

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of St Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr T Mott

Cllr J Parnell, R Godden, E Hambly, J Lethbridge, J Rowe, R Hawken A Godden

Apologies: Cllr J Rickard

Cllr S Knightley, Sgt Moorcroft and PC Taylor were in attendance and 15 members of the public

701. Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He announced that plans were in place for the Parish to mark the Centenary of World War 1, and that Judy Gray had scattered one thousand poppy seeds around the green by the bus shelter at St Kew Highway. It is hoped that they will make a marvellous display.

702. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. Cllr R Godden said that he would declare an interest in item 7 being Grant to Pieces of Eight.

PC Taylor reported that unusually crime figures were up on the same period last year. He also asked if the public could take registration numbers of cars parking on the junction by the Red Lion.

CCllr Knightley reported that the new free community bus service timetable will be worked out very shortly. He said that there was a new Chief Executive at County Hall and that cuts would be made starting from the top, and that the works on Sainsburys store in Wadebridge will commence next month.

703. Council Meeting Minutes – To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th February January 2013

Cllr Hambly had circulated an email requesting four separate amendments to the Minutes. (687), (688), (690). Her requests were noted and the Clerk replied. Cllr Hambly proposed that Minute 690 only be amended. There being no seconder, the motion was not carried.

Proposed by Cllr R Godden, seconded by Cllr Parnell it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record. Cllr Hambly abstained. All others in favour.

704. Matters Arising

Cllr R Godden inquired about the broken drain at Pennytinney (689). The Clerk said that she had received a reply from Highways and that they would attend. However due to the time delay she would contact them again

Cllr Rowe said that she had investigated various paints to cover graffiti at the Bus shelter and the matter was ongoing.(693)

Cllr R Godden reported that he had been given a quote for £90 for the repair of the sign at Tregellist (698)

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Royal Mail regarding the reinstatement of the post box at Tregellist, (694) as this was the third act of vandalism they would not replace the box again.

705. Correspondence

- a) A letter was received from Dan Rogerson MP advising that grant funding opportunities were available for local organisations via Cornwall Council Grants Advice Service.
- b) Alex Nicholson emailed regarding the Broadband campaign (680) advising that a petition had been sent to Superfast Cornwall and they have promised to look at what could be done to improve connection speeds. The meeting was adjourned to question Mr Jim Godden who advised that as the Parish had four separate exchanges it would be difficult to ensure that all would be treated similarly.
- c) The Chairman announced that he had received a letter from the Clerk which he felt should be read, and asked her to read it aloud to the meeting. The Chairman then said that the Council needed to address this as an urgent matter, and invoked Rule 38 for the Council to discuss the letter at the end of the meeting. There was no discussion on the contents of the letter at this point in the meeting.

706. Planning Notices

PA14/01016 – Mr and Mrs W Harkness – Trewane Manor, Trelill - Construction of a new stand-alone timber set of garages in association with recently approved barn conversion.
This was viewed by Cllrs Rowe and A Godden. It was noted that all works being done are in keeping and to a high standard and it was proposed by Cllr A Godden and seconded by Cllr Rowe that the application be APPROVED. All in favour

Planning Decisions

PA13/11708 – Mr H Wainwright – Menhay, Pendoggett – Outline application for the erection of a dwelling - **APPROVED**

707. Schedule of monthly accounts for February 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Parnell and seconded by Cllr A Godden that the monthly accounts be approved en bloc. Cllr Hambly abstained. All others in favour.

Cllr R Godden asked why Cllr Hambly repeatedly abstains on the matter of the accounts as it implies that his work is incorrect and it will be raised at the Annual Audit. Cllr Hambly refused to give her reasons saying that the Auditor could ask her the question. Cllr Lethbridge then proposed a vote of no confidence in Councillor Hambly seconded by Cllr Hawken. All in favour.

708. Grant Application for Pieces of Eight.

Cllr R Godden declared an interest and left the room. A letter was read from the Committee of Pieces of Eight requesting a Grant to enable them to undertake two projects. The first being a telephone directory of useful Parish numbers, and the second being a pull out supplement to mark the Anniversary of WW1. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Parnell and seconded by Cllr Lethbridge that the Parish award £150 to the magazine. All in favour. Cllr R Godden rejoined the meeting.

