

# Crowan Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

### HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS, CROWAN

ON THURSDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 @ 7.15pm

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Present: Cllr. Cooke (Chairman)      Cllr. Butcher      Cllr. Christophers  
 Cllr. Henwood      Cllr. Hosken      Cllr. Mrs Muriel  
 Cllr. Roberts      Cllr. Trevan      Cllr. Tripp  
 Cllr. Keeling (CC)      Mrs Thompson (Clerk)

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
PL21/2011	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum</u> – Cllr. Cooke took the Chair and welcomed those present.</p> <p>The Meeting was <b>ADJOURNED</b>, to permit Members to meet with Mr Andy James, Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Minor Traffic Works</u> – Minute PL16c/2011 refers. Mr James talked through the wish list of <i>Townshend</i> – the priority is as set out below:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>30mph Speed Restriction</u> – (1) on Bosence Road on the Relubbus side of the lane to Kirthenwood Barn; (2) on the Leedstown Road to include the dwellings at Little Water by the bend sign; (3) to include the full extent of the Village Hall parking area. Mr James said this requires a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which is expensive (£3,500-£4,000). However, several items can be combined on one TRO.</li> <li>He pointed out that it was government policy to have similar speed restrictions throughout the country. A review has been undertaken and some of the requested minor works meet the relevant criteria, however, there is no funding from government to carry out the works.</li> <li>○ <u>Parking</u> – measures needed to restrict indiscriminate parking in the vicinity of the Square blocking visibility and impeding vehicle and pedestrian movement.</li> <li>○ <u>New Pedestrian Footway</u> – from the Village Hall paper bank to the Square. Mr James said funding does not currently exist for this.</li> <li>○ <u>Speed Visor</u> – regular inclusion in the parish rotation programme. CC are fighting to keep this.</li> <li>○ <u>Road Width Restrictions</u> – priority single carriage-way for outgoing traffic on the classified road at the suggested new positions for the 30mph signs. No funding.</li> <li>○ <u>Crossroads</u> – install warning signs. He will look into this and action, if appropriate.</li> <li>○ <u>Mini Roundabout</u> – investigate the practicality of installing one at the Square. Mr James said they tend not to work at such locations. In any event they have no funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

*Leedstown* – the priority is as set out below

- New Road Narrowing – at Hayle end of the village, just inside the 30 mile limit, similar to those at Helston end and possibly some sharks' teeth road markings (plan refers). Feasible, but it might be prudent to wait until the speed limit is set.
- Praze Road – remove existing bollards on the right-hand side, approaching the cross roads by Melrose House. On the left-hand side, extend bollards into the road and install a footpath from Chapel Engineering to Rosehill Farm Lane to make a continuous footpath to the village (plan refers). Feasible, but no funding.
- Corner of Horsedown Road – some restrictive parking on the corner, it causes a bottle neck, as there is almost continuous parking here (see enclosed plan). Some restriction is possible.
- Crossroads – restrict parking on edge of pavement in the front of the former antique shop to allow better vision when approaching the crossroads from Townshend (plan refers). Mr James has spoken to the Planning Officer, but if the vehicle is on the private section, then there is nothing that can be done. Cllr. Keeling was asked to see if it was possible to put a height restriction on vehicles parking there.
- Interactive Speed Sign (ISS) – placement of two sockets, one on the Hayle approach and one on the Praze approach, to permit the placement of an ISS. These are being designed at present and funding is available.
- Helston to Hayle Road – extend the 30 mile limit towards Helston, to reduce speed on this approach to the village. Does not comply with current guidelines.

*Nancegollan* – the priority is as set out below:

- 20mph Speed Limit – at South View Terrace. This would require a TRO. He pointed out that 20mph must be self-enforcing, i.e. if the average speed is 24mph or under then the limit can be introduced. If it is over that speed, then some form of traffic calming is required.
- ISS – shared here with the two Leedstown sites. Depending on siting, this may just be in Sithney. This will be costed and could be included, as above.

*Praze* – the priority is as set out below:

- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) – Cllr. Clayton proposes to finance a second VAS installation in Praze. One sign unit will then be shared between the two sites, being moved on a regular basis. The second socket will cost in the region of £3,000. Mr James said this is currently being designed.
- Parking – outside of Philips Bay removed OR double yellow lines opposite – to prevent parking at narrowest point. Mr James said he thought something could be done about this.
- Bus Stops – to be relocated to original site at the end of St Aubyn Arms, instead of outside the fish & chip shop. Mr James will look into this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Speed Limit Signs</u> – new, large and clear signs on all four entrances to the village. Mr James suggested waiting to see what other improvements are made, before considering this.</li> <li>○ <u>Additional Parking</u> – (1) created within the outer wall of the new surgery on the waste ground; (2) purchase of (Willoughby) land at top of Fore Street and conversion of communal parking area. There was no funding to purchase land for this purpose.</li> <li>○ <u>Trethannas Gardens</u> – limit on vehicles parking at narrowest point.</li> <li>○ <u>Extend Double Yellow Lines</u> – past Fish and Chip shop by 50m. Drivers from the school are immediately on the wrong side of the road trying to navigate past the row.</li> <li>● <u>Townshend VAS Report</u> – Minute PL16c/2011 refers. Covered above.</li> <li>● <u>Antique Shop, Leedstown</u> – Minute PL16b,2011 refers. Covered above.</li> <li>● <u>Station Hill, Praze</u> – Minute 51b/2011 refers. Vehicles are known to mount the pavement, rather than stop. Mr James was asked if it was possible to put a bollard to prevent this, he will look into this.</li> </ul> <p>Messrs. Jody Jeffrey and Andy Golay, CC then met with Members. Mr Jeffrey thanked Members for the survey and the quality of the Clerk’s report. He talked to CC’s “Project Outline” paper, previously circulated to Members. The next stage is to look at the land, which has been identified as possibly suitable for affordable housing. The view of Members will be sought, before going to public consultation.</p> <p>He offered to attend a dedicated session to talk exclusively about affordable housing, what it is, who qualifies. This was felt to be a good idea and site findings could be fed back at the same time.</p> <p>Members felt that Praze and Townshend has sufficient development. They would prefer to identify land in Leedstown and, possibly, Nancegollan. Mr Golay said that it might be that if land in the chosen area does not come forward, or proves unsuitable, that it might be necessary to look again at Praze.</p>	Clerk
PL22/2011	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Jeffery (ill health); Cllr. Jenkin (business commitment); Cllr. Blewett (personal commitment).	
PL23/2011	<u>Members’ Declarations:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Declarations of Interest, in Accordance with the Agenda</i> – none</li> <li>b. <i>Declarations of Gifts over £25</i> – none</li> </ol>	
PL24/2011	<u>Planning Applications Received</u> – none had been received.	
PL25/2011	<u>Other Planning Matters</u> – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Housing Needs Survey</i> – Minute PL15a/2011 refers. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a further meeting will be held with Messrs. Jeffrey and Golay. Cllr. Trevan said that they should be asked to give an indication as to how the recent government announcement about assisting first-time buyers, would impact on Cornwall.</li> </ol>	

	<p>b. <i>CC Core Strategy</i> – Minute PL15b/2011 refers. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllr. Roberts will attend the exhibition at Pool and report back. Deferred to the April Full Council Meeting.</p> <p>c. <i>Listed Buildings</i> – Minute PL16a/2011 refers. The Clerk reported she had not been able to obtain a copy of the Listed Buildings in the Parish, but she would continue to pursue.</p> <p>d. <i>Cornwall Council-owned Property</i> – Ms Jane Dibb, Cornwall Council, has provided the following list of property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowan Primary School</li> <li>• Praze-an-Beeble Toilets</li> <li>• Trerice Fields Public Open Space, Praze</li> <li>• South Trenoweth Farm, Praze</li> <li>• Land at St James Place, Leedstown</li> <li>• Woodridge Close Playing Field, Leedstown</li> <li>• Open Space at Binner Downs, Leedstown</li> <li>• Leedstown Junior &amp; Infant School</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr. Roberts Clerk  Clerk</p>
PL26/2011	<p><u>County Councillors</u> – restricted to 5 minutes each.</p> <p>a. <i>Cllr. Clayton</i> – Minute PL16a/2011 refers. Cllr. Cooke spoke, regarding the examples where planning enforcement measures appeared not to be robust enough. He will provide a copy of the list to the Clerk for onward transmission to Cllr. Clayton.</p> <p>b. <i>Cllr. Keeling</i> – said he would be willing to look at an application for funding towards three new notice boards and a public bench at Nancegollan.</p> <p><u>Polcrebo Downs</u> – Cllr. Keeling said this had “kicked off” again. He is working on a solution.</p>	<p>Cllr. Cooke Clerk</p>
PL27/2011	<p><u>Traffic Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Matters Raised with Highways</i> – covered above. Cllr. Trevan took the CC’s Speed Limit Review. He will be meeting with a Highways’ representative in the future.</p> <p>b. <i>CC Off Street Parking Order</i> – a copy of the proposed modifications can be found: <a href="https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_id=65&amp;status=2">https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_id=65&amp;status=2</a>.</p>	
PL28/2011	<p><u>Planning Permission Granted by Cornwall Council</u> – nil received.</p>	
PL29/2011	<p><u>Information Only Items</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Clean Cornwall Spring Challenge 2011</i> – 2<sup>nd</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Ms Helen Jones, CC has emailed this reminder. Members are encouraged to support the event in any way they can, e.g. organising a litter pick, holding a community event, etc.</p> <p>b. <i>Community Activists in Action</i> = Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at CN4C, The Elms, Redruth. Free course, which will include a <i>fully-funded</i> visit to London from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.</p> <p>c. <i>Leedstown Playing Equipment</i> – Cllr. Cooke advised that the equipment had been vandalised. He will report it to the Police and notify the insurance company.</p>	

Signature: ..... (Cllr. Roberts)  
Parish Chairman

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011