Planning & Planning Decisions

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Item	Planning and Building Control is a complex set of regulations and law, and the final decision on any planning application is made by Cornwall Council, not the parish council. However, the parish council has a legal right to be consulted on all planning applications inside and adjacent to its boundaries, and this council has historically chosen to exercise that right.
Legal basis	The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para.8 gives councils the right to be notified of planning applications.
Importance to you	You will receive training in planning and decision making as part of your work. As a councillor, you don't need to know the detail of the regulations and laws, but it will help you in your work to know their background where to find them.
Key Points	These notes summarise the essential parts of planning and decision making. St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council do not make planning
	decisions. Decisions are made by Cornwall Council. The council does agree on a response to an application and feedback any local concerns to planning officers.
	Opinions (and decisions) on planning applications can only be made on 'material considerations' (this will be explained in your planning training)
	Decisions on planning applications (like all council decisions) must be made in the public meeting where the applicant and residents are given the opportunity to make their own comments.
	Planning decisions can be the most controversial and difficult decisions you have to make. It is important to work strictly to your Code of Conduct when discussing and debating any application. The Chair and Clerk will guide you.
Key Documents	Cornwall Council Planning & Building Control web https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/

Cornwall Planning Partnership Day in the Life of a Planning Application https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/v1coelzv/day-in-the-life-of-a-planning-application.pdf
Cornwall Local Plan 2010-2030 https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/ozhj5k0z/adopted-local-plan-strategic-policies-2016.pdf

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