

**MINUTES** of St. Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 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.

**IN ATTENDANCE:-** Mrs Emma Fowle, Parish Clerk, Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer, Mr and Mrs M Spencer.

**110 Chairman's announcements and apologies for absence.**

The Chairman opened the meeting. **APOLOGIES** were received from Councillor A Godden.

**ADJOURNMENT**

PC Malcolm Taylor: Reported to the council 1 theft in November. This was the same as November 2008. He reported that overall, crime had fallen by 500 reported crimes throughout the Wadebridge and Bodmin area over the last 2 years. He also informed the council that he had written a report for the parish magazine detailing the outcomes of the interagency meeting resulting from the PACT meeting in St Kew Highway. The police, parish council and Cornwall Council Highways department met to discuss issues including: 1) Speeding on Trelill Rd through St Kew Highway, speeding through Pendoggett – Traffic dept. will try to increase their visibility in these areas and they are still trying to get a road safety camera van for Trelill Rd to provide some further evidence of the problem. Highways are due to review their clarifications on A and B roads and this may help in Pendoggett. 2) A39 Junction at St Kew Highway - Parish Council and highways to continue to try and work together to improve signage and road layout. 3) Vehicles turning at Red Lion junction, St Kew Highway – little can be done about hedges and visibility here, but reducing speeding through the village should help. Also discussed was the impact of the possible new supermarket developments in Wadebridge, but this was thought to be outside of the remit of the meeting. Also, minor vandalism and the poor state of repair of the roads within the parish. PC Taylor reported that in response to the vandalisms, two youths had been warned and one given a 1<sup>st</sup> stage ASBO letter. As yet there had been no repeats of the incident. On the poor state of the roads, Councillor J Godden added that Highways had informed them that they had now purchased two hot tar lorries with which to make hot tar repairs to potholes. They also planned to spend a lot of money on road repairs within the parish over the next year, including resurfacing the Pub Hill road up to Pendoggett.

Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer: Councillor Brain Gisborne sends his apologies. He informed the council that he had secured a £1,000 grant towards the tennis court at St Kew Highway. He also said that Cornwall Council hoped to re-instate councillor highways grants at some stage.

**94 To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting**

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

**95 Matters Arising**

**Page 32 Item 82: Planning application 2009/01374 Construction of extensions on cattle shed at Hayle Farm, St Kew for Mr T Wellington:** Planning Officer Samantha Hewitt contacted the clerk to inform her that she wished to recommend contrary to the parish council's recommendation. The clerk contacted all councillors by telephone and it was decided to request the application go before

the next planning committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm at the council chambers, Liskeard. As no councillors were available to attend the meeting, it was agreed that the clerk should attend to represent the council's views.

**Page 35 Item 93: Chapel Amble Notice board:** Clerk has written to Mr Hawkey and left messages for him re: putting up the agenda on the notice board in Chapel Amble. She has also been over there to tidy it up and made preliminary enquiries in the shop as to whether they would take over this responsibility should Mr Hawkey no longer wish to do it. It was agreed to leave until January meeting in order to give Mr Hawkey time to respond.

**Page 35 Item 95: Parish Stewardship Trial:** Gullies have now been cleared at Trewethern. Clerk has received email back from Highways stating that all jobs, bar the drains at Lanow, should now have been done. This is not the case, but due to bad weather will leave it until the new year to contact again.

**Page 35 Item 95: Proposed Sainsbury's Plan:** Meeting adjourned to allow Cornwall Councillor Collin Brewer to address the council. At a cabinet meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January, the sale of the Higher Trenant site will be discussed. Councillor Brewer has asked when consultation will take place regarding this, and apparently it will, but with very short timescales. Meeting re-convened.

**Page 38 Item 107: Street lighting on Trelill Rd, St Kew Highway:** Clerk has spoken to Western Power and they are to trim tress back.

**96** Correspondence

- a) Grant application from St Kew Pre School  
A grant application from St Kew Pre School was received for a publicity drive in the new year, to cover printing costs and web site costs. After much discussion, on a proposal by Councillor R Godden and seconded by Councillor T Mott, it was agreed to award St Kew Pre-School £200. Votes in favour: 8, abstentions: 1. Clerk to write to the pre-school committee.
- b) CC - Building Control  
Newsletter Dec 09
- c) CC - Development  
Management pre-application paper and questionnaire  
Clerk to collate replies and submit.
- d) CALC Planning meeting minutes
- e) Trees at Cador, St Kew Highway  
The clerk reported that she had contacted Cornwall Council planning department and had obtained a copy of the planning restriction regarding the trees and hedge at Cador, St Kew Highway. She had subsequently spoken to the planning department who had sent a tree officer to inspect the site and they had confirmed that the hedge and the trees within it did not warrant a Tree Preservation Order. She had then written a letter to Mr & Mrs Spencer, including the details of the planning conditions. The meeting was then adjourned to let Mr Spencer speak. He re-iterated the points included in his letter, including re-assuring the council that on the day in question he was not cutting down trees but simply cutting up logs left by the previous owner of the property. He also stated that he has no intention to remove trees from his boundary. He thanked the council for the letter and information regarding the planning restrictions and assured them that he would contact Cornwall Council Planning department should he ever wish to cut back trees on his boundary, prior to starting work. He re-iterated however that he had no current intention of doing so and would only do so for maintenance reasons and if any of the trees were to become dangerous. He asked the

