

# ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman:** Cllr Tony Mott

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## **Minutes of St Kew Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 pm in St Kew Parish Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Cllr T Mott, Cllrs R Godden, J Rowe, A Godden

**Apologies for absence :** J Lethbridge and County Councillors Knightley and Penny

**Absent:** Cllr Rickard and Cllr Hawken

The invited guests were **PCSO Drennan** and **Anna Druce – Community Link Officer**

There were no members of the public present

### **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Proposed by Cllr R Godden and seconded by Cllr Rowe it was AGREED that the Minutes of this meeting be a true and accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

### **Chairmans Report**

Councillor Mott said that he was now coming to the end of his third term as Chairman and gave thanks to his fellow Councillors for their wholehearted support and encouragement in what had been an extremely difficult chairmanship. He also thanked Richard Godden for his sterling work as the Responsible Finance Officer and the Clerk.

He gave an overview of the role of the Parish Council. Issues such as Planning created problems with local knowledge and concerns competing with unconcerned planning officers, and road maintenance with funding restrictions. The retirement of our Community policeman Malcolm Taylor has given PCSO Drennan a huge responsibility to carry, but she has always supported St Kew wherever possible, and always with a smile.

On a positive note the Council has given support to the high speed Broadband campaign, speeding restrictions through Pendoggett, funding for the Parish Hall kitchen, a grant to the Parish Magazine and has strived to maintain and care for the footpaths, Common land and churchyard. Negotiations with the Boundary Commission were still ongoing and every attempt was being made to restore St Kew to a single ward again.

Due to resignation of Emma Hambly and John Parnell, there will now be two vacancies which will be advertised shortly and he looked forward to new councillors with new ideas. He gave thanks to John Parnell who served as Vice Chairman and said the Council would miss his calm and informed approach at their meetings.

### **Devon and Cornwall Police Report – PCSO Drennan**

PCSO Drennan reported that crimes in the parish had dropped this year from 28 in 2013/14 to 22 for this year. Some had been detected, and some were still ongoing, however budgetary constraints were of a concern. She emphasised that all crime should be reported however small as press reporting is giving the impression that crime figures are falling. This could be a misrepresentation of the facts as staffing cuts mean that the collation of the statistics could be incorrect.

She therefore urged all to report whatever they need to, even if it may be an arduous task, and help the police to maintain a safe area to live in.

### **Cornwall Councillors Reports.**

No Councillors Present

### **Community Link Officer for Wadebridge and Padstow**

Anna Druce introduced herself in her new role working with the Community Network, and handed out a pamphlet to explain the role of the network which consists of 14 parishes served by 19 link officers. She would be our first point of contact for all issues affecting the community network area. This would be a forum for parishes to collate the views and concerns and add strength to the wider community. Assistance could be given with issues such as Neighbourhood Planning, Energy Schemes and regeneration projects and work with voluntary and community groups.

Councillor Mott invited her to spend a day in St Kew and get to know our parish and our community. The Clerk will make arrangements for a suitable date, and an officer will be elected at the AGM next week for St Kew representation at the Network Meetings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15