

Kilhampton Parish Council

The minutes for the
AGM followed by the
Regular Parish Meeting to begin at 7.00pm
on 14th May 2018 at The Grenville Rooms

Attendance Tim Cottle (TC), Albert Sloman (AS) Keith Ovenden (KO), Archie Heard (AH), Dan Vanstone (DV), Phil Sluggett (PS), Roland Nancekivell (RN), Paula Dolphin (PD)

Apologies: Clive Vanstone (CV),

Chair: Reg Hambley (RH)

Good evening to all by Chairman. Welcome to all attending, nice to see so many here.

Public Speaking Session.

Chairman stated Mr Andrew Seward is opening this meeting on behalf of the public. Chairman also stated that anyone who wishes to speak, must give their name and refrain from repeating anything already stated by another party.

There were concerns about giving names, DV pointed out that this is a public meeting and everything must be recorded correctly.

Andrew first said he felt we knew why everyone was here today – to discuss the spraying by Mr Cowell.

Andrew was initially asking if the Parish Council could have a separate meeting regarding this issue.

Mr Jim Gibbet felt it could be useful to have a separate meeting – as they had to make the attendance tonight smaller to accommodate. This issue was mentioned last year to the parish council – unsure if the person was approached. Chairman stated yes.

Jim felt it obviously didn't work. We are now seeing the results of his actions from last year. Hedges are completely dead – Highways will have issues in heavy down pour of rain with mud on roads etc. Felt it was increasingly impossible for individual parishioners to know who to approach and felt the parish council should come in and perhaps allocate someone specific. Many Parishes are being affected and would like to think it would be raised with Cornwall Council.

Natural England beginning to be interested. The Police have been called as damaged caused to people's land and not just his own. Environmental department should be concerned and Highways. Feels Parish Council should bring out an injunction.

Thanks to Chairman,

Chairman introduced PD who was taking notes and would be answering any questions.

Mr Nick Grainger stated that from a farmer's point of view the man is spraying other verges on his property – They are custodians of their verges.

They have to have farm assured logo, be audited and display sensible use of pesticides. Cannot just spray where ever they want. The logistics of how it is being done are wrong. The man is driving on the wrong side of the road spraying. Nick couldn't understand how he could contravene all the acts – wildlife, health and safety etc.

Mr Colin Manning – explained he works freelance for city and guilds. On their behalf he made phone calls. The man requires appropriate certificates – depending on what he is using. Needs a theory test and practical test for machine spraying. Unaware if he holds any of these qualifications.

Spoke to Natural England and they referred to environment agency. If someone has suspicion's that it will go into water course of any kind – they would investigate on legal proceedings from a formal complaint. He needs an AW Certificate and AW product and needs environmental agency if closer than one meter. Colin felt it could be on or near a water course – May be something environmental agency want to look into on their behalf. Has 24hr number for use – someone would need to lodge a complaint.

Mr Tim Prince understands he is receiving single farm payments and that there is an etiquette around hedgerow maintenance.

Michelle asked if there is any way of doing a soil test to see what he is using. Chairman said this would be the environmental department.

Colin stated that if there is a borehole there is a 50mtr zone for these.

Nick – reiterated the point on not knowing what the man is using.

Jim – stated there is a drain from the mans gate to the river.

PD – said it was highlighted at last years meeting. She had suggested we took a gentleman's approach and ask him to stop – PD understood everyone was angry but asked for them to leave it with her to deal with. PD will action with all the groups necessary and gave her mobile contact details.

A lady asked how we would hear back from PD.

PD stated either call/email – but she will also be back at the next meeting and will be dealing with this matter before then.

Launcells have raised major concerns and she had explained we had written letter etc and tried to sort directly. Jim said thanks to PD and the Parish Council as felt individuals couldn't solve this problem. He is very intimidating.

Chairman said Ian Maddox went to see the gentleman and had long discussion with him. We received a letter from Ian with all the details. PC wrote to Highways etc. Chairman also went to see him and he had said he was sorry and wouldn't do it again.

Chairman said the Parish Council will work with PD closely.

Jim said Highways are now more relevant as it is now visible.

Chairman said we will report as necessary and Clerk will sort this.

A lady asked who would report to the police. PD said if you see it you will have to report it to the police. Not for the Parish Council to do so.

DV said it would hold more weight if more of the parishioners made their point. We can report – but not do anything more.

Chairman said we report to Highways and they then move on to another department.

The lady said she has photographic and video evidence.

Jim asked if a public meeting could be held with the newspapers etc.

PD suggested wait until she had done all she can and with the MP. Asked to please bear with her.

Chairman said Parish Council will forward information and hopefully have some answers at next meeting.

Chairman informed this was the end of the public speaking session – All welcome to stay for the rest of the regular meeting.

Moved onto AGM. Chairman said thanks to all and PD for support over the last year. Feels achieved a lot once again.

Election of Officers

Vice took the Chair.

First job is to nominate a Chairman. TC proposed RH and AS seconded. All in favour of RH to continue as Chairman.

Thanks to all by RH for re-electing him as Chairman.

DV said thanks to Chairman for guidance and help – do an excellent job.

Now at the point to elect Vice Chairman.

AH nominated DV and PS seconded. No other nominations. All in favour.

Chairman then began proceedings to elect officers for committees.

Lambpark Trust –CV, TC, DV to continue and also RH. All agreed.

School Representative. AS happy to continue. All agreed

Footpath Committee – PS and AH happy to continue. All agreed.