council for clarification re: Mrs Joiner's official role within the parish regarding trees and stated that he had felt her approaches to be both aggressive and unwarranted, and that despite meeting with her to try and resolve the situation, she had deliberately misled the parish council regarding his intentions and his actions on that day. He also stated that both he and his wife had been deeply upset by the incident. The meeting was then re-convened. The parish council responded by informing Mr & Mrs Spencer that Mrs Joiner had no official role within the parish council and was not acting under their jurisdiction or direction at the time of the incident. They also apologised for any distress caused to Mr & Mrs Spencer and stated that they had simply responded to information presented to them, which had later transpired to be untrue. Clerk to write to Mrs Joiner to re-iterate that she is not the parish tree officer and ask her to double check her facts before making a complaint to the parish council.

- f) CC – Town and Parish Newsletter Nov 09
- g) CC – Spotlight on your parish scrapbook
- h) Any other important item of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate.

Councillor T Mott to respond.

**97 Planning and Decision Notices**

**2009/01566** Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use namely use of land as domestic cartilage at Homeleigh Farm, Chapel Amble for Mr P Rees. A proposal was made by Councillor R Godden and seconded by Councillor J Lethbridge that the parish council recommend approval.

**Decision Notices**

**2009/00935** Application for certificate of lawfulness for continued occupation of dwelling without complying with condition no. 5 of planning permission no. 88/1010 (agricultural occupancy restriction) at Brookfields, Hendra Lane, St Kew Highway for Mr R Caswell. Approved.

**2009/01266** Erection of a balcony at Trevorrian, Trelill for Mr B Kingdon. Approved

**2009/01267** Construction of agricultural livestock building at Land at Treburgett for WT Shute & Sons. Approved.

2009/01297 Construction of single storey extension at Moorview, Treharrock for Mrs L Egan. Approved.

**98 Schedule of monthly accounts**

On a proposal by Councillor J Godden and seconded by Councillor C Skewes cheque number 000820 to a total amount of £643.58 was passed for signing.

**99 Footpaths**

Most footpaths have been too wet to walk. Chairman J Rowe reported that the bridge across the disused railway at the rear of Whitehall Estate, St Kew Highway was very slippery. Clerk to ask Mr Fowle to put some chicken wire across it.

**100 Bus shelter at St Kew Highway**

After much discussion regarding style and size, it was agreed to adopt the previously drawn-up plans as provided by Councillor B Gabriel, but increase size to 10' x 6' internally. Councillor T Wellington and Chairman J Rowe to visit the site and measure up to double check this is the correct size. Clerk to contact Cornwall

Council Divisional Surveyor to check all permissions are in place.  
Councillor T Wellington to progress with getting quotes from building contractors.

- 101 **Parish Councillor Committee reports** None
- 102 **Parish Plan Action Plan** Councillor T Mott: Glad to see bus shelter plans are progressing. A £300 grant has been obtained from the NHS to progress with the allotments. A water supply is to be installed shortly to the site. It was agreed by all to set up a working party to progress this, to include Councillor T Mott, Councillor R Godden and Mr R Plater.
- 103 **Any other important matters** **Councillor J Parnell: Parked Cars in Pendoggett:** A complaint has been received regarding vehicles parked for sale on the right hand side of the junction of the B3266 with the Trelill road opposite Chapel Sea View. Clerk to contact PC Taylor to ask him to contact Mr Roberts at Chapel Sea View regarding this.  
**Councillor T Mott: Missing '30' speed limit sign at St Kew Highway:** Sign has rusted through on slip road off of A39. Clerk to contact highways.  
**Councillor R Godden: Thank you letter to St Kew Inn:** It was agreed that the clerk would write to St Kew Inn to thank them for the provision of water and electricity to clean the war memorial.  
**Chairman J Rowe: Thank you letter to Paul Symons:** It was agreed that the clerk would write to Mr Symons to thank him for sourcing the Christmas Tree.  
**Chairman J Rowe: Noticeboards:** Noticeboard at Trelill needs a door replacing. The noticeboard at Chapel Amble is rotten. Will ask Dave Finnemore to have a look at them.
- 104 **Items for Your Parish** No parish magazine this month.
- 105 **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