

# ST MARTIN- BY- LOOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7.00PM. HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

**Attended by:**

Chairman: Robert Henly.  
Vice Chairman: Roberta Powley,  
Parish Councillors: Andrea Lankston,  
Jill Spicer, Simon Lawes, David Keeble.  
Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk and RFO

**Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:**

Parish Councillor Spicer	3.1.1	Predetermined.
Parish Councillor Reynolds	3.1.1	Personal. Acquaintance.

**Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:**

Parish Councillor Barbara Reynolds.

**Agenda Item 3: Planning Applications:**

**3.1.1: Application No:** PA24/01461.

<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed creation of 6 additional touring pitches, retention of the permeable surfacing in respect of 6 existing touring pitches, use of 5 existing touring pitches approved under PA16/05973 for year-round holiday use, and extension to toilet/shower block.
<b>Location</b>	The Oaks Holiday Park Bucklawren Road, No Mans Land, Looe.
<b>Applicant</b>	Ms Olive and Louise Western. The Oaks Holiday Park
<b>Grid Ref</b>	228317 / 55907.

*Discussion ensued, and it was raised by both Councillors Keeble and Lawes about the loss of agricultural land in the parish for developments such as this and that we should be scrutinising all such applications carefully to ensure all the correct planning is in place. In the case of this application the Clerk has been advised by Planning that any change of use of land will be considered with this application.*

*Councillor Keeble, reminded all present that over the years the Parish Council has continued to raise the issue of the highway safety and capacity in planning applications, and that this should be raised again for this application.*

*Councillor Keeble also raised the issue of retrospective planning permissions being used for work that has been previously carried out without permission, and due to the Enforcement teams workload unlikely to be investigated thoroughly or at all.*

*Councillor Keeble addressed the applicants directly and asked that matters raised in the objections, that may well need addressing, be looked into and where identified the works completed. The applicants stated they had identified outstanding screening works and are in the process of trying to source suitable trees and shrubs to address this issue, the Clerk suggested the applicants contact The Forest for Cornwall Team who can be very helpful in these situations they however they have already planted 800 trees.*

*Councillors Lankston, Vice Chairman Powley and The Chairman also raised the highway issues and pedestrian safety.*

**Parish Council's decision: Application refused:** 3 votes for 3 votes against, carried by the Chairmans casting vote to refuse.

**Submitted on the Planning Portal.**

**Reasons:**

**CLP Policy 23. Natural Environment.** The site is very visible from many places in the parish due to it being on a hill.

When the current owners purchased the property, during clearance work a newly planted beech hedge was accidentally cut down but has never been replaced. We appreciate that 800 trees have been planted throughout the site but additional screening is required to make the site less obvious. (This was a planning condition).

Please see the photographs submitted by Mr. Nigel Cummings with his objections.

**CLP Policy 27. Highways impact.** The site is located on a traditional narrow Cornish road/ lane with no footpaths for the many who regularly walk the highway, which technically is access only, however despite numerous attempts by the parish council to have this enforced, no attempts have been made (despite promises) by the highways team to do anything about stopping the now many delivery vans, taxis, locals and tourists using this highway as a shortcut. The parish council have even had some fingers removed from the fingerposts to try to reduce the traffic and has written to all of the Satellite Navigation companies asking for this route to be removed from GPS, and a local resident has taken it upon themselves to erect (technically illegal) signs from No Man's Land stating no access to Seaton.

Other local caravan parks who identified the chaos, touring caravans and motorhomes cause to local traffic in the tourist seasons, have ceased to accept tourers and motorhomes, **so allowing additional tourers and motorhomes to use this site, will only exacerbate the situation, the highway has reached maximum capacity** and there is no alternative access.

To reinforce this recently Rural Roots have turned down an application by the owners of Penhale in the parish for a camp site with 10 tent pitches and 5 touring caravan pitches because of highway issues, so we are not alone with our concerns.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024: **Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.15pm** followed by the **Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.21pm.