

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

Present Cllr Mrs A Boosey (Chairman), Cllr Mrs K Alexander,
Cllr Mrs S Gudmunsen, Cllr Miss K Sutherland

In attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
3 members of the public

12/33 Apologies

Cllr J Berryman (Mayor)

12/34 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary - None
- b. Non Pecuniary – None

12/35 Public Questions

A local resident reported that she had surveyed people living in the vicinity of the Old Stationmasters House and she confirmed that everybody was very happy with the renovation proposals.

12/36 Minutes of Meeting of 16th July 2012

Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Sutherland abstained from voting.

12/37 Matters Arising (for report only)

The Chairman confirmed that the Casalinho application had been recommended for refusal by the case officer, who had made some suggestions to the architect. An amended proposal would be submitted in due course.

12/38 Planning Applications

1. PA12/06939. Conversion of two dwellings to one dwelling; alterations and extensions. 2-3, Albert Place. Withdrawn.
2. PA12/07215. New entrance porch and sash windows on front elevation. Widening of dormer window with a new sash window and an additional velux window to the rear elevation. 13, Daglands Road. It was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Sutherland and RESOLVED that a recommendation of support should be made to Cornwall Council.
Reason: This proposal would have no adverse effect on the streetscene.
3. PA12/0 7138. Retrospective building consent for replacement of windows and doors at rear and non-structural refurbishment of interior. 64, Lostwithiel Street. It was proposed by Cllr

Gudmunsen, seconded Cllr Sutherland and RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be made to Cornwall Council but noting that FTC strongly objects to the principle of retrospective applications.

4. PA12/07325. Raising of existing roof with rear dormer to provide additional accommodation. 3, Station Road. It was proposed by Cllr Sutherland, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that a recommendation of support should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: This proposal would have no adverse effect on the streetscene or neighbouring properties providing opaque glass is used on the side windows*

5. PA12/07660. Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area. Felling of one cherry tree and one eucalyptus tree. 30, Lostwithiel Street. Noted.

6. PA12/06875. Removal of existing flat roof to garage, replace with slate pitched roof. St Willow, Esplanade. It was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that a recommendation of support should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: This proposal would have no adverse impact on the streetscene and is an appropriate and sympathetic improvement to the Conservation Area.*

7. PA12/07244. Demolition of outbuildings and proposed redevelopment and construction of new block to create a total of 10 residential units and 4 commercial units. 36, 38 & 40, Station Road. It was proposed by Cllr Gudmunsen, seconded Cllr Sutherland and RESOLVED that a recommendation of support should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: This is a careful and well thought out design to renovate an important building in Fowey. A great deal of effort has been made to accommodate the resident bats and to retain mature trees where possible. This scheme will also significantly regenerate the Caffa Mill end of Fowey.*

8. PA12/07215. Proposed entrance porch and sash windows on the front elevation. New dormer and velux windows to the rear elevation. 13, Daglands Road. Duplicated application – see 2 above.

12/39 Notice of Appeals

None.

12/40 New Breaches of Planning Regulations

None

12/41 Correspondence.

2 letters of objection to the FREE applications for wind turbines and the development of the Squires Field car park with PV panels. *Noted that FTC had already responded to this application*

Planning Protocols for Local Councils

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that FTC should respond as follows to this consultation.

Fowey Town Council considers that, in the main, the protocols as set out are reasonable but is concerned about the exclusion of all 'Householder Developments' from call-in. Many items can be reasonably dealt with under delegated powers but some proposals may have a local impact that cannot be fully appreciated by a remote planning officer, despite his/her accepted knowledge of the planning laws. FTC accepts that some proposals may be currently called in without adequate planning grounds for so doing but the spirit of 'localism' and 'democracy' should surely entitle local town and parish councils to make their views known in the public arena, particularly in respect of controversial applications. It is wholly wrong that the Head of Service (or his nominated representative) could exercise his discretion on whether or not

the application goes to the planning committee, after first discussing the matter with the Divisional member, who may or may not be fully trained in planning procedures. Fowey Town Council also considers (and has long made this view known to both Restormel Borough Council and Cornwall Council) that 21 days is too short a consultation period for town and parish councils. Applications invariably take 4/5 days in transit before arriving on the Clerks desk and then the required notice must be given before members can reach a structured decision at a scheduled town/parish council meeting.

12/42 Date of Next Meeting 26th September 2012, 6pm

Meeting Closed 6.40pm