

MINUTES of St. Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Kew Parish Hall.

PRESENT:- Councillor T Mott, Chairman Presiding; together with Councillors R. Davey, R. Godden, J Godden, B Hawken, D Finnemore, B. Gabriel, A. Godden, J Rowe, C Skewes and T Wellington. County Councillor Jeremy Rowe.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Emma Fowle, Parish Clerk, Mrs Alison Wellington

162 Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence.

The Chairman opened the meeting. **APOLOGIES** were received from County Councillor Collin Brewer

ADJOURNMENT

163 To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2007 were agreed on a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor R Godden.

164 Matters Arising

P39 item 124 Footpaths: T Wellington has been in touch with Young Farmers again, who do still intend to carry out some maintenance work on the quarry path. This should be done by the end of the month. They will contact T Mott or R Godden before work commences.

P40 item 127 Christmas Tree: The chairman thanked all those involved for all their hard work putting up and taking down the Christmas Tree. This is largely all done now, with a little remaining clearing up to be done. Invoice for tree still to come – should be approx £20 - £25.

P45 item 150 Road Strengthening Consultation: A Godden has looked at this. Only two relevant areas within the parish: Penpont Mill and Counting House, Trelill. A Godden has suggested road at Penpont Mill as needing strengthening and has replied to consultation as such.

165 Correspondence.

- a) NCDC – Footpath behind Whitehall Estate
- b) CCC Fire Brigade IRMP Service Plan Consultation – to be completed by 8th Mar 2008
- c) One Cornwall Town and Parish Council Communication Issue 4 Dec 2007
- d) St Kew Short Mat Bowls Club Grant Application accounts
- e) Any other important item of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate.

J Rowe to contact Graham Holland to arrange meeting, as requested in the letter.

T Mott to complete questionnaire and return.

On a proposal by J Godden and seconded by T Wellington, it was agreed to award the Short Mat Bowls Club a grant of £50.00

Email from CRCC requesting information on village stores and post offices within the parish. Clerk to respond.

Flyer from St Kew Playing Fields Trust circulated.

Letter from ECCVS circulated about training events for local community groups.

R Godden has received an invoice of £150 from D Finnemore for repairs to parish notice boards and the war memorial.

166 Planning and Decision Notices

2007/02409 Erection of wooden garden shed to replace existing corrugated iron shed at Chyryn, Chapel Amble for John Rickard.

On a proposal by Councillor T Wellington and seconded by Councillor B Gabriel it was agreed to recommend approval.

2007/02437 Revised details to previously approved extension and alterations to bungalow at Trewarne Park, Trelill for Miss L Harkavy.

On a proposal by Councillor D Finnemore and seconded by Councillor R Davey it was agreed to recommend approval.

2007/02438 Demolition of agricultural building and erection of holiday house at Hale Farm, St Kew for Mr and Mrs J Whitten. Councillors T Wellington and J Rowe declared a prejudicial interest and left the room during the discussion and vote. The meeting was adjourned to receive a letter of objection from Mrs Alison Wellington. The council also heard that the original two councillors assigned to visit the property were refused entry by the owners. The owners contacted Chairman T Mott and said that only he was allowed to visit the site. On a proposal by Councillor R Godden and seconded by Councillor R Davey it was agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds that the said agricultural building to be demolished should have been demolished some time ago as a condition of a previously granted planning application 1996/2331. Also over-development of the site, inadequate road access and lack of public transport. Clerk to write to NCDC stating this and asking why demolition had not been enforced. Mrs Wellington confirmed that she had spoken to District Councillor Bill Dawe who has also recommended refusal of the application.

Decision Notices

2007/02016 Erection of extension and alterations at Bay Tree Cottage, Hendra for Mr and Mrs G Wilson. APPROVED.

2007/02090 Amended scheme to previously approved barn conversion at The Barn, Barton Farm, Trelill for Mr and Mrs Stephens. REFUSED

2007/02344 Prior notification of erection of two polytunnels at Benbole Farm, St Kew Highway for Mr J Brown. Approved, no further details required.

N/A Extension to Reception classroom at St Kew CP School for Cornwall County Council Executive (Children, Young People and Families) Withdrawn.

