certain days a week and that other services such as planning and housing surgeries would also be held.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter is drafted by Councillors after the meeting with the Football Club tomorrow and is sent to Mr Lavery, the Chief Executive, with a copy to Mr S Foster, regarding the planning and housing surgeries; specialist staff not library staff providing information who could be proactive rather than just having a signposting role; the Town Council is not being advised of changes that are taking place in the Community Network Area (CNA) and One Stop Shop; the CNA Manager does not seem to be involved with the One Stop Shop.

- (e) Councillor Mrs Hooper that Saltash had come top in the British League for being the most desirable place to live by the Post Code. It was **RESOLVED** that details of this are added to the front page on the web site.

87/09/10 **PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor issues a press release regarding the Town being the most desirable place to live by Post Code.

88/09/10 **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.