

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7:30pm in Suite B, Town Council Offices, Holsworthy**

**Present:** B. Harris, R. Kennedy, L. Latty, E. Squire, R. Buckingham, D. Smith, M. Barfett, R. Brown  
Town Clerk in attendance  
Mr. D. Pinney  
Mr. J. Acres, Catesby Property Group

**1. Apologies**

None received.

**2. Declarations of Interests:** The Chairman asked Members to declare their interests for items on the Agenda as and when they arose.

Cllr. Harris welcomed Mr Pinney and Mr Acres to the meeting, as well as Cllrs. Smith and Brown.

**3. Minutes of last meeting:** Cllr. Kennedy proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009, be signed as a true and accurate record, this was seconded by Cllr. Squire and agreed unanimously (6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions). The minutes were duly signed by Cllr. Harris.

**4. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**5. To discuss and recommend decisions on the following planning applications and any others received prior to the meeting:**

**Applications**

1/0606/2009/OUTM Former Holsworthy Showground Trewyn Road Holsworthy	Residential development (including affordable housing), sports pitch, changing rooms, skate park, and site landscaping together with new site access and associated off-site calming works
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***Interests declared:***                    ***Cllr. Buckingham declared a personal interest.***

Cllr. Buckingham proposed that Standing Orders be suspended in order for the guests at the meeting to speak. This was seconded by Cllr. Squire and unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Harris explained that Mr. Pinney had been instructed by the Town Council, in a consultative capacity, to review the planning application on behalf of the Town Council.

The Clerk circulated copies of the objection letter prepared by Mr. Pinney, in his capacity as Planning Consultant to Holsworthy Town Council. (Attached as Appendix 1). Mr Pinney then explained the contents of the letter to the Committee and the grounds on which Holsworthy Town Council could object to the planning application.

Cllr. Harris, queried section 5, as part of the Old Showfield has been granted planning permission already by TDC. The Clerk and Cllr. Kennedy explained that the site Cllr. Harris was referring to was always detailed in the local plan for housing.

Cllr. Kennedy asked Mr. Pinney what course of action would be open to the Town Council if the District Council's Planning Officer recommended refusal of the application but the Council's Planning Committee granted permission. Mr Pinney explained that the Council would have to lodge an Appeal for a judicial review.

Cllr. Latty asked Mr. Pinney if he had given any attention to the proposed access to the site, Mr. Pinney confirmed he had not, as he was not a Highway Engineer. He added this was the responsibility of the Highways' Authority.

Cllr. Smith, said he believed that under Section 4, mention should be made of the MCTi consultation documents published in 2002 and 2005, which demonstrated overwhelming public support to keep the Old Showfield for recreation. Mr. Pinney confirmed that this information was worth including.

Cllr. Kennedy explained that several years ago a petition had been raised containing over 200 signatures objecting to proposed housing development on the Old Showfield. It was agreed that this would also support the Town Council's objections.

There being no further questions, Cllr Latty proposed the Meeting return to Standing Orders. This was seconded by Cllr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

**Recommendations:** *Cllr. Latty proposed that the Planning Committee recommend to the full Council that the application be refused for the reasons stated in Mr Pinney's letter with the addition in Section 4 of the Findings of the MCTi survey in 2002 and 2005 and the petition that was previously conducted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Kennedy and agreed unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.)*

Cllr. Harris thanked Mr Pinney for the work that he had done in a very short space of time.

Cllrs. Smith and Brown and Mr Pinney and Mr. Acres left the meeting at 7.54 p.m.

1/0831/2009/ADV                      Shop Signs  
22 The Square  
Holsworthy

**Interests declared:** *None declared.*

**Recommendations:** *Cllr. Kennedy proposed the Planning Committee recommend refusal of the application as the signage does not comply with TDC Policy ENV3. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Latty and agreed unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions.)*

## 6. To receive decisions from the District Council on previous applications.

### **Permissions**

1/0607/2009/FULM                      Proposed permanent gypsy and traveller site at the former  
Former Derriton                      depot  
Quarry  
Holsworthy

1/0572/2009/FUL                      Extension  
16 The Vineyards  
Holsworthy

1/0627/2009/FUL                      Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation and infill  
10 Wesley Road                      extension  
Holsworthy

### **Refusals**

1/0608/2009/FUL                      Demolition of existing buildings and erection of dwelling  
Land at North Rd  
Holsworthy

### **Withdrawals**

1/0609/2009/CON                      Demolition of existing buildings  
Land at North Rd  
Holsworthy

## 7. Clerks report

The Clerk advised the Committee that a letter had been received from TDC advising that an Appeal has been made to the Department of Communities and Local Government against the refusal of planning permission in respect of Kilcarne, Bodmin Street and the proposal of a semi-detached house.

The Clerk provided the Committee with the housing figures obtained from Beth Sachs, Planning Policy Officer, Torridge District Council. (Attached as Appendix 2.) After lengthy discussion Cllr. Harris proposed that the Clerk be instructed to contact Dawn Burgess, explaining that most of the information requested by the Town Council's Planning Committee has not been provided and request that TDC provide the information requested in the e-mail dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009, including the figures from 1997, which is when the current Local Plan commenced, and not from when it was adopted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr, Kennedy and agreed unanimously. (Vote 6 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions)

**8. To Close.**

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....