- 167 Schedule of monthly accounts** The schedule was approved from cheque number 000715 – 00717 in the total sum of £164.08. On a proposal from Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor B Hawken the cheques were passed for signing.
- 168 Footpaths** Nothing to report
- 169 St James graveyard responsibilities** J Godden has been sent paperwork by NCDC and been in contact with Margaret Newell at the Ministry of Justice. They have provided him with paperwork outlining the definitions of ‘maintenance’ in this case and other information. The Parish Council took over responsibility for the churchyard on 13/4/81. If they wished to hand responsibility over to NCDC, they would need to provide 12 months notice of a 3 month notice period – hence the parish council has responsibility for at least the following 15 months anyway. J Godden suggests meeting with selected members of the PCC to discuss information provided by the Ministry of Justice and find an amicable solution going forwards. Parish Clerk to write to PCC to arrange this.
- 170 Parish Awards** Parish Clerk to arrange for form to go into next month’s parish magazine asking for nominations. Deadline end of 1st week in March.
- 171 To consider and if approved, instruct the Clerk to advertise** Councillors A Godden, R Godden and J Godden declared an interest and abstained from the discussion. As there is no legal

- for grass cutting tenders for St. Kew Churchyard, Chapel Amble, and Tregellist Common Land.
- obligation to tender each year, Clerk instructed to write to current contractors to ask for a quote to continue cutting the grass next year.
- 172 **Discuss issues for visit of Dan Rogerson MP to next month's meeting** Affordable Homes, Planning, Road maintenance. Parish Clerk to write to secretary to confirm visit and put into parish magazine.
- 173 **Any other important matters.** **Report from County Councillor Jeremy Rowe:** Confirmed that NCDC voted for a 3% increase in their portion of council tax next year. He expects Cornwall County Council and Devon and Cornwall Police to go for the full 5%. He also reported on proposed plans to change Falmouth and Camborne Fire Stations from 24hr stations to retained stations. It is now looking like Camborne will remain 24hr, with Falmouth perhaps as well. Alternatively there are discussions to make Newquay a 24hr station, but most likely it will just be Camborne. He also reported that Ryanair are to return their services to Newquay Airport. He is also on a Single Issue Panel looking at the Highways funding budget. The panel are attempting to highlight the issues of short term cuts in the budget leading to long term problems for road maintenance. It is estimated that £60m would be needed now to restore Cornwall's roads to an adequate standard. They are looking at a model from Worcestershire County Council to revive old Parish Lengthmanship Schemes. He invited the parish council to submit any comments or suggestions to him for the final report in May. To add to next month's agenda.
B Gabriel asked J Rowe about 30mph speed limits through open countryside (Wadebridge to St Minver Rd and Camelford to Valley Truckle) when villages such as Pendoggett were 40mph. J Rowe reported that he had discussed this with Paul Allen from CCC Highways recently and requested the clerk email him with a letter outlining this concern. Councillor J Rowe asked if he would attend a further meeting with Paul Allen to discuss speeding issues in St Kew Highway. County Councillor J Rowe confirmed that he would.
Red Lion Inn, St Kew Highway: T Mott has received a complaint from a parishioner with regards to sporadic opening hours at the Red Lion Inn, St Kew Highway. There is suspicion that opening hours are being reduced in order to reduce profits and get the premise de-licensed to allow for re-development. T Mott has spoken to NCDC Licensing and Planning departments who confirmed that they take a dim view of such activity and that the owners would have to show a great deal of evidence of trying to run the business viably before such action could be taken. Opening hours are now being monitored.
Cats Eyes in Pendoggett: B Gabriel reported that the new cats eyes in the road at Pendoggett were extremely noisy. Clerk to write to Highways and email County Councillor J Rowe to ask them to investigate.
Ditches at Trewethern: R Davey reported that the ditches at Trewethern had still not been cleared and that there was now a lot of standing water on the road. Clerk to write to Highways and email County Councillor J Rowe to ask them to investigate.
- 174 **Items for Your Parish** Parish Awards
Dan Rogerson Visit
Speeding Report from County Council
- 175 **To note date for the next Parish Council Meeting** Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12th February, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Kew Parish Hall.

**176 Register of Gifts and
Hospitality for Councillors and
staff**

There were no items for the register of gifts and hospitality.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm