

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at  
6.30pm

Present: Cllr J Clarke (Chair), Cllr Panks (Vice Chair), Cllr Snell. Cllr Edmunds,  
Cllr Cotton, Cllr Taylor

**In Attendance:** Pauline Pragnell Deputy Parish Clerk, Cllr Fred Greenslade Cornwall Council, John Vine (Middle Manager) and Andy Dingle (Plant Manager Imerys Imerplast, Gothers)

**P 63/17 – Apologies**

None

**P 64/17 – Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

**P 65/17 – Public Participation**

None

**P66/17 - To Adopt the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

**Proposed by Cllr Edmunds and seconded by Cllr Snell. All in agreement.**

**P67/17 - To discuss a second production plant at Gothers by John Vine, Imerys.**

John Vine (Middle Manager) and Andy Dingle Manager of Imerplast, requested a meeting to present and explain how a 2<sup>nd</sup> production line for Imerplast is necessary. John Vine explained that he had spoken to St Dennis Parish Council back in 2014, when the process plant first opened. The plant has become very successful and Imerys's wish to open a second production plant, which is called Imperplast. They use milk bottles and as the milk bottles have two different types of plastic, they have come up with a process, using chemicals. Imerplast reduce the cost of recycling and make water treatment pipes, which they sell abroad, also produce paint tins, at present they sell to Dulux and Crown. A further nine new employees will be required from the local area. Andy Dingle explained how they take in the raw material from suppliers, mostly from Biffa. Andy Dingle was asked what gas comes out and he explained that all volatiles are done under the system by a unique process, with no immersions. The plant is regularly checked by the environmental agency and if this system did not occur, then it would go to land fill. They are hoping to double the plant and the product will be in 1 ton bags, the lorry can take a maximum of 27 tons. Cllr Snell asked if the number of lorries will be doubled.

Andy Dingle said no there will not be twice as many lorries, as the lorries are not usually full at present. Cllr Snell asked will the residents be informed and John Vine said, yes, they will be and if there are any problems to contact Andy Dingle. Cllr Greenslade said that Suez, Cornwall Council and Imperplast have discussed the HV routes and a write up report has been agreed to stop vehicles going the wrong way. Andy Dingle said the same route will be used which is coming off the Goss Moor at Roche, then turn off at Gothers before Whitemoor.

Cllr Clarke asked if Roche were aware of this. John Vine advised that they have put the proposal to St Dennis first as the site is in our area and to gain approval, but will be having a meeting with Roche Parish Council to allay any fears concerning the traffic, and Imerplast is hoping for a positive view. Cllr Greenslade said that with the plant running they

need to duplicate any problems with the residents and the traffic. John Vine said at first there were traffic problems, with some lorries going the wrong way. Fridges that are outside, have caused a problem with a close neighbour who could hear the noise and this was resolved by putting in acoustic fences, and have they not received any complaints within the last 6-8 months. John Vine advised that any complaints concerning the lorries, please get the registration number, and inform Andy Dingle they use Westfield, Truro and Thomson from Devon. Cllr Panks asked apart from the nine new local jobs what other benefits have been provided. Andy Dingle stated they have put money back into the community by sponsoring St Dennis School, for both football, netball and for tournaments. Last year it was Foxhole School and this year it will be Whitemoor School.

Three bag were passed around, showing milk bottle cap flakes, milk bottle flakes the final bag showed small grey granule's which was the outcome of the Imerplast System. St Dennis Parish Council will wait for Planning, but gave a positive response for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Production Plant.

Please note applications, plans and other documents can be viewed through the online planning register on Cornwall Council website at: <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

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There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07 pm

Signed.....

Chairman of Planning

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