

Kilkhampton Parish Council

The Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.00pm at The Grenville Rooms

Attendance

Clive Vanstone, Tim Cottle, Nick Crossley, Daniel Vanstone, Heather Jordan, Gerald Strong, Phil Sluggett, Kerri Sealy, Paula Dolphin

Apologies Mark Trewin

Chair: Reg Hambley

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening and welcome to all by the Chairman

Adopt code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest

None

Public Speaking Session

Welcome to all and firstly call to Mr Duncan to give insight into Commons. Councillors can ask questions after and will be put onto March's agenda. If any other parishioners wish to ask questions they will then be able to.

Thanks by Mr Duncan. Good evening. Mr Duncan started by explaining he had been invited by parish council to give history. Always been interested in environment and for last 20 years have run company in oil. Done work all over the world. Ran business from Bude up to 10 years ago then moved to Kilkhampton. Was keen to be a good resident and when opportunity came to purchase Common he did so. Western Countryside Stewards charity set up. Been successful in securing funds from companies such as BP etc. Company bought common and once established charity donated it to it. Was a public footpath at start and not very accessible, did a lot of work to make access easy and set up the details of the paths people can use and go through. Very pleased as to how its been treated.

Got to thinking that nothing is predictable and is getting difficult to get the donations as before. Could do with a wider trust. Not needed to do a lot of public funding so far. Not here to say its closing soon, can certainly fund for the next year. This will be in the village forever and feels now is time to sort something out.

On funding front since article in Parish News, have application in Heritage lottery fund which part of would provide some relief to administration and day to day maintenance. Esmee Fairbairn Organisation give funding to charities and have put application to them. If successful this is aimed at securing maintenance and care of Common for 3 years. Also got application to Peoples lottery. Another thing notices when speaking to other people on common is people are keen to donate themselves. Will be linking onto website as to how to donate. Also thinking of creating a 'Friends of Kilkhampton Common'.

We have started work on how can make more funding. Would be particularly useful is a member of Council and village to become a member of the trust committee. A matter of meeting 2-3 times a year and the making sure its run correctly.

Thing to remember is there are a number of things going on at the Common – ponies and releasing of animals. Butterfly source now really important – rare area. Taking a lot more notice of bats this year. Very valuable resource. Mr Duncan hopes we find it interesting and the village can have more of a say in the future.

There are 3 other members on the committee in addition to Mr Duncan.

PD arrived.

CV asked if it is that they want to move to more of a community rather than a family charity. Mr Duncan said the trust base needs to be diverse to get different funding. Mr Duncan feel would be stronger together – not trying to release himself. GS asked if trust covers all activities or just Kilkhampton Common. Mr Duncan said its all of them and they can have a common interest in each other. More nimble than larger companies.

Chairman welcomed PD and brought her up to date.

Michael Heard said huge expenses embarked upon and OK the project launched for our better good. If we are to fund it, all other funding may feel they would get less.

Mr Duncan said funds sent already should not be accepted to be that. Michael asked if any possibility of selling areas – Mr Duncan said people can see things they wouldn't be able to from elsewhere. Portions could be sold but would recommend renting.

Michael said we have free access via the footpaths. Gill was going to ask about monies involved. Mr Duncan confirmed £15-20K year at most. Patrick asked if this money was going to come from sources which are outside this. GS felt the £20K could be scaled back. Council covers the footpath maintenance and only costs £2K year. Mr Duncan said can only go by what they have done and what they do now. Trying to give a true cost of what it is at present.

Thanks to Mr Duncan by TC.

Still in public speaking session – any other matters? No. All welcome to stay and listen.

Common to be on agenda for March.

DV arrived.

Planning

- 1) PA15/11964 Erection of buildings to house additional plant and equipment as part of process improvements. Tamar Lakes Water Treatment Works – Lakeside Cottages – Sutcombe, South West Water Ltd. Plans uploaded and shown to all. Chairman stated they need this building. PD went to look at site – felt it could be better designed. Concerns of power station too close to two cottages. Thinks although they need the building it should be in a better position at far end. PD will talk to the planner and suggest put somewhere else although not objecting to actual building.

Also no shrubs. Chairman said now looked at and heard from PD – we, as a council should be guided by PD. State no objections to building just location – too close to residents. HJ moved and NC seconded. All in favour.