Transport and Traffic Committee – RH, DV, TC and KO to stay – all agreed.

Grenville Rooms – AH and RH to continue. All agreed.

Solar Farm Committee. – CV, TC and RH and PD. All agreed

Network meeting – RH and RN to continue. All agreed.

AGM meeting now closed.
Began regular meeting.

Minutes - OK

Adopt Code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest

None

Planning

Applications.

- 1) PA18/03072 – We agreed then found out it was listed. Now submitted another plan. As far as we are concerned we have to go with whatever the planners are happy with.

Matters

- 1) Election of Officer

2 applicants applied. Mr Kingsley Bryant and Mr Lee Bond.

Chairman requested Mr Bryant leave the room. (Mr Bond did not attend)

Chairman said at last two meetings we put notice out requesting any interest in the position. No one applied so we suggested contacting anyone we felt could be interested. CV and Chairman both spoke to a few individuals. Chairman said letter received from Mr Bryant in April - read out by Chairman.

On 12th May – email received from Mr Bond putting himself forward.

These are the two applicants and Chairman suggested a secret ballot vote. PD to collect and count.

PD confirmed Mr Bryant won the vote.

Mr Bryant back in the room. Informed of result and that once he had completed the necessary forms he would be an official Councillor.

Thanks to all by Kingsley Bryant (KB)

- 2) Carpark toilets

£185.20 taken. Lock on ladies in hand. DV said no blockages and done part of work. To leave as is for now. TC mentioned tiles getting broken due to children climbing on wall. DV and TC to meet and sort.

- 2) Section One of Accounts Audit Approval.

Viewed and approved.

- 3) Section Two of Accounts Audit Approval

Viewed and approved.

- 4) Manhole Covers

Manhole still loose on East Road. One by Co-op and Chinese also. Clerk to email Oliver.

5) Collaton Farm

Chairman said at last meeting we instructed him to contact a solicitor as we are owed £15,000. Chairman did speak to Mr Finn the Solicitors and they wrote to Mr Holmes-Ling. Letter read out by Chairman. Mr Finn went through all the information we had sorted. A reply had been received from the Wind Turbine people. Read through by Chairman. Agreed to pay the £15,000 upon receipt of an invoice from Parish Council. Clerk to sort and forward.

6) War Memorial

AH stated Mr and Mrs Siddalls felt the village could put something commemorative up. Chairman asked feelings on this. PD felt leave as is if have one already. DV said maybe put something to show as its 100 years this year. KO said can get a silhouette with no names on. Chairman said to write to Mr and Mrs Siddalls and invite to discuss at next meeting. Clerk to sort

7) Clerks Salary

Clerk left the room.

Clerk returned and Chairman explained that all had agreed to give a rise of 3% as of today to the Clerk. Thanks to all by Clerk.

8) Chairmans Wage

Chairman left the room. Vice took the chair and explained that Chairman currently gets £400/yr. Vice Chairman expressed how much the Chairman does for the Parish Council. An extreme amount of work and time is put in. Vice asked PD if we could increase the value we give to Chairman. Yes. TC proposed, AH seconded and all agreed to increase to £600/yr. Chairman back in the room. Explanation give by Vice and thanks to all from Chairman.

9) Any other matters arising from the minutes

No

Months work

OK

Reports

PD Nothing.

Footpaths – PS – First cut at end of this month. RN asked about a footpath and PS to look into areas. PS not heard anything at Pauls. Killock down to stream now clear. Debbie – officer from County, was intent on sorting. Nothing yet.

Debbie also to approach her bosses and get back to PS if they were prepared to do anything. Nothing heard yet – They felt OK. Handrail at Woodland Wood - felt didn't need one. PS said Aldercombe Lane – she also thought stiles Ok.

Playing Fields and Lambpark – TC – repainting etc in June. We granted £2k for the works. Chairman asked on fence – RN said wire netting there, is all OK.

School –AS – email down at moment so lack of contact with Head. School is bursting. More homes give more need on school – feels there will need to be more expansion.

Chairman also said Head did attend Situ8 meeting. School running really well.

Grenville Rooms – Chairman said did put in a grant at solar panel meeting – deferred until October as so many

applicants.

Members

AH – Any chance at Lambpark to have a wheelie bin put at the entrance way for accommodating numerous bin bags. TC said as long as they can be lockable so no random bin bags/rubbish can be put in there. DV to look into and report to Lambpark trust.

AH also said at North Close there have been complaints that the banks aren't being strimmed. We have explained it is their private area to sort.

DV – Nothing

TC – Nothing

PS – Nothing

AS – Nothing

KO – Nothing

RN – Nothing

Correspondence

Letter received from Heather Thomas regarding flower festival. Heather Jordan used to sort this. Chairman asked if we speak to Heather Thomas and ask if anyone would like to complete on our behalf and we reimburse. All in favour. Chairman to sort. PS proposed £50.00 value and AH seconded.

Finance

Read through by Chairman

Invoices to be paid	£	23.38	Bridgmans
	£	1,166.60	Zurich Insurance
	£	180.00	Acuiti
	£	666.00	Michael Vanstone Plant Hire
	£	120.00	Face Value Accounting

TC moved and DV seconded.

DV to check on Broadband usage – may be able to reduce level of cover.

Chairman mentioned Clerk had requested a lockable filing cabinet due to the new GDPR regulations. All Ok to sort.

Date of next meeting 4th June 2018. To begin at 7.30pm at The Grenville Rooms

Thanks to all and meeting closed.