

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of St Kew Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall

Present: Councillors T Mott, T Wellington, B Gabriel, E Hambly, R Hawken, J Rowe,
Apologies for absence : Cllr R Godden, R Davey, J Lethbridge, J Parnell, A Godden, CCllr C Brewer

PC M Taylor and **PCSO C Drennan** and 10 members of the public also in attendance

Cllr Mott took the Chair and opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 3 May 2011

Proposed by Cllr Gabriel and seconded by Cllr Rowe it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record. Cllr E Hambly abstained as she was not present, all others were in favour. Carried.

Matters Arising

Cllr Mott said that the telephone box in Trequite was operating successfully as a book swap venue. Cllr Rowe reported that she had again cleaned the bus shelter but it had not yet been repaired and that she would follow this up.

Chairmans Report

Cllr Mott read the report on behalf of the Chairman, Cllr R Godden. There were changes last year with the formation of Cornwall Council and financing was being affected at all levels of local government. It would be a challenge to maintain services which had previously been provided by the County Council such as funding to clear Bronze footpaths. The Standards Board had ceased to exist but there would be some form of monitoring possibly controlled by Cornwall Council. The Localism Act has implications to Planning rules, but the sub committee that has been formed will address these issues together with the Neighbourhood Plan which will replace the Parish Plan. There will be elections next May which will be the first since 2007.

Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PC Malcolm Taylor reported that there were 19 crimes in the Parish last year which was relatively low. For the current month there were 9 crimes, 4 of which were for burglaries and he hoped that the upward trend would not continue. There were several thefts from gardens, sheds and garages, so he encouraged all to be vigilant and report any suspicious characters and vehicles in the area.

There was a new contact number for non-emergencies which is 101 to replace the old 0845 number.

The Police Cadets were doing well and they had participated in shows and carnivals in the area. A new recruitment drive will take place shortly

There is going to be changes to the Police Force as they have to save £50 million countrywide. In Devon and Cornwall 259 officers will drop to 125, but he had been assured by his superiors that this would not affect neighbourhood policing!

The meeting was adjourned to allow the public to ask questions.

Mr Bourne asked about the one way system in Pendoggett which has drivers constantly going the wrong way. PC Taylor replied that it would be difficult to police but the public could report persistent offenders and suggested approaching the Highways Dept., to which Mr Bourne said that he had already done so, and was told finances would stop any changes to road layout.

Mr Raybould felt that the budget cuts for policing were unacceptable and also that the new 101 number does not appear to work. PC Taylor replied that staff reductions led to fewer people manning the telephones. Cllr Hambly said that she had occasion to use the number and found no problem.

Cllr Wellington asked what was happening with PCSO's as they seem to be replacing police officers. PC Taylor said that there had been an increase in numbers but the budget came from a different source to the mainstream policing budget.

Cllr Gabriel asked for a speed reduction in Pendoggett, for which had been campaigning for many years. She was advised that the police cannot fix speed limits, this is a matter for Highways. Mrs Bourne requested this be put on the Parish Council Agenda. There were also several demands for other areas within the Parish to also be considered. Cllr Hambly said that this could probably be discussed within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Awards

Cllr Mott made Presentations to the following:

Mr John Raybould – Contribution Award

For his contributions to St Kew Playing Fields Trust and Historical Society serving as Secretary in both organisations. For his services as a Governor at St Kew PC School and as a member of the St Kew Highway Community Hall Committee.

Mrs Lianne Sproull – Contribution Award

For being a valued member of the St Kew Parish Hall Management Committee for over 7 years. For her service in Chairing the Board of Governors at St Kew PC School for over 6 years and her previous work within St Kew Pre-School

Public Discussion

Mrs Woods asked when the Neighbourhood Plan has to be submitted. Cllr Hambly replied that the sub committee comprising of Cllr Mott, Rowe and herself would attend a meeting shortly in County Hall and would report back. All findings would be made public and opportunities would be given for public discussion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15