

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of St Ives Town Council  
held in the Town Hall on Thursday 12 October 2023**

**Present:**

Chairman: N Wells

Councillors: M Gleadow, R Chapman, J Kerr

**In attendance:**

Democratic Officer: A Childs

**PL46.00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

No nominations were presented.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that the appointment of Vice Chairman would be deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting.

**PL47.00 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors C Morgan, J Tiddy and A Thompson (all personal).

**PL48.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N Wells – **Agenda Item PL51.02** – non pecuniary interest as an acquaintance of the resident of 27 Robbs Walk.

**PL49.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**PL50.00 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**PL51.00 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to the following applications:

**PL51.01 23/01646/FUL**

Change of use from Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to F1 (Learning and non-residential institutions) to provide Energy Training Academy within existing buildings.

**4 Harding Way  
St Ives**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval**

No change to the existing layout of the building; application requests only a change of use. Members support the concept and are pleased with the proposed change of use to the facility.

- PL51.02**      **23/01662/HHFUL**  
Installation of air conditioning unit using an external unit mounted at the rear of the property.  
**27 Robbs Walk**  
**St Ives**
- RECOMMENDATION: Approval Subject To**  
Environmental Health being satisfied with noise regulation measurements. Members were concerned about noise emissions and Environmental Health's uncertainty over what the expected increase in noise and emissions would be. If there is a change in noise level, this could affect adjoining occupiers and lead to complaints. In principle it seems a non-obtrusive proposal, but Environmental Health must be satisfied with the effects of the application.
- PL51.03**      **23/01615/FUL**  
Conversion of dwelling to create 2 x 2-bedroom dwellings with associated first floor extension works.  
**13 Needingworth Road**  
**St Ives**
- RECOMMENDATION: Approval**  
Members supported the proposed conversion, stating it was a clever use of the space. There is a reasonably sized plot which can accommodate the proposed changes, and members were pleased with the appearance and layout. Members also supported the application's priority of maintaining the mature trees on the plot. Positive feedback on the entire proposal, which was well presented and thorough.
- PL51.04**      **23/01656/HHFUL**  
First floor and small Ground floor extension to create an additional bed space.  
**1 Collingwood Close**  
**St Ives**
- RECOMMENDATION: Refusal**  
Based on the grounds of lack of privacy and light to neighbouring property. The increased height of the extension will decrease light to the neighbour's garden, due to the proximity between plots. A new window in the extension will overlook directly into the neighbour's property, thus decreasing their current level of privacy.
- PL51.05**      **23/01730/HHFUL**  
Single storey rear extension.  
**18 Wellington Avenue**  
**St Ives**
- RECOMMENDATION: Approval**  
Based upon the size and scale of the development; no issues raised.

**PL51.06**

**23/01103/HHFUL**

Single storey extension to the rear following demolition of the existing conservatory, plus part garage conversion.

**5 Links Way**

**St Ives**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval**

Based on the appropriate size and type of development. No significant change to the footprint and no issues raised.

**PL51.07**

**23/01815/TREE**

T1: Willow: fell to ground level - This twin-stemmed tree has previously been heavily reduced to approx. 5 metres, and managed as a pollard for several years. Recently one stem failed and fell into the garden. The remaining stem is heavily decayed and requires removal.

**25 Needingworth Road**

**St Ives**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval Subject To**

The planting of two native trees to replace the felled willow.

The meeting concluded at 7:25 pm.

Chairman:

Dated: 25 October 2023

Chairman's  
Initials