

Kilhampton Parish Council

The minutes for the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting beginning at 7.00pm.
On 22nd June 2021 held at The Grenville Rooms

Attendance Reg Hambley (RH), Tim Cottle (TC) Ian Heard (IH), Phil Sluggett (PS), Lee Bond (LB)

Apologies: Kingsley Bryant (KB), Keith Ovenden (KO), Roland Nancekivell (RN)

Chairman: Clive Vanstone (CV),

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening and welcome to all by Chairman. Chairman began by mentioning 2 items to be discussed this evening. One planning application and Kilhampton Common.

Firstly:

PA21/05098. Proposal Proposed conversion of barn / store to form holiday let Location Hartmor House Aldercombe Lane Kilhampton Bude Applicant Mr And Mrs K Bryant.

This needs to be discussed as the deadline is before the next meeting. RH said there is nothing being demolished etc. LB asked if same footprint. Felt it was. RH mentioned they have also had the Bat specialists out to inspect. Doesn't feel a problem as the building is already there etc.

IH moved and PS seconded. All in favour.

Secondly:

Kilhampton Common

The Chairman mentioned we had all been forwarded the email from Ms Sarah Mason at Cornwall Council giving information on what would happen if we were to attempt to purchase the land.

The Chairman stated what wasn't on this email, was the fact that we would need to consult all the Parishioners first to ask if they were happy for the Council to attempt to purchase Kilhampton Common. There would need to be more than 50% of the village happy with this decision. This process alone can take a good few months to organise and get completed.

We also need to know the figure that the Land Agent would suggest it was worth and what we would be expected to pay for it. All in all it would take up to around 12 months for all of these processes to happen. We can't possibly make a decision before the 14th July deadline date.

The Chairman also felt we wouldn't gain much by purchasing.

There are other organisations interested.

TC asked if we can at least get a figure from the Land Agent?

The Land Agent won't let the Parish Council pay more than it is worth.

The Chairman feels we need to wait until after the deadline before we can move forward in any way. If it is still on the market after this date – then we can contact Mr Duncan.
The Chairman felt the ongoing cost of the land would be more than you could rent any of it out for.

LB felt people will feel it is our duty to purchase for the village. But it isn't.
LB felt we may then need to increase the precept – which increases the Council Tax figures for everyone.
RH mentioned this would be shown on the survey we would need to send around initially.

PS questioned if we are discussing because of people talking about it rather than what's actually right for the village? There will always be a public footpath through it and across the top.

RH mentioned that he had spoken to Ms Sarah Mason and read through her information. Stated that the Council has to seek approval from the Government first, then also obtain public support too. The land would be purchased by the Parish Council and registered in their names but with no come back against any individual.

LB felt we need to explain that we cannot go any further forward due to all the procedures and deadlines involved.

PS said a possible benefit would be lots of allotments.

Chairman felt it wasn't a sensible or realistic value. It is borrowing an awful lot of money over a very long time.

All felt the same. TC feels we need to document what our restrictions are etc.

RH said this meeting will be documented and put onto the website when approved and will show that we are looking at various options but due to time constraints we are not in a great position.
Anything we do will take up to a year.

Chairman said we need a proposal.

RH proposed and PS seconded, all in favour to monitor the situation, however not able to move forward before the 14th July deadline.

Thanks to all but The Chairman for attending this extraordinary meeting. Next Regular Parish Council meeting is on the 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Declared the meeting closed.