

MINUTES of St. Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Kew Parish Hall.

PRESENT:- Councillor J Rowe Chairman; together with Councillors R Davey, J Godden, R Godden, C Skewes, T Mott, B Gabriel, J Lethbridge, T Wellington, J Parnell, A Godden

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mrs Emma Fowle, Parish Clerk, Mr and Mrs B Plater, Mrs J Mott, Mrs J Gray, PCSO Clare Drennan, Mrs S Woods, Mrs and Mrs P Gill, Mr and Mrs Bamford, Mr S Franklin, Mr and Mrs Brennan, Cornwall Councillors Collin Brewer and Brian Gisbourne, Mrs M Godfrey, Mr B Kingdon.

78 Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr John Parnell to the parish council. **APOLOGIES** were received from Mr and Mrs Ashpole

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Judy Gray congratulated Cllr John Parnell on his recent co-option to the council and asked why it had taken so long for her to be informed of the council's decision and why it hadn't yet been announced publicly. The clerk apologised if she felt it had taken too long for the letters to be sent out but explained that she only worked part time and therefore felt that sending out the letters within a week of the meeting was not unreasonable. She also explained that the co-option will be in next month's parish magazine, and was not in this month's as Cllr Parnell only became an official member of the council when he signed the legal papers, and this is usually done at the first meeting he is eligible to attend. Mrs Gray also asked why no parish councillors attended the recent PACT meeting organised by the police. Chairman J Rowe apologised on behalf of herself and Cllr T Mott who were away on holiday. It was added that a further five of the remaining 8 councillors were at a parish hall committee meeting that evening which was unfortunately organised before the date of the PACT meeting was announced. PCSO Clare Drennan confirmed that as the police and the parish council work closely with one another, she would pass on any actions relating to the parish council to them. Mrs Gray also asked whether any members of the council had attended the recent exhibition in Wadebridge by Sainsburys regarding their supermarket plans. The clerk replied that she had attended.

PCSO Clare Drennan presented the summer crime report, compared to the same period last year. Whilst there was a small increase in crimes from 8 to 12, this was, considering the recession, not too bad and mainly related to domestic situations. She asked again that people be vigilant regarding suspicious behaviour as marine theft in the area was still continuing, and urged people to report registration plates of vehicles acting suspiciously where possible.

Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne reported that work is being done at the moment regarding planning protocols. In addition to the changes recently communicated to parish councils, Cornwall Council were also looking at automatically referring a planning application to committee should a parish or town council recommend it is refused. In that case, a representative of the parish council would be able to attend, and speak for 3 minutes. In the future, this may be extended to allow them to be co-opted onto the planning committee for that one item, allowing them unlimited time to address the committee and a vote on the decision. Cornwall Council is also pushing forward with the active partnering scheme, trying to get parish and town councils

more involved.

Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer reported that he had just returned from a strategic planning committee meeting and the application for the Davidstow wind farm had been approved.

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

On a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor R Godden the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

80 Matters Arising

Pg 24 Item 66: Ford listing: The clerk reported that after much investigation, it had eventually been discovered that the ford is now included in the bridge listing. Unfortunately however, when the Dept of Culture wrote to the parish council in 2005 to inform us of the decision, they should also have written to English Heritage, Land Registry and NDCD. This was not done; hence the databases were not updated. These letters have now been sent, and the ford is protected. Clerk to email Richard Beeks to inform him that concreting the ford is therefore not an option.

Pg 26 Item 73: Parking on the green at St Kew Highway: Agenda for Nov meeting

Pg 29 Item 74: Potholes: Some of these have been filled, but very poorly. Clerk to email photos to Richard Beeks.

Pg 29 Item 73 – Bus Shelter: Agenda for next meeting

Pg 29 Item 74 – Clover Meadow stone crushing enquiry: Clerk has spoken to Mick Butfield at Cornwall Council, who had also been contacted by a member of the public. He was therefore aware of and in conversation with Mr Coads. There is no licence for stone crushing at Clover Meadow, and currently Mr Coads is grading the aggregate he has on site already before moving it to a site in Sladesbridge where he plans to apply for permission for a stone crushing operation. This is being monitored by Cornwall Council.

