

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of St Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr R Godden, Councillors R Davey, E Hambly, R Hawken, B Gabriel, T Wellington

Apologies for absence: Councillors A Godden, J Lethbridge, J Parnell, J Rowe, PC Malcolm Taylor and T Mott.

County Councillor Colin Brewer and 6 members of the public were present.

528 Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that he had received a letter from Mr Brown of Benbole Farm stating that he had not refused to allow the councillors to assess the application. He had cancelled the pre-arranged meeting and wanted a retraction of the statement made in the parish magazine.

The chairman advised everyone that planning application **PA12/11996** (Conversion of barn into dwelling) for Mr & Mrs Harkness, Trewane Manor, Trelill had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted at a later date.

Councillors were advised that Councillor Hawken had a sheet of paper listing updates on declarations of interest for councillors to read.

The parish clerk, Cindy Powell, is recovering well and hoped to be fit to commence duties at the next parish council meeting.

529 Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public discussion. County Councillor Colin Brewer advised the meeting that the New Chief Executive was Paul Masters. Mr Masters had first worked in Environmental Health at North Cornwall District Council, rising to Chief Executive for NCDC. New build housing provision for Cornwall for the period 2010-2030 had been set at 42,250 homes with Wadebridge/Padstow figure being set at a further 925 on top of the 700 already approved. County Councillors allowances were fixed for 2013/2014/2015 at £12128.40. Councillor Brewer made reference to the minutes of the last Parish Council regarding Treburgett piggery and said that there was to be a meeting next week to include himself, the planning officer and environmental health.

One member of the public pointed out that he considered the positioning of the Golf Club sign near Ziglag Chapel to be a hazard in that it prevented a clear sighting of oncoming traffic coming from the Wadebridge direction when emerging from the adjacent lane at Ziglag Chapel. The Chairman will raise the matter with County Highways.

The meeting was then reconvened.

530 Council Meeting Minutes – To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 8 January 2012

On a proposal by Cllr Gabriel, seconded by Cllr Hambly it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record. All in favour

531 Matters Arising

Item 521 Grass cutting tenders. To date only one reply. The contract will be rewritten, to increase the public liability to £5M and contract now to include picking up the cuttings in lower churchyard. All in favour

Item 522 No nominations for parish awards have been received.

Item 523. It may not be possible to use floodlight on the church all the year round because of the bat population. The Bat Protection Society will visit the church about June when the bats are active to see if the positioning and strength of the lighting would be detrimental to the bats.

Item 524. Cllr Godden has been unable to make contact with the proprietors of the Red Lion so no further progress to report.

Item 525. It is not possible to put Parish Council funds into premium bonds but it would be possible to open a Post Office account. This will pay a better rate of interest than the bank. Cllr Gabriel proposed that a Post office account is opened for PC funds, seconded by Cllr Davey with all in favour.

532 Correspondence

- a) CC Felling of a copper beech tree at St Kew Churchtown, by St Austell brewery.
- b) CPRE Workshop for the Neighbourhood Plan needs min of 3 councillors to attend. 3 cllrs are not available on that date.
- c) Email from PC Malcolm Taylor stating that the crime figure for period Dec/Jan/Feb was 3 -1 theft, 1 Handling stolen goods and 1 criminal damage. There were 1 reported crimes for the same period last year.

533 Planning Notices

Planning Applications.

PA12/11663 Listed building consent for new window to front elevation and internal alteration. Mr Hartly, The Old Chapel, Chapel Amble. This was viewed by Cllrs Gabriel and Lethbridge. Cllr Gabriel proposed APPROVAL as she thought the round window proposed would suit the plain end gable wall. Seconded by Cllr Hambly with all in favour.

PA12/12044 removal of present rear extensions and construction of a 2 storey extension at rear and internal alterations, erection of summer house, Mr & Mrs Harkness, Trewane Manor Telill. This was viewed by Cllrs Davey and R Godden. It was felt that the proposal would improve the existing building as an extension that had been made some years ago would be replaced by a better structure that would be more in keeping with the existing building. It was proposed by Cllr Davey and seconded by Cllr R Godden that the parish council recommend APPROVAL. All in favour.

PA12/11996 Conversion of barn into dwelling.
Mr & Mrs Harkness, Trewane Manor Trelill. Withdrawn for resubmission.

