

Quethiock Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2021 via a “virtual” meeting at 7.10pm

Present: Councillors: John Blatchford (Chair), Roy Vass, Stephen Hobbs, Vic Welch, Tim Lynch, Chris Healey and Alison Jeffrey. Clerk Matthew Wald.

Also present: Cathy Goodship, Nigel Brown, Mr and Mrs Philip Moss (members of the public).

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest: None

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting on 8th February 2021 were approved.

2. Planning:

The meeting considered application PA21/00088 (revised design for detached self-build dwelling, Plot 2 The Willows Quethiock).

2.1: Cllr Vass opposed the application. He said that the building would be too high (8.1m reduced to 7.8m). It would be at the highest point in the village, and would obliterate the view of trees from the school. It would overlook The Rowans (5.4m high). There is considerable local concern and he considered the Council should support those who live in Quethiock and oppose the application.

2.2 Cllr Jeffrey said she opposed the application. the overall style and scale, and the ratio of building to green space, were contrary to the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllrs Vass, Healey and Lynch agreed with this.

2.3 Cllrs Healey and Lynch said that the building would be too dominant and there would be too little green space.

2.4 Cllr Welch supported the application. He disagreed that the building would be too high or too big, and did not consider QPC should seek to micromanage the details of design or seek to impose uniformity of design.

2.5 Cllr Blatchford supported the application. He did not consider there were any sufficient planning grounds on which to oppose it. The existing consent (he is informed by the applicant's agent) already permits a building 8m high. This would count as a “mixed development” which would permit differences in design. The proposed footprint is bigger, but not significantly so.

2.6 The Clerk referred to the consent on the Cornwall Council website and said that the existing consent is for a specific design.

2.7 Members of the public present opposed the application on the grounds that it would be too big and too dominant. Concern was also expressed that in practice the building might turn out even bigger, and that no enforcement action would be taken in that event.

2.8 The Clerk invited the Council to direct him how to respond to Cornwall Council regarding the application. The Council resolved (*proposed Cllr Welch, seconded Cllr Blatchford,*

carried unanimously) that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Quethiock Parish Council does not support this application. While some councillors are not opposed to it, others feel that the revised design is (overall) out of scale with the neighbourhood and in particular does not conform to the terms of the Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires that the scale, height and surrounding green space of the development be in reasonable proportion to the other properties in the area.”

9. Any Other Business: There was none.

Meeting concluded c. 8.30pm.

Next meeting – 12th April 2021 at 7.00pm, virtually.

Signed Chairman

Date