709. Date of Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the date be fixed as 6th May and that County Councillors Knightley and Biscoe be amongst invited guests

710. Non maintenance of Unclassified Roads

Cllr Mott raised concerns that there was an increasing possibility that country roads may cease to be maintained. It was agreed that this matter could be discussed in greater depth with County Councillors at the Annual Parish Meeting.

711. Tenders for Footpath Cutting

It was agreed that an advertisement for Tenders be placed in Pieces of Eight.

712. Footpath at Whitehall

Cllr Mott and Rowe said that there were problems of flytipping on the footpath at Whitehall. Cllr A Godden agreed to look into the possibility of a Parish clean-up day.

713. Cornwall Council Affordable Housing Consultation

All Councillors felt that they had nothing more to add to the on-line questionnaire.

714. St Kew Affordable Housing Survey.

Cllr Parnell presented a questionnaire that the sub-committee had drawn up (696) and intended to distribute throughout the Parish and put on the web site. There were a number of outlets for distribution and collection including Pieces of Eight. Suggestions were made for further inclusions including on-line details and it was proposed by Cllr R Godden seconded by Cllr Rowe that the questionnaire be accepted. All in favour.

715. Waste Management in Cornwall

The Clerk asked for comments with regard to the letter of support to Stithians Parish Council.(690). It was proposed by Cllr A Godden and seconded by Cllr Rowe that the letter purely gave support to their recommendations, with copies to County Councillors Knightley and Biscoe. Cllr Hambly abstained. All others in favour.

716. Bus Stop St Kew Highway

A site meeting was held with Western Greyhound and Highways together with Parish Councillors (675). Western Greyhound will not let the larger buses turn when approaching from Camelford on the existing road layout and Highways say they have no powers to enforce it. After discussion it was agreed that the only solution be to cut a lay-by for buses only through the centre of the green triangle, which would cost approximately £20,000. It was proposed by Cllr Parnell and seconded by Cllr R Godden that Dan Rogerson MP be asked if grant funding could be made available. All in favour.

717. Parish Councillors Reports and any other matters

Cllr Mott asked if there was ruling regarding the lighting of bonfires during the day. The Clerk said that she would question with Environment.

718. Items for Pieces of Eight

Footpath tenders, Crime Figures ,AGM

719. Register of gifts and hospitality for Councillors and Staff

None to report.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45

Councillor Hambly and the Clerk left the meeting.

720. Letter from the Clerk

This part of the meeting was a continuation of the Meeting but excluding the press and public.

The Chairman opened by saying that he had determined it appropriate to hold the in Committee session in the light of the letter from the Parish Clerk, which had been read out during the main meeting. The Chairman had said at the time that he intended to invoke Standing Order 38 (Discussion and Resolutions Affecting Employees of the Council). He had also said that he considered this matter to be in need of immediate attention, but in committee, so would be discussed after the items set out in the agenda for the Meeting.

Councillor Hambly had declined to attend this in Committee part of the meeting, despite being reminded by the Chairman of the importance of her attendance.

The objectives were threefold:

1. To address the points in the Clerk's letter and to find ways of meeting her concerns.
2. To ensure that the Parish Council was discharging its duty of care as an employer.
3. To give Councillor Hambly the chance to address her fellow Councillors in a private environment and give her point of view.

It was proposed by Councillor Parnell and seconded by Councillor Rowe that a letter of support and appreciation for the Clerk be signed by all those present and sent to the Clerk. All in favour.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Godden, seconded by Councillor Hawken, that a letter be sent to all Councillors stating that the correct way to make amendments to the Minutes was to raise them at the following meeting or to send a single email to the Clerk who would distribute to all other Councillors. Further, that the Clerk has no power to change Minutes and that discussion at the Council meeting was the only and correct way in which they could be changed. All in favour.

It was proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Councillor Parnell that a vote of confidence in Councillor R. Godden's work on the accounts be added to the Agenda for the April Parish Council meeting. All in favour.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 21.15.