- 2) PA16/00191 Reduce Height to trees on boundary bank. Stanbridge. Mr K Ovenden Notification only of application No action necessary. Just for info.
- 3) PA15/10095 Removal of condition 2 (use of holiday let restricted to 8 months of the year) in respect of decision 80/2082/OOP to allow year round use of holiday let. 7 Spanish Villas Penstowe Park Ms D Joyce. Already moved on these in past – same thing. All OK CV moved GS seconded.
- 4) PA16/00581 Works to trees in a Conservation Area. Stanbridge Mr K Ovendon Notification only of application. No action necessary. Just for info.
- 5) PA16/00290 Prior notification for proposed telecommunications installation upgrade and associated works. Killock Farm. Vodafone. No objections – DV move and KS seconded, all in favour.

Matters

- 1) Carpark Toilets
£94.50 taken – electrician looked at door.
- 2) Hillpark Lane
CV – sign ordered from Holsworthy. Mr Sloman fitting. Hope by next month. NC asked PD if any update on wall, asked to chase due to safety. PD said they don't feel it's unsafe and is private. CV said they are aware of the situation. Could just drop. CV doesn't know who owns the narrow footpath. PD said Cornwall Housing Association. PD will speak to them. Chairman said to CV re: sign and wall. CV and Chairman speaking to Mr Sloman first. Chairman feels it has moved.
- 3) Aldercombe Lane Style.
PS not got down yet. Chairman and PS try to get there before next meeting.
- 4) Online planning applications
DV said about possibility of broadband, DV read through 2 x options and costings for these. Could possible reduce future costs by restricting downloads. If did decide to go ahead we decide with standard installation fee and sort package later. PD said spoken to Chris Sims and Network going to get a pot of £20K. PD suggested use pot to install broadband in halls. April time. Suggests wait. PD will let us know when can apply. Put onto April Agenda. NC said don't need superfast broadband, others felt get what we can with the funds. TC moved and HJ seconded for April agenda and agreeing got estimate already.

5) Annual Playground Inspection.

Costs same as last year. Clerk to reply to say OK to go ahead. GS said done virtually everything on list from last year.

6) Any other matters arising from the minutes

No other matters

Months work – OK

Reports

Footpaths – PS said Aldercombe Lane signage broken – to look at. Barn Lane begin sorted by MV Plant. KS said style on Aldercombe Lane – second step is tilted and has fallen badly and others have also. PS to look at.

Lambpark Trust and Playing Fields – TC said M V Plant has started work on bollards. DV said we need to sort padlocks for them. TC to sort. Chairman said will chase regarding water issue.

School – CV said Mr Reverend Hardy no longer working for them. Post being filled at present and will be advertised. Pupil premium benefits the school immensely. PD will look into.

Grenville Rooms – Big Breakfast 13th February. All invited, please come. Chairman said meeting had a while back and decided to go ahead to have a refurb, paint, lights, hot water in toilets etc.

Members

PD – not much. 1) Big fight at CC about trying to amalgamate Police and Fire service. We want to keep separate. 2) On constitution and Government Committee – discussed about CRB checks. If have contact with children should have once year from Parish Council. NC said youth club done, football club done, KS done. PD said has to be on a need basis. Just GS and HJ not. TC sad GS being on Lambpark Trust could do on him or Parish Council could. 3) Bude library – talks about lack of funding and trying to get help. They were discussing nearby parishes and should they make a contribution. Still fighting to keep mobile library.

DV asked PD if any follow up on co-op footpath. PD will chase again.

HJ – Nothing

CV – at meeting regarding Queens Birthday Lunch, Grenville Rooms thought of idea of Queen's lunch on birthday. Looking for funding from Parish Council. Chairman said outlay of costs – thought PC could assist. CV said nothing finalised. Lunch held yesterday in Grenville Rooms was 90+ people. £10 for 3 courses. HJ asked if worth just doing cake and sandwiches so that it's more available to all. CV asked if did a tea party would PC be willing to put some for funding. TC proposed and PS seconded. All in favour of idea in principal. Figures to be discussed at March meeting.

TC – Nothing

GS – nothing

NC – nothing

KS – nothing

PS – nothing

DV – nothing

Correspondence

1. Schedule of further significant changes to Cornwall Local Plan.

DV heard if no development of Parish Plan in 2 years, one will be put into place for us. PD said not really. There are different levels and Parish plan is final detail. If not in place the core plan will come into play. We wouldn't be able to stipulate where houses are actually put. PD suggests to wait a bit longer before doing anything.

Finance

Finances read through.

Invoices to be paid £ 36.00 N M Technical Services

HJ Moved and TC seconded, All in favour

Date of next meeting 7th March 2016. To begin at 7.30pm.

Thanks to all and meeting closed.