

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ST NEOT INSTITUTE, ST NEOT ON WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7PM

Present: Councillors H Bunt (Chair), C Smith, M Rowe, T Hooper, T Thrussell, D Glanville and G Rogers.

Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm. He confirmed that no one was recording the meeting.

Public Participation

None.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cornwall Councillor P Seeva.

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st August, having been previously circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

4. Applications and appeals received from Cornwall Council

To receive and consider the following planning applications:

PA22/07871 – Discharge of planning obligation in respect of decision E2/08/01941/FUL to return the bungalow to its original use as a family annexe at Malletts Cottage (Wenmouth View), St Neot

The Chairman commented that this is the second time this application has been considered by the parish council although this latter application is worded differently. He said there was no new information. It was proposed by Councillor H Bunt and seconded by Councillor T Hooper that the application be supported. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

PA22/05567 – Proposed temporary siting of mobile home at Far View, Road From Higher Fawton To Tripp Hill, St Neot

Councillor G Rogers asked what the wording “temporary” meant in this context. Councillor T Hooper said that it means that the caravan would be used infrequently and not for 12 months full-time occupation. Councillor T Thrussell asked what the need is for the siting of a caravan as it is not associated with any proposed building works. It was noted that no agricultural justification has been put forward for the siting of the caravan. It was noted that the caravan is already on the site. Councillor D Glanville said that the caravan is visible in the landscape. Councillor C Smith said that it is planned to connect water and sewage to the caravan. It was proposed by Councillor C Smith and seconded by Councillor D Glanville that an objection be made to the application as the siting of a caravan in this location, without any justification, is tantamount to a new dwelling in the countryside. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

PA22/06820 – Erection of replacement general purpose agricultural building at land west of Hobbs Park, St Neot

It was noted that a site visit has not been made. Councillor T Hooper said that she understands that the replacement building will be on the same footprint as the existing building and that the roof joists of the original building will remain in situ. She said that she understands that the rear wall of the original building will remain in situ but the other three cladded walls will be replaced with stone walls. She said the existing doors will be moved to the front of the building. Councillor T Hooper said that the land is designated as a young forest, not as agricultural land. She said that the proposed use is for feed and machinery storage for a local shepherd. The Chairman said that the Applicant had submitted a prior notification to Cornwall Council to ascertain if the proposed development is permitted development. Cornwall Council said it was not permitted development, hence the planning application. It was noted that no comments have been received from the AONB Officers. It was proposed by Councillor C Smith and seconded by Councillor M Rowe that members of the Planning Committee visit the site in the presence of the Applicant and/or Agent to clarify the details of this application. The application will then be considered at the next meeting on 12th October 2022. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

5. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 7:40 pm.