

MINUTES of St. Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Kew Parish Hall.

PRESENT:- Councillor R Godden Vice-Chairman presiding; together with Councillors R Davey, J Godden, C Skewes, B Gabriel, T Wellington, J Parnell A Godden and J Lethbridge.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Emma Fowle, Parish Clerk, Mr and Mrs B Plater, Mrs J Gray, Mrs S Sims, Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer

29. Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence.

The Vice-Chairman presiding opened the meeting by wishing Chairman J Rowe's husband a speedy recovery from his recent operation and subsequent illness. **APOLOGIES** were received from Councillors J Rowe and T Mott

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Sims, Wadebridge & Padstow Community Network

Manager: Sarah updated the council on the recent consultation meetings between St Kew, St Tudy and St Mabyn Pre-Schools and Primary Schools. These had been facilitated by Cornwall Council with regards to a possible £300,000 grant to St Tudy Pre-School to build a new purpose-built pre-school building next to St Tudy village hall. This was being funded by the Early Years Capital Grant Fund, a pot of money being distributed by Cornwall Council on behalf of central government. She explained that this had been a 3-year grant programme, due to end on 31st March 2010. St Tudy had put an application into this fund, and the funding panel had then requested that further consultation take place on the impact on the surrounding villages. She commented that the two consultation events, in St Kew and St Tudy, had been difficult evenings and there was a feeling that the 'consultation' was not particularly open or transparent. Subsequent meetings had taken place between the pre-schools, and a follow-up meeting was attended by Joanne Tennant and Lorraine Barlow from Cornwall Council, and representatives from each pre-school along with the heads from St Kew and St Tudy/St Mabyn. St Kew had submitted a full reply to the consultation questions and were particularly concerned with the advice they had previously received from Joanne Tennant regarding their own suitability for submitting a capital fund grant application for improvements to facilities at the Parish Hall. They were now considering submitting their own grant application, albeit with extremely tight time deadlines. Councillor J Godden expressed concern regarding the lack of information contained in the letter received by the parish council regarding this consultation. He felt that had Cornwall Council made it clearer what was being discussed, more parish councillors would have attended. Sarah Sims confirmed that she would feed this back, and commented that all parties had expressed a similar sentiment regarding the original letter sent out.

Judy Gray: Supermarket developments in Wadebridge: Mrs Gray asked why the clerk had been instructed to write a letter opposing the sale of Higher Trenant to Cornwall Council cabinet the night before the cabinet meeting, as this would not have been received by them in time. The clerk confirmed that this had indeed been submitted by email that same evening, and that she had received replies back from cabinet members confirming it would be taken into consideration for the following days' meeting. Unfortunately, the council had not known about the cabinet meeting at the previous meeting, and so this letter could not have been voted on and approved until the February meeting. In addition, Councillor J Godden confirmed that the clerk had written to Cornwall Council

Chief Executive and Leader, all Cornwall Councillors in our community network area, all other parish and town councils in our community network area and our MP regarding the proposed sale of Higher Trenant and the plans to build more supermarkets in Wadebridge back in October 2009, stating their opposition. Mrs Gray also asked why more parish councillors had not attended the public meetings and spoken on behalf of the parish council? Councillor T Wellington confirmed that he and Chairman J Rowe did attend the first public meeting in Wadebridge, and the clerk confirmed that she did attend the second public meeting in Camelford and did speak. Councillor J Godden further added that many parish councillors attended many other meetings throughout the month and could not attend every meeting that is held in the area.

Judy Gray: A39 Junction with St Kew Highway: Mrs Gray asked why the 40 mph speed limit on the A39 travelling from Camelford towards Wadebridge stopped just before the junction with St Kew Highway. This should be extended past St Kew Highway to prevent further fatalities. Councillor J Godden confirmed that he had raised this at a recent PACT meeting with the Police and Cornwall Council Highways department. Highways had said that they would look at it again, but this had been promised in the past. The police also said that they would ask the traffic police to visit randomly to check speeds in the area. Councillor B Gabriel added that she had been trying to get the speed limit through Pendoggett reduced as long as she had been on the council, to no avail. Mrs Grey asked if it would help if individuals wrote in to Cornwall Council, to which the council said yes, it might.

Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer: The battle over Higher Trenant has abated for a while, with Cornwall Council agreeing to consider it within the wider area plan for office accommodation in Wadebridge and Bodmin at least. However, they have agreed to sell a plot of land next to the offices. He also confirmed that he had agreed to grant £1000 towards the St Kew Community Allotments project, for which the council thanked him. He also informed the council that he would shortly be attending a meeting about the granting of commercial licences along the Camel Trail, for which he was not in favour. He will also be part of the upcoming re-appraisals of conservation areas beginning shortly.

30. To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

On a proposal by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor John Parnell the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

31. Matters Arising

Pg 3 Item 13: Signpost at St Kew: Not yet done

Pg 3 Item 13: Noticeboard at Trequite: Dave Finnemore cannot do this. Councillor J Godden will take a look at it instead.

Pg 6 Item 23: Filing cabinet: Not yet cleared. Clerk to do this month.

Pg 6 Item 26: Fruit & Veg stall in layby on A39: Clerk has received letter from John Dickinson, Cornwall Council Food Safety Officer confirming that he is awaiting information from the planning department regarding the site. He also confirmed that Mr Baker was registered with his department as a food seller and that he has been assessed as selling low-risk foods.

Pg 6 Item 26: Caravan site at Chapel Lane: Clerk has received letter from Paul Pockett, Cornwall Council Enforcement Officer confirming that this is being investigated.

32. Correspondence

- a) Grant application from Camel CSA
After much discussion, some concerns were raised regarding the lack of information provided on what the grant was requested for, what the relationship was between Camel CSA and St Kew Harvest Farm Shop, what the legal status of the group was, and the lack of detail provided regarding the £1659.42p miscellaneous expenses incurred. On a proposal by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor C Skewes, it was agreed not to award a grant on this occasion. Councillor T Wellington abstained from the vote. Clerk to write to Camel CSA to inform them of the decision and the reasons why, and to inform them that they could re-apply should they wish.
- b) Letter re: footpath from Francis Healing
Councillor R Godden has contacted the water contractors, and the machinery has now been moved. Clerk has written to Mr Healing to inform him of this.
- c) Cornwall Council Planning Liaison group – minutes of meeting
- d) Parish Stewardship Trial – letter of notification of gang in area
Clerk to write with list of priorities/issues: Large pothole near Maidenland, mud to be cleared from dip in road outside Tipton, edge of road disintegrated and now dangerous across stream below St Docwin's, Trequite.
- e) Cornwall Council – response to queries from last parish stewardship trial
Clerk to write and ask for clarification regarding necessary depth of a pothole before a repair takes place.
- f) Any other important item of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate.
Letter from Mr J Brown regarding proposed extension to St Kew Harvest Farm Shop, including plans for councillors' comments. On a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor A Godden it was agreed that the clerk would write to Mr Brown and inform him that the council had considered his plans with interest and looked forward to the full application being submitted.

Cornwall Council – 'Fouling of land by dogs (Cornwall) Order 01/201' and 'The dogs on leads by direction (Cornwall) Order 01/2010 and maps

33. Planning and Decision Notices

2010/00098 Extension to The Barn House St Kew for Mr & Mrs J Chancellor. A proposal was made by Councillor John Lethbridge and seconded by Councillor A Godden that the above application be recommended for approval. A second proposal was made by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor B Gabriel that the above application was recommended for refusal. 6 voted in favour, 2 against and it was therefore agreed to recommend refusal, on the grounds of over-development of the site.

2010/00136 Revised design to previously approved application 2009/01019 construction of detached garage and workshop at Tomphanny Farm Higher Barn, Tregellist for Mr A Masterson
On a proposal by Councillor R Godden and seconded by Councillor T Wellington it was agreed to recommend refusal, on the grounds of visual intrusion in the open countryside, and setting a precedent for future residential use.

2010/00137 Lifting of condition No. 1 on Decision Notice 2004/01275 to allow unconstrained residential use at Amble Down Chapel Amble for Mr Gorringe. On a proposal by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor C Skewes it was agreed to recommend refusal.

2010/00149 Extension of time of 2005/00340 for erection of extension at Pandora St Kew Highway for Mr Jackson. On a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor J Parnell it was agreed to recommend approval.

Decision Notices

2009/01684 Proposed steel framed building to form additional workshop/storage space at Coldnorthcott, St Teath for Mr B

Lanaway. APPROVED.

2009/01821 Detached single storey granny flat/annexe to dwelling at Kirland, Chapel Amble for Mr & Mrs A J Green. REFUSED

2009/01825 Installation of PV Panels in redundant field at The Mill Barn, Chapel Amble for Mr A Stuart. Approved.

2010/00068 Prior notification for polytunnels and sheds at land adjoining St Kew Harvest Farm Shop for Camel Community Supported Agriculture. Approved

- 34. Schedule of monthly accounts** Councillors R Godden, J Godden and A Godden declared an interest. Vice-Chairman presiding, Councillor R Godden handed over proceedings to Councillor B Gabriel. On a proposal by Councillor J Lethbridge and seconded by Councillor R Davey cheque numbers 000830 to 000833 to a total amount of £1525.70 were passed for signing. The meeting was then handed back to Vice-Chairman presiding, Councillor R Godden.
- 35. Footpaths** Nothing to report.
- 36. Parish Councillor Committee reports** **Councillor J Godden:** The holly has been cut back by the entrance gate to the church graveyard to enable safe entry through the gate. **Councillor C Skewes:** The parish hall committee have requested the clerk clear the filing cabinet in the parish hall store room if it is no longer needed. Clerk to sort through this month.
- 37. Parish Plan Action Plan** Allotments: minutes of the last meeting were circulated and plans have now been drawn up. Some discussion took place regarding the size of the plots and whether these were to large.
- 38. Bus shelter at St Kew Highway** Clerk confirmed that 4 tender packs had been sent out.
- 39. Agree Grass Cutting Tenders for 2010/2011** Mr D Hawkey has confirmed that he wishes to continue in his contract to cut the grass on the common land at Chapel Amble, and has submitted a price of £665.00 for 2010/2011 for this. On a proposal by J Godden and seconded by B Gabriel, it was agreed to accept this price.
Councillor J Godden, A Godden and R Godden declared an interest in the following item. Vice-Chairman presiding, Councillor R Godden handed over proceedings to Councillor B Gabriel.
Mr K Godden has confirmed that he wishes to continue in his contract to cut the grass at St Kew Churchyard, Trequite, St Kew Highway and Tregellist, and has submitted a price of £1200 + VAT for 2010/2011. This is the same price as last year. On a proposal by R Davey and seconded by J Parnell, it was agreed to accept this price. The meeting was then handed back to Vice-Chairman presiding, Councillor R Godden. Clerk to write to both and confirm.
- 40. Any other important matters** **Councillor B Gabriel: Penquite House:** Does this have planning permission for bedroom accommodation in an out-building? Yes, this application was approved last year. **Councillor R Davey:** Has received a query from a local farmer, asking if they would be held responsible should an accident occur during bad weather when they had helped to salt/grit the roads. He has asked a solicitor that he met at a conference recently and he is looking into it for him. He will inform the council in due course. Councillor T Wellington: Privet hedges need cutting back outside Trescobel. Councillor R Godden will speak to Connie regarding this.

41. **Items for Your Parish** **Planning**

42. **Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Councillors and staff** There were no items for the register of gifts and hospitality.

Items Containing Exempt Information: 'That the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential and exempt information'.

15. **Parish Awards** There were no nominations this year, and so no parish awards will be given out.
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm