

**MINUTES** of St. Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Kew Parish Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Councillor T Mott, Chairman Presiding; together with Councillors J Rowe, R. Godden, J Godden, R Davey, T Wellington, A Godden, C Skewes and J Lethbridge.

**IN ATTENDANCE:-** Mrs Emma Fowle, Parish Clerk, Mr and Mrs B Plater, Councillor Brian Gisbourne, Mrs J Mott, Mr Francis Healey.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting. **APOLOGIES** were received from B Gabriel, D Finnemore.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Francis Healey addresses the council and submitted a letter of complaint about the condition of the footpaths in the parish. He stated that he had not seen any cutting or maintenance of footpaths in the 5 years that he has lived in the parish. He was particularly concerned about the footpath running from the Trequite Rd to the back of the Whitehall Estate, which he claimed was not an adequate width and very uneven and inaccessible at the moment. Chairman T Mott responded by explaining to Mr Healey about the roles and responsibilities of the footpath committee, the county footpath banding system and the parish council's responsibility to cut the footpaths every year. Councillor R Godden added that he worked very hard to get the footpaths banded as highly as possible when the system was introduced but that the parish council still does not receive very much money each year from Cornwall Council to maintain them. Councillor J Godden suggested that Mr Healey take photographs of the problems that he sees on footpaths in the parish and submit any queries or complaints to the parish clerk as they come up, so that the parish council are aware of them and can attempt to rectify them.

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

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th March 2009 were agreed on a proposal by Councillor R Davey and seconded by Councillor J Godden.

The minutes of the special council meeting held on 18th March 2009 were agreed on a proposal by Councillor J Rowe and seconded by Councillor R Godden.

**13 Matters Arising**

**Page 1 Item 4: Chapel Amble Common Land:** Clerk has contacted David Attwell at NCDC but is still awaiting a response.

**Page 8 Item 18: Noticeboard at Trelill:** Councillor J Rowe has been to look at this. Needs refixing to its post and rubbing down and re-painting.

**Page 8 Item 18: Dangerous gravestone:** Councillor J Rowe has received a recommendation to Drew Memorials in Bodmin to look at the dangerous gravestone in the church graveyard. Clerk to contact and make an appointment to come down and have a look at it.

Liaise with Councillor J Godden re: appointment times. Councillor J Godden to rope it off in the meantime.

**14 Correspondence.**

a) NCDC . Consultation on Taxi Provision for Cornwall

Chairman T Mott to respond.

b) Cornwall Council . New corporate governance team

c) Cornwall Council . Town and Parish Council Newsletter Edition 1 April 2009

d) St Kew pre-school grant

Clerk to request latest accounts in order for this to be considered.

- application
- e) Any other important item of correspondence which the Chairman considers appropriate.
- 15 Planning and Decision Notices** **2009/00363** Retrospective planning for erection of agricultural building at Up Yours, Trelill for Mr W Vernon. On a proposal from Councillor J Rowe and seconded by Councillor C Skewes it was agreed to recommend refusal. Clerk to write and recommend refusal on the basis of over development of the site. Eight votes in favour and one abstention from Councillor T Wellington.
- Decision Notices** **2009/00116** Erection of a detached structure for civil wedding ceremonies at Cornish Tipi Holidays, Tregear APPROVED
- 16 Schedule of monthly accounts** The schedule was approved from cheque number 00780 . 00782 in the total sum of £486.38. On a proposal from Councillor C Skewes and seconded by Councillor J Rowe the cheques were passed for signing.
- 17 Approval of annual accounts and signing of audit form** On a proposal from Councillor C Skewes and seconded by Councillor R Davey, the annual accounts were approved and the audit forms signed. The parish council would like to thank Councillor R Godden for his continued hard work and dedication in keeping the finances of the parish council in such good order.
- 18 OneCornwall Highways Stewardship Trial** Chairman T Mott, along with Councillors R Godden and J Rowe and the parish clerk attended a meeting at St Kew Parish Hall about the Highways Stewardship Trial on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The meeting was attended by Cathy Pemberton, One Cornwall Parish Liaison Officer, Sarah Sims, Area Network Manager for Wadebridge Area Network, Paul Allen, Highways Regional Engineer, Richard Beeks, Cornwall Council Highways, and Denise Taylor, Senior Street Ranger for NCDC. We have now been given the schedule for when the Rural Maintenance Gangs will be in our parish for 2009/2010. We will be contacted a few weeks before and asked to submit a prioritised list of faults/problems that need dealing with, and can also arrange to meet with the gangs to talk this through on the day they start work in our area. This will hopefully mean our local knowledge will lead to the right problems being addresses. The clerk will also receive a report of what work has been done, what will be done next time and reasons for any work not being done. There is now one point of contact for all highways and street ranger complaints: 0300 1234 222 contact Richard Beeks or email: [highwayseast@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:highwayseast@cornwall.gov.uk). This will hopefully lead to all complaints and problems being tracked and dealt with better. We spoke to Denise Taylor particularly about the probelsm with getting a response from David Wrench, our street ranger, and in particular about the missing street sign for Kenwyn Park. She is going to look into this.
- 19 Parish Plan** The parish council agreed the draft parish plan and action plan at the special council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009, in order to give Cornwall Rural Community Council and NCDC the assurances they required that the plan was ready to go to print and thus secure the funding. Printing quotations have now been received for a tri-fold leaflet summarising the findings of the questionnaire, to be distributed to every household in the parish. In addition there will be full data sets and accompanying narrative printed. An open meeting is to be arranged to accompany this. The parish council passed a

vote of thanks to the parish plan steering group for their hard work and dedication in this work.

- 20 Footpaths: Open footpath cutting tender** Councillors J Rowe and T Wellington declared an interest and left the room for the discussion and vote. The footpaths tender has been carried over this year, and Mr David Wellington has been asked if he would like to re-submit a price for continuing to cut the footpaths as per the previous year's contract. He has submitted a price at the same amount as last year - £1100.00. Councillor J Godden asked whether, in the light of Mr Healing's complaints, we should automatically renew the tender this year, or perhaps check the cutting more often. Councillor R Godden replied that they were checked, but agreed we could keep an extra close eye on it this year to make sure. On a proposal by J Godden and seconded by C Skewes, it was agreed to accept Mr David Wellington's tender. Councillor R Godden also informed the council that Cornwall Council had attempted to cut the funding given to the parish council for the maintenance of the footpaths by £300 this year. After much discussion, they had agreed not to do this, but he feared it would be slowly reduced year by year and it would be prudent to start thinking about alternative ways to pay for the cutting of the bronze footpaths in the parish. We currently have 6 gold paths, 10 silver and the remainder all bronze. It was also reported that the gate across the footpath at Lovers Lane, St Kew Highway, does not open. Councillor J Rowe to investigate and report back.
- 21 To confirm dates and format for Annual Meeting of the Parish** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at St Kew Parish Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7:30pm. Clerk to invite all award recipients and nominators, and write to request annual reports from the Police, County and District Councillors.
- 22 Any other important matters** **Pothole at Rose-in-Vale, St Kew:** Councillor J Godden reported a large and dangerous pothole at Rose-in-Vale, St Kew.  
**Dog excrement in Parish Hall garden:** Chairman T Mott reported that there was dog excrement in the garden on the parish hall.
- 23 Items for Your Parish** Planning, advertise annual meeting and attendance of Sarah Sims at next parish council meeting. Parish Plan update . Mrs J Mott to do. Advertise website address and information available on it.
- 24 Register of Gifts and Hospitality for Councillors and staff** None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm