

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB MEETING ROOM, ST NEOT ON WEDNESDAY, 15th MAY 2024 AT 7PM**

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

Sue Blaxley, Clerk

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

**Public Participation**

The Clerk read out a letter from the Applicant for planning application reference number PA24/03232 which read as follows: “we wish to remove some of the thinner trees within our boundary hedgerow to provide more space for the larger established trees and bushes.

We have a number of trees within our land, and whilst we appreciate the pleasing appearance, screening and privacy they provide, some have become troublesome as the bows are growing into and resting on the flat roof of the block of sheds abutting our garden. We are concerned if left unaddressed these will cause damage to the roof and, therefore, their contents. These trees have also been growing closer to the power line outside of our boundary, and Western Power have contacted us separately informing they intend to carry out trimming shortly for safety purposes. This growth also means the tree height poses significant concern in the more frequent winds and storms we are subject to. As our boundary is adjacent to the school and a parking area, we are worried that in high winds, branches may come down causing damage to vehicles and more pressingly, people, particularly as the road and foot traffic constant due to ‘school runs’.

We intend to keep the largest of the trees in the corner, and a number of smaller plantings, but the work proposed will allow us to better maintain the hedgerow and our boundary, and prevent any damage to surrounding property.”

Tracey Hooper said that the Applicant for planning application PA24/03232 is not the same person, of the same name, who is related to her husband so no conflict of interest arises in her considering the application.

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024, having been previously circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

**3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

None

#### **4. Planning Applications**

##### **To receive and consider the following planning applications:**

##### **PA24/02490 - Reinstatement/repairs of existing building (Two Attached Existing Cottages) to Form a Single Dwellinghouse, using existing access to highway at Tremaddock Cottages, St Neot**

Councillor T Hooper said there were no comments on Cornwall Council's Planning Portal. She said that the Agent has written a concise and detailed statement to accompany the application and that all ecology issues have been very carefully considered. She explained that the relevant policies in the CLP comprise Policies 7, 21 and 23. Councillor C Smith said that the site is large enough to accommodate the necessary foul and surface water drainage. He explained that the proposal will not change the footprint of the buildings on the site as it is proposed to combine two single bedroomed cottages into one cottage. It was noted that the occupiers of the neighbouring residential properties are happy with the proposal. Councillor G Rogers said that the proposed development will improve a crumbling building. Councillor M Rowe said that the proposed development will considerably improve the area. Councillor T Thrussell said the proposal complies with adopted planning policies. It was proposed by Councillor G Rogers and seconded by Councillor D Glanville that the application be supported. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

##### **PA24/03232 - Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area namely : T1 (Spruce) Fell to ground level; T2 (Willow) Fell to ground level; T3 (Sorbus) Fell to ground level at 3 Dye House Cottages, St Neot.**

Councillor T Hooper said there are no relevant policies in the CLP. The Chairman said that there is a report from a tree surgeon on Cornwall Council's Planning portal detailing the proposal. Councillor D Glanville said there are no significant or historic trees on the site. He said that the hedge overhanging the pavement needs tidying. Councillor G Rogers said that the tree close to the power line will be cut by Western Power and that priority should be given to cutting the privet hedge which is overhanging the pavement. Councillors M Rowe and C Smith agreed. It was proposed by Councillor C Smith and seconded by Councillor M Rowe that the application be supported but that priority should be given to cutting the overhanging privet hedge. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 7:12pm.