

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of St Kew Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr R Godden Vice Chairman Cllr T Mott, Cllrs T Wellington, B Gabriel, R Hawken, J Rowe, R Davey, J Parnell, J Lethbridge

Apologies for absence : A Godden, E Hambly

The invited guests were **PC M Taylor** and **PCSO C Drennan** and **Julie Mitchell** from Planning Department of Cornwall Council.

5 members of the public were also in attendance

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May 2012

Proposed by Cllr Gabriel and seconded by Cllr Parnell it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Chairmans Report

Cllr R Godden said that it had been a quiet year for the Parish. The salt bins have been bought and set in place by the Parish Council and will assist most areas during the winter months.

Devon and Cornwall Police Report – PC M Taylor

PC Taylor said that although crime across the County had fallen in the past year, locally it had increased with the most notable increase being in the number of burglaries which have risen from 1 last year to 7 this year. Criminal damage has risen from 3 to 6 crimes and Theft from 5 to 9 as well as small increases in other offences. There has also been a spate of thefts of tools and equipment from building sites and high value gardening equipment taken from sheds and garages, and he urged the public to be vigilant. However Devon and Cornwall appear to be one of the safest places to live in the UK. Kim Appleby asked there was any success with apprehending the burglars and was advised that the Police are cautiously optimistic.

Planning Department Report- Julie Mitchell

She advised that she was the single point of contact for the area and if there were any concerns or advice needed, she would do her best to assist if the Case Officer assigned was unavailable.

Cllr Mott asked if anything we can do to improve the way Planning and the Parish work together. Ms Mitchell suggested that any issues be checked out before the monthly meeting and further information be requested from the Case Officer if required. She was advised that 2 councillors visited each application and reported on their findings.

Cllr Godden said that the protocol system does not always work well, it depended on the Case Officer and their interpretation of the application. Ms Mitchell said that a thorough response from the Parish

Council is needed to give an objective view, perhaps the outcome of the vote could be added to the comments. Cllr Wellington said that a reason for objection was always given, but would it be useful to give details of the reason for support? Ms Mitchell said that more information received for both support and objection could influence the final decision.

Mrs Hambly said that there was no screening around a local solar farm although it was understood that it was a condition. Cllr Godden said that the Parish Council complained and this had no effect. Mr John Raybould pointed out that some tree planting had been done but they were very small saplings and it could take considerable years before they become screening.

Cllr Godden said that the enforcement side was not strong, and things done without planning permission are still being allowed. He was advised that enforcements take time, to which Cllr Godden replied that sometimes it seems a pointless exercise have planning applications if they are not being adhered to.

Cllr Wellington asked for an opinion on the new government initiative to relax planning laws. He was advised that Planning is constantly in a state of change, but it was not felt that the removal of application fees would be a boost to the building industry!

There being no further questions Ms Mitchell was thanked for attending the meeting.

Public Discussion

Mr Marks mentioned problems with the sign at St Kew Golf Course junction. He also said that the flytipping at Pendoggett mentioned at the last meeting (563) was getting worse. He had approached the person concerned without success. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways as this is happening on their land.

Presentations

Cllr Godden said that two Councillors were not standing for the next election and would be retiring from the Parish Council, namely Barbara Gabriel and Royston Davey.

He presented Barbara with a signed card and orchid and thanked her for 19 years of service to the Parish. He then reported that Royston had served on the Parish Council for an astonishing 42 years and presented him with an engraved crystal bowl with thanks from all Councillors past and present, and from the people of St Kew Parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.02