

ST KEW PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of St Kew Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Saturday 23 June 2012 at 10.00 a.m. in St Kew Parish Hall

Present:: Chairman: Cllr R Godden, Councillors T Mott, T Wellington, R Hawken, A Godden, J Parnell, J Lethbridge, B Gabriel & E Hambly

Apologies for absence : Councillors J Rowe, R Davey

6 members of the public were present.

428 Planning Notices

The Chairman opened the meeting. He advised that this Planning Meeting had been called as although the plans had been discussed at the last meeting, further information had been passed on by the Planning Department. At a signed request by 4 Councillors, the statutory 6 months before re-visiting the plans could be over-ruled, and the plans discussed using the supplied documentation

PA12/03108 Mrs E Fowle, St Kew Pre-School – Installation of wall mounted heat exchanger to the exterior of the building.

Cllrs Gabriel and Hambly declared an interest.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for public discussion. A representative of the Pre-school advised that the heating of the building had been discussed over a long period of time and several options were looked at. Visits had been made to other Parish Halls where this system was in use, and had been given favourable reviews regarding noise, cost and efficiency. Three quotes were obtained and the one that sited the units furthest away from neighbouring properties was chosen. The noise level would be approximately 50 decibels. The system would mainly be run during the winter months when windows would be closed and therefore noise would not be an issue, and would not be run at night.

Mrs Hambly said that as the nearest neighbour she had grave concerns about the noise issue, and had investigated the levels of 50 decibels and as the units were in a “tranquil setting” sound would carry a long way. She also said that it was a listed building and would be unsightly.

Cllr R Godden remarked that there was an estate in Truro that had heat exchangers in every house on the estate, and was informed that the level was roughly equivalent to a fridge. He also had been in contact with a sound engineer who said that 50 decibels was the level of a normal conversation 3 feet away.

Mrs Alford said that the units would not be run at night if at all possible, and if they were, it would be on a low setting.

Mr J Godden agreed saying that economics would not allow excessive use, and the sighting of the units on the back would ensure that the majority of sound would be absorbed by the shrubbery.

The meeting was then re-convened.

It was proposed by Cllr Mott and seconded by Cllr Hawken that the Parish Council recommend **APPROVAL**. All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.

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