

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of St Kew Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr T Mott, Vice Chairman Cllr J Parnell, Cllrs R Godden, E Hambly J Rowe J Rickard.

Apologies for absence : A Godden, J Lethbridge, R Hawken, County Councillor B Biscoe

The invited guests were **County Councillors Stephen Knightley, Andy Penny and PCSO Drennan**

12 members of the public were also in attendance

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April 2013

Proposed by Cllr R Godden and seconded by Cllr Parnell it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record. Cllrs Hambly and Rickard abstained as they were not present. Carried.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Chairmans Report

Cllr Mott said that it had been an eventful year for the Parish. The elections in May 2013 and electoral reforms meant that there were only 9 Parish Councillors now instead of the previous 11, but St Kew was now represented by 2 County Councillors. These reforms have meant that the precept has had to increase to cover any forthcoming elections. There had been changes as the new Localism Act had come into force and with it a new Code of Conduct.

Grants have been made to the Parish Hall, St Kew Community Hall and the Pieces of 8 magazine and projects still ongoing included the affordable housing survey, Broadband campaign and WW1 Anniversary exhibition which will take place in August.

Cllr Mott applauded the successes within the parish and the excellent volunteer work undertaken with all societies clubs and halls and in particular St Kew Playing Field. He then introduced Terry Maryan as Secretary/Chairman of St Kew Highwaymen Football Club to give further details.

Mr Maryan reported that invaluable assistance had been received from Cllr Parnell who had spent many hours at the Field preparing the grounds and Steve Liddiard who had taken on the football coaching. There had been amazing support from the Playing Field Trust, St Kew Products, Lanarth Hotel and St Kew Services.

The Playing Field was now home to football, rugby and cricket and a football youth side is now being formed which it is hoped will be able to play in the Kernow league.

The Playing Fields has had an incredible year and it is hoped that with continued support from all it will be a great asset to the parish and surrounding neighbourhoods.

Devon and Cornwall Police Report – PCSO Drennan

PCSO Drennan gave the yearly statistics which showed the region as a whole had an increase in crime of 0.2% which equated to 201 crimes across the entire policing region. However figures show that St Kew had an actual decrease in crimes for the year. She pointed out that all should be aware of second homes, garages and outbuildings being targeted as they have been in the St Minver/Trebetherick area.

The Police Cadets are increasing in numbers and meeting on a regular basis, they are getting involved in a number of functions and events including the Royal Cornwall Show. New members are welcome.

Finally she mentioned that the Police and Crime Commissioner had advised that more cuts were imminent and police numbers would reduce again particularly with Neighbourhood Policing

Cornwall Councillors Reports.

County Councillor Andy Penny said that he understood the Parish concerns for non-maintenance of unclassified roads. He distributed copies of a map which denoted roads that have been treated, and others on the programme to be done. He also advised that any in need of further attention could be reported. Cllr R Godden said that the roads from St Kew to Maidenland and St Kew to Trequite were in a severe state of deterioration and gave details to Councillor Penny. He also advised of the Tenants Handbook which gave information to Cornwall Housing tenants of the repairs etc. that were the responsibility of the Council.

County Councillor Knightley said that the Community bus required a permit to run and it is hoped that this will arrive imminently. He is concerned with the ongoing situation with buses not using the shelter at St Kew Highway and that he and Cllr Penny could possibly throw some weight behind the request. He reported that although there was a 2% ceiling on county budget increases, Parish Councils did not have to abide by the same constraints and could increase the precept if needed. He said that he was willing to hold a “surgery” in the parish once a month and asked for a venue and date to be discussed. Finally he advised that he had a budget for any suitable venture that could be proposed to him and asked for nominations.

Public Discussion

Mr Pullen raised concerns with the sign at the Golf Club impeding visibility which was supported by several others. The Clerk said that she had already written to Highways who had replied that there was not a problem. PCSO Drennan said that she would investigate.

Mr Hawke said that people were afraid to use the buses when they had to cross the A39 and that they frequently did not stop.

Mrs Joiner reported continual speeding along Trelill Road. This road had become a rat run between St Kew Highway and Delabole and heavy farm machinery, tractors and cars were travelling far too fast for the narrow road. Mr Hawke raised concerns with the increasing numbers of children using the Playing Fields and the possibility of parents refusing to let them walk there alone. Cllrs Knightley and Penny said that there were traffic calming measures available and they would work together to see what could be done. It was agreed to put this on the Agenda of the next meeting so that proposals could be discussed.

Mrs Marks asked what could be done regarding traffic going the wrong way on the one way system in Pendoggett, and it appears that the only recourse is to take registration numbers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.35