

# ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL



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## **Minutes of St Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr R Godden, Councillors R Davey, J Parnell, J Rowe B Gabriel, E Hambly, T Mott, J Lethbridge,

**Apologies for absence :** Councillors A Godden, T Wellington, R Hawken and CCllr C Brewer

4 members of the public were present.

### **454 Chairmans Announcements**

The Chairman opened the meeting.

### **455 Adjournment**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public discussion. Mr Raybould thanked the Chairman and Councillors for their support with the dispute regarding the footpath at Victoria Cottages ( 399 ) and would advise of any developments. Mr and Mrs Jones of Ardneh Cottage requested that the Parish Council request to become consultees for the wind turbine application at Smeathers Farm. They were advised that the matter would be discussed during the meeting.

### **456 Council Meeting Minutes – To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12 July 2012**

An amendment was made to Minute no. 439 to read Cllr Hambly abstained as she had declared an interest. Proposed by Cllr Gabriel and seconded by Cllr Davey it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record. All others in favour.

### **457 Matters Arising**

Cllr Lethbridge advised that some of the trees at Tipton had been trimmed. He will speak to other owners of the land and ask them to attend to the matter (445)

Cllr Parnell advised that the decking at the Cornish Arms was in the process of being removed .(446)

Cllr Rowe advised that more wire was needed to repair and would attend to the matter (447)

### **458 Correspondence**

a) No correspondence has been received this month prior to the Agenda being published

#### **Any other important items of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate**

b) CC – A letter was read advising that the Planning Dept would investigate the queries at Benbole Farm (452)

c) Churchwarden – St James the Great Church. A letter was read from Mr Garland regarding the grass cutting, areas and frequency, memorial bench and gravestones.

Cllr Godden said that the Parish Council are only responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard. He read from a guide given to Churchwardens quoting that transfer to Parish Council maintenance does not mean that the property was transferred. Cllr Gabriel said that the Church was endeavouring to get as many people as possible involved as there is an ageing congregation and there were fears for the future. She felt that the present contractor was doing a very good job. Cllr Lethbridge pointed out that this year had been particularly difficult for the contractor as the weather has accelerated vegetation growth. Cllr Godden said that there were no standards laid down, just that the churchyard was neat and tidy. It was discussed whether the slope down to the car park was included in the cutting schedule and in whose ownership the land was in. It was agreed that this area be cut once a year and the top bank similarly, the rest to be cut \*\* times a

year. It is understood that the contractor has asked the church for a list of important events so that he can work this into his schedule.

The cleaning of the memorial bench is in hand but has to wait for a spell of dry weather.

The gravestones are the responsibility of the family of the deceased and not the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Lethbridge, seconded by Cllr Parnell that the Clerk replies to the letter with a copy of the contract. Cllr Gabriel abstained, all others were in favour.

d) Letters of objection to Planning Application PA12/07233 – Smeathers Farm from various members of the public were read. It was agreed that St Kew request to become consultees and the Clerk is to contact Planning.

#### **459 Planning Notices**

None have been received this month

#### **Planning Decisions**

**PA12/03108** – Mrs E Fowle, St Kew Pre-School – Installation of wall mounted heat exchangers to the exterior of the building. **APPROVED**

**PA12/03494**- W T Shute & Sons- Land north of Treburgett Piggery, Trelill – Formation of semi –below ground aerated agricultural slurry store – **APPROVED**

#### **460 Schedule of monthly accounts for June 2012**

Cllr Parnell declared an interest. It was proposed by Cllr Gabriel seconded by Cllr Parnell that the monthly accounts be approved en bloc. All in favour.

#### **461 Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Hambly reported that she had attended the meeting with Cllr Mott. Neighbourhood plans need to be seen to be creative rather than blocking new developments. Some parishes are combining to formulate their plans but she did not feel that St Kew had a similar adjoining parish for this to apply, although this could be discussed. It is not possible to send any plans before the Core Strategy is published and could not see any value in producing a plan until the Strategy was in place. Cllr Mott said that they would monitor the situation.

#### **462 Zig Zag Farm**

Cllr Godden reported that refuse and recycling were being placed at the field entrance on Zig Zag Farm which is unusual in the fact that it is an empty field. If this is from the holiday caravans then it should be trade waste. Cllr Mott will visit to ascertain if people are living there.

#### **463 Parish Councillor Reports and any other matters**

**Cllr T Mott** commented that the signs at Chapel Amble were looking very nice, but Cllr Rowe reported that notices regarding the turbine at Smeathers Farm had been nailed on to them which left the wood open to exposure. Cllr Godden said that he would speak to the persons concerned. He also has received more complaints regarding the barking dogs at St Kew Highway. The Clerk is to write another letter to Cornwall Council.

**Cllr Rowe** has noticed lorries loaded with rubble turning into Benbole Farm by the old railway bridge and pylons, and is concerned that tipping may be going on. She also reported that the bus shelter has not been repaired and is getting worse. She will advise John Sweet that if he does not repair it soon the PC will find another contractor. There is also an ongoing problem with litter being dumped there.

**Cllr Godden** reported that the salt bins and dustbin has arrived, but need catches for the lids and markings to say Property of St Kew Parish Council. This will cost about £30 and it was proposed by Cllr Mott, seconded by Cllr Lethbridge that these be purchased. Cllr Parnell abstained, all others in favour.

#### **464 Register of gifts and hospitality for Councillors and Staff**

None to report

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.35