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a) CC Town & Parish Council Newsletter Ed 7 – Sept 2009

b) CC - Draft planning protocol v 2 & FAQs

c) Community Network Panels – a call for evidence

Clerk to write and ask for clarification regarding timescales for resolving disputes.

Clerk to respond that the council are looking for easy working relationships with Cornwall Council, it's officers and councillors, that they wish to engage with Cornwall Council through the Community Networks and that each Community Network should be allowed to set it's own parameters, including democratic representation and voting.

d) CC – Parish Highway Stewardship Trial

Clerk to send in list of highways issues as compiled by the council.

e) CC – Review of designated public places orders

Clerk to write to BT and find out what happens if we do not adopt the boxes, and where we could obtain spare parts if we did.

BT – adopt a red telephone box
Trebetherick Residents Assoc – contribution towards PC Taylor's mobile phone
CC – Active Partnering

On a proposal by R Godden and seconded by B Gabriel, it was agreed to contribute £20. Clerk to write and inform them.

Clerk to write and inform them that the council are still interested in the scheme.

f) Any other important item of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate.

82 Planning and Decision Notices

2009/01233 Listed Building consent for replacement of windows, removal of lean-to porch, insertion of new window and minor internal alterations to bathrooms and fireplaces at Bokelly Farm, St Kew for

T & H Courtauld. On a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor R Davey it was agreed to recommend refusal, due to access to the site being refused. The council could not therefore assess the application properly.

2009/01266 Erection of balcony at Trevorrian, Trelill for Mr B Kingdon. On a proposal by Councillor R Davey and seconded by Councillor B Gabriel it was agreed to recommend approval.

2009/01267 Construction of agricultural building at Land at Treburgett for WT Shute & Sons. On a proposal by Councillor T Wellington and seconded by Councillor A Godden it was agreed to recommend approval.

2009/01283 Retrospective application to retain timber decking constructed in beer garden at The Cornish Arms, Pendoggett for Mr & Mrs J Hawkey. A proposal was made by Councillor T Mott to recommend approval, with screening and planting to a minimum height of two feet above the present handrail, in order to protect the privacy of the neighbouring properties and screen from noise. This was seconded by Councillor J Godden. A second proposal was made by Councillor B Gabriel to recommend refusal, and this was seconded by Councillor T Wellington. The second proposal was voted on first, with two votes in favour and seven votes against. One abstention from Councillor C Skewes. The first proposal was then voted on, with seven votes in favour and two against. One abstention from Councillor C Skewes. It was therefore agreed to recommend approval, subject to screening and planting to a minimum height of two feet above the present handrail, in order to protect the privacy of the neighbouring properties and screen from noise.

2009/01297 Single storey extension at Moorview, Treharrook for Mrs L Egan. On a proposal by Councillor T Wellington and seconded by Councillor R Godden it was agreed to recommend approval.

2009/01374 Construction of extensions on cattle shed at Hayle Farm, St Kew for Mr T Wellington. Councillor T Wellington and Chairman J Rowe declared an interest and left the room for the discussion and vote, passing the meeting to Vice-Chairman R Godden. On a proposal by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor C Skewes it was agreed to recommend approval. The meeting was then handed back to Chairman J Rowe.

Decision Notices

2009/01039 Lifting of condition 2 on decision notice restricting occupancy to person employed at St Kew Services, High Oaks, St Kew Highway for Mr K Godfrey. APPROVED

Appeal D0840/C/09/2099140 Land at Trewethern, Chapel Amble for Mr O Hawkey. Appeal dismissed. Enforcement notice upheld

83 Schedule of monthly accounts and presentation of half-yearly accounts and budget for 2010/2011

Councillors J Godden, A Godden and R Godden declared an interest in the following item and did not vote. On a proposal by Councillor B Gabriel and seconded by Councillor R Davey cheque numbers 000812 - 000816 to a total amount of £1458.20p were passed for signing.

The presentation of the half yearly accounts and budget for 2010/2011 was held over to the following meeting.

84 Footpaths

Councillor T Mott reported that he now has a link on the St Kew parish website to a map of all footpaths in the parish.

Councillor T Wellington brought to the council's attention that since he had re-hung two gates to improve access on footpath 18, they have been left open on more than one occasion, leading to his cattle

escaping. One animal was still missing. He requested that something be done urgently to protect his livestock. The footpaths committee confirmed that they had one stile in stock, and councillors T Wellington and R Godden will liaise to get this put in as soon as possible. Another will be ordered by the footpaths committee for the other gate. Ask parish magazine team to put something in parish magazine re: countryside access code to remind people to shut gates properly.

**85 Discussion regarding
protecting St Kew Services
petrol station**

The chairman adjourned the meeting to invite Meg Godfrey, co-owner of St Kew Services, to address the meeting. She read from an article explaining that supermarkets sell petrol at a loss, cheaper than independent retailers can buy it, making it impossible for them to compete on price. Should the petrol garage close at St Kew, Costcutters will also struggle, putting the Post Office in jeopardy too. The floor was then opened to other members of the public to speak on this matter. Mr and Mrs Brennan, owners of Costcutters, endorsed Mrs Godfrey's comments, highlighting the seasonality of the trade at the services and adding that a significant decrease in footfall, as caused by the closure of the petrol garage, would make their business unviable. Mr Bob Plater suggested that Sainsburys may drop the plans for the petrol garage if there is enough opposition to it. Mr Stephen Franklin from www.lovewadebridge.com explained the campaign so far and urged everyone to continue asking people to sign the petition. This will be delivered to Cornwall Council in a few days time. He also urged the council to write letters to Cornwall Council and to encourage individuals in the parish to do so, and to write in and object to the planning applications when they are submitted. He also informed those present of the open meeting at 7pm on October 30th in Wadebridge Town Hall, to be chaired by Dan Rogerson MP. He reported that a quick sale of the Higher Trenant site had likely been avoided now, but that the fight was far from over. Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne added that it should not be assumed that the local Cornwall councillors were in favour of the supermarkets moving into Wadebridge. Whilst those councillors who were on the planning committee were required to remain unbiased until the applications are submitted, other councillors could be lobbied. Parish councils should make their views known to their local Cornwall Councillors. The meeting was then re-convened for the parish council to discuss and agree a course of action. Councillor R Davey asked if it would be possible to write to other parish councils locally to ask for their support opposing the proposed supermarkets. A discussion was held regarding whether the petrol garage brought people into Costcutters or vice versa. It was agreed that as a collective, the shops and facilities at St Kew Services were greater than the sum of their parts, vital to the local community and surrounding rural area, and must be protected at all costs. Councillor B Gabriel added that we should also state the case that the council offices at Higher Trenant were not very old, and were very expensive when built as the building was very high specification with many energy saving features built into it. It would therefore be much more sensible to move staff from the offices at Barn Lane, Bodmin and Trevanion Rd, Wadebridge into the Higher Trenant site, and redevelop those sites, as they are older, less efficient and in residential areas so would be ideal for re-development as affordable housing. It was therefore agreed that the clerk would write a letter, to be agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chair, to be sent to all neighbouring parish councils, Wadebridge Town Council, all local Cornwall Councillors, and Cornwall Council Chief Executive. In

addition, a link to the lovewadebridge.com website will be put on the St Kew Parish website, and posters were distributed to be put on the noticeboards. The clerk will liaise with Your Parish to put an article into next month's magazine urging people to write to Cornwall Council.

- 86 **Discussion of priorities for the coming year ahead of Sarah Sims visit** All councillors to consider for the next meeting.
- 87 **Christmas Tree – to confirm arrangements for the purchase and erection of the Christmas Tree.** Chairman J Rowe to ask James Symons again for a 20ft tree.
- 88 **Parish Councillor reports** Nothing to report
- 89 **Parish Plan Action Plan** The allotments scheme is progressing, with 12 applications now received. Also working with Sarah Sims on traffic issues.
- 90 **Any other important matters** Councillor T Wellington: Two dead badgers need collecting. Clerk to contact Highways.
Councillor C Skewes: Has received enquiries regarding heavy machinery near Tretawn Farm. Clerk has checked planning applications, but none received or approved recently. After discussion, was agreed this was to do with the repairs currently taking place to the pylons locally.
Councillor T Mott: Reminder about Remembrance Sunday wreath laying ceremony.
- 91 **Items for Your Parish** Planning applications and decision notices
Ask parish magazine team to put something in parish magazine re: countryside access code to remind people to shut gates properly.
Opposition to Sainsbury's plans.
- 92 **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 10:00pm