

**MINUTES** of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 09.30 a.m. in the Shire House Suite, Shire House, Bodmin.

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor K W Stubbs, presiding; together with Councillors, A J Coppin, J Gammon, J R Gibbs, (arrived 9.35 a.m.), J H Hartill, L G J Kennedy, P Kerridge and P L G Skea.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr S Facer (DCE) and Mr D Kinnair (Committee and Cemeteries Officer)

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**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES:**

There were no Chairman's announcements and apologies were received from Councillor G G C Minors.

The DCE reported that the admin office move back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Shire House was scheduled for today (17 December 2014) with the IT and phone system being reinstalled and switched over on 18 December 2014. The DCE requested if Members could bear this in mind and be understanding that there may be a delay in Officers replying to work related queries during this time.

The DCE further reported that the Christmas Tree on the Mount Folly had been vandalized for the second time and that some of the wiring to the lights had been cut and the tree damaged. There had also been damage to the Priory Park toilets. The DCE sought instruction as to how Members wished Officers to proceed with regard to this matter.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the lights on the tree be disconnected now and that a press release be drafted explaining the Council's actions and rationale. A watching brief would be implemented over the next four days to ascertain if any further vandalism is incurred and a decision taken on Monday 22 December 2014 as to whether to fell the tree completely on public safety grounds.

Councillor L G J Kennedy kindly agreed to liaise with the DCE in both the drafting of the press release and liaison with the various media outlets that would report the story.

It was further **AGREED** that the vandalism to the toilets would be reported in a separate press release to the Cornish Guardian in due course.

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**PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION - An opportunity for local residents to make representations or ask questions relating to items on this agenda. (Note: a maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated for this session and there will be a time constraint of 5 minutes per speaker).**

There were no members of the public present.

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**Declarations of Interest – Members to declare interests in respect of any agenda item.**

There were no declarations of interest made.

P/2014/258 - PA14/02738 Conversion & extension of cattle shed into self contained dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking - Land East of St Annes Chapel, Dunmere Road, Bodmin Cornwall - Mr John Wibberley

**Bodmin Town Council supports this application subject to there being sufficient flood protection and environmental health measures which meets with the approval of both the Environment Agency and Environmental Health given the location of the property in a high risk flood zone area and the close proximity to the River Camel.**

P/2014/259 - PA14/11510 Change of use of existing light industrial unit (B1 C) into B1 A incorporating extension, general alterations and parking provision. Re-design of approved application PA13/06502 - 12/16 Normandy Way, Bodmin, Cornwall - Mrs Sinclair, Microtest Ltd

**Bodmin Town Council supports this application.**

P/2014/260 – PA14/11564 Removal of condition 2 in relation to E1/2003/02504 dated 02/07/2004: to allow the non-food goods by catalogue showroom retailer from up to 185m2 of the existing sales area:

Condition Number(s): 2

Conditions(s) Removal:

To allow the sale of non-food goods by catalogue showroom retailer from up to 185m2 of the existing sales area.

The development hereby permitted shall only be used for the sale of non-food goods consisting of building, home improvements and DIY products; garden products and plants; safety protective and garden footwear and associated clothing; office supplies, furniture, carpets, floor coverings and household furnishings; pet supplies; electrical and gas products; motor parts and accessories; household products; boating equipment; bicycles or ancillary goods associated with these product ranges, inclusive of the sale of non-food goods by a catalogue retailer from up to 185 sq. metres of the existing sales area and for no other purpose including any other purpose in Class A1 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 or in any provision equivalent to that class in a statutory instrument amending or re-enacting that Order, unless prior approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority has been obtained - Unit 4, Bodmin Retail Park, Launceston Road, Bodmin, Cornwall - Home Retail Group

**Bodmin Town Council supports this application.**

P/2014/261 – PA14/11581 Application for works subject to a Tree Preservation Order, namely fell two sycamore trees, one in hedge of number 23 and one in hedge of number 24 Athelstan Park - 23 Athelstan Park, Bodmin, Cornwall - Mr Nigel Butler

**The DCE reported that the rationale for tree works seemed to relate to inconvenience rather than based on tree health. Whilst the Council might be minded to support pruning work or crown raising**

**and thinning it might not support felling based on other matters. This appeared to be the view of the Forestry Officer, whom was supportive of the felling of the sycamore situated on the front bank of the garden of 24 Athelstan Park, but believes that the other tree is healthy and in good condition and is an important amenity tree within the context of the estate.**

**Following discussion, it was AGREED to respond making the following representation:**

**Bodmin Town Council supports the comments as detailed in the County Foresters report.**

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic - Temporary Road Closure – Beacon Hill, Bodmin – 5 January to 26 March 2015 (24 hours, weekends included) – Scaffolding for works to roof

**This information was circulated with the Agenda and was noted by the Committee.**

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic - Temporary Road Closure – Boskear Lane, St Lawrence, Bodmin – 26 to 30 January 2015 (24 hours) – Cabling works

**This information was circulated with the Agenda and was noted by the Committee.**

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PA14/08958 Construction of a 3 megawatt peak ground mounted solar photovoltaic array within two fields to the east of the A30 at Newton's Margate, Bodmin to provide renewable energy supply for local business at Newton's Margate Industrial Estate - Higher Margate Bodmin Cornwall - Mr Andrew Williams Lanhydrock Estate Company – Strategic Planning Committee Notification – 18 December 2014, 10.00am, Council Chambers, Council Offices, Truro Cornwall

**This information was circulated with the Agenda and was noted by the Committee.**

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E-mail received from Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) dated 11 December 2014 regarding Housing Growth in Cornwall

**This information was circulated with the Agenda and was noted by the Committee.**

The meeting closed at 09.46 a.m.