

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th AUGUST 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL AT 3.00pm

Present Cllrs G Asker (Chairman), J Berryman, Mrs F Day, P Fassam,
D Willmore,

In attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
5 members of the public (part)

17/32 Apologies The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay (*ex officio*)

17/33 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary – None
- b. Non Registerable – None.
- c. Dispensations – None.

17/34 Public Questions

Members of the public addressed the meeting in great detail about their objections to the siting of Tree houses in the grounds of Fowey Hall. They highlighted, *inter alia*, damage to trees and their root systems, serious overlooking and overshadowing of their properties (exacerbated by the height of the proposed units and the land heights), disturbance to the large numbers of bats on the site, issues with services (particularly in respect of a pump for foul drainage), noise nuisance and impact on the Conservation Area and AONB.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their input and assured them that the Committee would give the points raised careful consideration when making a decision.

17/35 Minutes of Meeting of 19th July 2017

Proposed Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

17/36 Matters Arising (for report only)

None.

17/37 Planning Applications

The Chairman directed that the meeting would consider agenda item 6, PA17/06286 before moving on to the other applications on the agenda.

6. PA17/06286. The proposed siting of one tree house within the grounds of the hotel and associated works. Fowey Hall Hanson Drive. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council
Reasons: 1. The site is within the AONB and the Fowey Conservation Area, is on the Heritage Coast and is within the curtilage of a listed building. Planning policy demands that great weight

must be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in such areas. 2. Although the Tree Officer has raised no objections, this proposal would necessitate the removal of and cause disturbance to both mature and younger trees, which are an important part of the skyline of Fowey. Tree roots would also be damaged by the installation of services and the heavy plant involved at the construction stage. The tree report suggests that services will run across the adjacent Brewery Field but the owner of the field has confirmed that permission for this has not and will not be given. 3. There are large numbers of bats present at the site; habitats would be disrupted and destroyed. 4. The proposed 'tree house' by reason of its height and close proximity to houses and bungalows in Hanson Drive would cause significant and unacceptable overlooking, overshadowing and invasion of privacy to the occupants; particularly to numbers 12, 14 and 16 Hanson Drive. 5. Noise nuisance would be caused to nearby residents. 6. The structure would be plainly visible from Hanson Drive and the river. 7. There is as yet no report from the Conservation Officer; this must be filed and considered before any development is approved at such a sensitive and important site in Fowey.

1. PA17/05944. The proposed siting of three tree houses within the grounds of the hotel and associated works. Fowey Hall Hanson Drive Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council
Reasons: 1. The site is within the AONB and the Fowey Conservation Area, is on the Heritage Coast and is within the curtilage of a listed building. Planning policy demands that great weight must be given to conserving landscape and scenic beauty in such areas. 2. Although the Tree Officer has raised no objections, this proposal would necessitate the removal of and cause disturbance to trees, which are an important part of the skyline of Fowey. Tree roots would also be damaged by the installation of services and heavy plant involved at the construction stage. 3. There are large numbers of bats present at the site; habitats would be disrupted and destroyed. 4. The structures would be plainly visible from Hanson Drive and the river. 5. Noise nuisance would be caused to nearby residents. 5. There is as yet no report from the Conservation Officer; this must be filed and considered before any development is approved at such an important site in Fowey.

2. PA17/06003. Replacement windows to flat as shown. Top Flat 9 North Street|. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be made to Cornwall Council

3. PA17/06767. Listed Building Consent for replacement windows to flat. Top Flat 9 North Street. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be made to Cornwall Council

4. PA17/06349. Certificate of lawfulness existing use: Year round use of this bungalow as a single family dwelling. 1 Four Turnings Bungalows B3269 between Polglaze Farm and the A3082 Roundabout at Newtown. Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Berryman econded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be made to Cornwall Council

5. PA17/06900. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Reduction in height of group of Elms from 12 metres to 8.5 metres. The Red House 32 Daglands Road. Cllr Asker proposed, Cllr Fassam seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection should be made to Cornwall Council

17/38 Notice of Appeals

None

17/39 New Breaches of Planning Regulations

None.

17/40 Correspondence

Letters and emails objecting to PA1705944 and PA17/06286.

17/41 Date of Next Meeting 23rd August 2017

Meeting Closed 3.55pm