PA13/00468 Construction of new dwelling with conversion of existing sub-standard dwelling
Nr Chris Gardner-Medwin Pengaverne Pendoggett. This was viewed by Cllrs Wellington and R Godden. The site was felt to be of sufficient size to allow an additional building but concern was expressed about a tin roof and wood cladding in the middle of Pendoggett and in an AONB area. Cllr R Godden proposed that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposed materials are out of keeping with the village, but that there was no objection to the erection of the building itself or to the conversion of the existing dwelling. This was seconded by Cllr Hawken with 2 in favour and 2 abstentions (Cllrs Gabriel and Hambly)

PA13/01008 Construction of new dwelling in the garden of Mallards Reach, Chapel Amble. This application had only been received that morning and the planning office would not agree to it being deferred until the next parish council meeting. Councillor Godden will make the local community aware of the application and a site meeting has been set for 10.30am on Saturday 23rd February.

534 Schedule of monthly accounts for January 2013

Cllrs Hambly declared an interest. It was proposed by Cllr Gabriel, seconded by Cllr Hawken that the monthly accounts be approved en bloc. Remaining Cllrs in favour.

535 St Kew Highway Community Hall grant application It was felt that the Community Hall was currently well funded with more funds than the Parish Council. It was suggested that a nominal grant of £100 was sufficient. Proposer Cllr Wellington, seconded by Cllr Hawken. All in favour.

536 St Kew Local Plan and housing numbers

Cllr Hambly expressed concern about the wording in the preliminary draft of the Local Plan. In the list of villages/hamlets suitable for development it had listed St Kew Highway and St Kew. She had queried St Kew (Churchtown) with the officer responsible and he indicated that he had just meant generally within St Kew parish. However, it was felt that by wording it as St Kew, it could be taken as implicit to St Kew Churchtown. It was proposed by Cllr Hambly, seconded by Cllr Hawken that a letter is sent to request the removal of St Kew. All in favour. Cllr Hambly will write.

537 Footpaths, advertise tender for cutting

It was suggested that an advertisement be placed in parish magazine inviting grass cutting tenders for maintenance of the parish footpaths. Proposed by Cllr Gabriel, seconded by Cllr Hawken, All in favour.

538 Notice boards

It was proposed that a parish noticeboard with doors be placed in Trewethern in line with other notice boards within the parish. Proposer Cllr Gabriel, seconded by Cllr Hawken. All in favour,

539 Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Hawken reported that some activity was ongoing in the woods off Barn Lane (the lane from the Trellill/Trequite cross roads that dropped down to the A39 in the Allen valley). He had noted 4 vehicles on the site, hardcore had been laid and smoke. Cllr Godden said that a map must be marked up to indicate the site and sent to the enforcement officer.

Cllr Wellington asked what progress had been made for the replacement of the post box at the Tregellist turning following vandalism to the original box. Cllr Godden apologised for not chasing up and said he would do so.

Cllr Hambly spoke of her attendance at the Community Network Meeting in January. John Pollard had been there and had asked how the members felt about the organisation and was it providing value for money. All present thought it was useful as it provided an opportunity for parishes to talk together. Of the 14 town/parish councils in the network, 8 or 9 are putting neighbourhood plans together. St Kew is not currently one of these although Cllrs Mott and Hambly had been looking into the feasibility of it. Further discussion was deferred until Cllr Mott was also present. The Neighbourhood Plans can't be put into place until after the Local Plan has been ratified which will be at the end of 2014.

Cllr Godden asked the councillors for their opinions on the letter regarding Benbole Farm. It was pointed out that the meeting had been mutually arranged some time previously and then cancelled the day before with no alternative time available prior to Mr Brown's holiday. The agent had phoned 3 days after the last parish council meeting when the response had already been made. It was felt that any response in the parish magazine was unnecessary. Proposed by Cllr Hawken, seconded by Cllr Gabriel.

Cllr Godden suggested that Mrs Woods receive payment for her work in taking the minutes for the two meetings. Proposer: Cllr Gabriel, seconded by Cllr Davey.

540 Items for Pieces of Eight

Advert for grass cutting

541 Register of gifts and hospitality for Councillors and Staff

None to report

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.40.