

Kilhampton Parish Council

The minutes for the
Regular Parish Council Meeting to begin at 7.30pm.
On 2nd November 2020 via Google Meet

Attendance Kingsley Bryant (KB), Tim Cottle (TC), Keith Ovenden (KO),
Clive Vanstone (CV), Phil Sluggett (PS), Dan Vanstone (DV), Albert Sloman (AS)

Absent: Roland Nancekivell (RN) Paula Dolphin (PD)

Apologies: Ian Heard (IH)

Chairman: Reg Hambley (RH)

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening to all by Chairman. Welcome to Nigel Leeming.
Firstly, welcome to all at our first virtual meeting,
As you will recall from our test meeting on Thursday (29th) we agreed that you raise your hand if you wish to speak and the Chairman will come to you in due course.

Minutes

Approved by all and to be signed when appropriate.

Adopt Code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest

CV declared on planning PA20/08914 as Mr Neal is an employee.

Public Speaking Session

Mr Leeming was online with regards to his and Ms Cull's application PA20/09174 for proposed porch. Mr Leeming mentioned that they have a lovely original door that they wish to keep for the character of the cottage – felt the only way this was possible was to put a porch on. They didn't want to have to change the door for UPVC and were hoping to get a pass on this application from the Parish Council.

The Chairman gave thanks to Mr Leeming for his information and explained that he is welcome to stay and listen, but can no longer take any further part in the meeting.

Planning

Applications.

1. PA20/08800 Proposal Conversion of existing double garage into a two bedroom holiday letting unit Location Trinity Lodge Penstowe Road Kilhampton Bude Applicant Mr And Mrs Jason Blood MAMBURY FARM LTD. Chairman stated that everyone had received the plans to view and mentioned that as you look down through the main drive there is a garage. The applicant wishes to convert this garage to be able to let out and use for family to stay when able in the future. This does already have a pre-application and Mr and Mrs Blood were advised to put in for this application.
DV stated he was happy for this to go ahead as long as it would be tied to the house and

could not be sold off separately. Chairman had put this to the applicants and they assured him there would be no chance of this happening.

TC felt we've approved one further down Penstow to convert a garage, so can't really disapprove. AS agrees to have a clause that the garage remains tied to the property and not able to sell separately. DV moved and TC seconded. All in favour.

2. PA20/08914 Proposal Construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and parking Location Land N Of Beamish Penstowe Road Kilkhampton Bude Applicant Mr S Neal. CV left the room and muted microphone. Chairman said this application had already been approved for one dwelling. Now the applicant has gone back to planners and changed request to 2 semi detached dwellings. TC had concerns over the parking for these properties. TC felt there is not enough space on the property for two houses to have numerous vehicles. PS agreed with TC – concerned with numerous cars coming in and out of the property, could cause issues on the road.
AS – wondered why the applicant has gone back to change to two houses when they already have an application approved for one. Only has space for 2 cars maximum. This new application could lead to the possibility of 4 vehicles, thus causing more congestion on the road and possibly parking on the street also.
DV doesn't feel the parking issue will be linked to this change in application.
KB didn't feel we could refuse just on the parking. DV said it will probably be allowed, but we all have concerns with the parking.
TC can't really see why they want to change it. We can point out that we have concerns with the parking on the application.
All agreed with voicing concerns on parking. Chairman asked if we go back to the planners and state issues with the planning application, rather than approve it but with concerns. Clerk to reply to state we are not agreeing or disagreeing as we have concerns over the parking for these two properties and to wait for them to reply back to us.
CV back and unmuted.
3. PA20/09174 Proposal Proposed entrance porch and insertion of a small window to the existing front entrance Location 27 New Cottages Kilkhampton Bude EX23 9QH Applicant Ms Nicola Cull. Chairman asked for opinions on this application. AS asked if these cottages are in a conservation area. Yes. Asked what's the ruling on this type of request?
Chairman said online there are grey areas on this type of application, but one states that provided it is kept the same as what the property looks like, it may be looked into, but there are an awful lot of vague areas.
DV said we had a porch application at lower square once, was this classed as a conservation area? Chairman said that one was needing to be rebuilt due to rot.
PS mentioned we had said they needed to use original materials etc, not UPVC.
CV has got concerns – whilst they are trying to save the door, this is a row of cottages within an architectural part of the village. CV would be concerned if conservation officer lets it go through. Photos of the past show a line of vista cottages. Concerned others make take further steps in the future if this was passed.
CV does commend the applications for what they are trying to do, but not happy with the request.
AS felt he doesn't understand where we are with the conservation people, do we have to get their approval first? Chairman said the case officer would be coming to look at the properties around the area and talking to Rural England. AS asked if we can put this off and get their views first. Chairman said if you want to proposed that please do.
KB agreed with AS. Has sympathy with Nicola Cull and Nigel Leeming and looks nice, but

does worry that it could start a whole change on the row.

Clerk to write to the case officer explaining decision will depend on that Rural England has to say and for them to come back to us.

CV said they will have a lot more power on the decision than we do.

DV – felt he wouldn't be able to give an informed decision due to where it is and not sure on the regulations etc.

KO asked if we could have a meeting with the case officer? Chairman said would need to be 1 on 1 due to the current situation.

Chairman feels not enough information on this without hearing back from Rural England and the conservation officer. DV moved and AS seconded all in favour to go back and state we can't make a decision as waiting for Rural England and conservation officer.

Thanks to Mr Nigel Leeming for logging on.

Thanks from Mr Leeming to the Parish Council.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets.

Chairman stated all new hand sanitizers installed. Someone had tipped an entire bottle over the floor of the gents. Other than this all OK.

Mr Bragg is carrying on cleaning for the time being due to another lockdown. We had said that in November we would charge the 20p again. Do we put this back into force?

KO feels we should but the charge back on. KB felt it may discourage people from vandalizing and messing around in the toilets.

Alan Somerfield is happy to set this back up and collect the money each month. David to clean. For a month or so.

DV asked if we can draft a letter for Alan to sign covering the necessary regulations for safety etc. Alan has already said he will wear a mask, gloves and leave the money for 72hrs before dealing with. Clerk to sort letter.

2. Stibb Defibrillator

Clerk has informed that all necessary payments have been made. Nothing else heard.

3. Bench and Bus Shelter. North Close.

KO has sorted shelter.

Chairman said we had spoken about purchasing a bench. Had received a phone call from Francis Gist. He has two cast iron ends that he was offering to make into a bench for the area and asked if he could make it in memory of Georgie DeRosa.

Chairman feels although it is a really great gesture, the one there before was for the Silver Jubilee and should be installed in this respect again. It could lend itself to others wanting benches through out the village in memory of others.

PS feels a nice idea, concerned it may not actually be strong enough.

AS didn't want to set a president. Once you allow one – it could get difficult in the future.

Wouldn't be able to stop others in the future if we start with this one.

Chairman happy to speak to Francis.

TC – also feels always been the Jubilee seat and should be put as it was.

4. Parking.

Call received regarding parking outside the MOT garage. Chairman had spoken to the Gentleman who called.

Chairman meeting Oliver Jones with KB and DV on Wednesday to go through the whole village so this can be discussed also.

5. Speed Signs

We had received a request for the children of the school to design signs to put throughout the village. Parish Council were being asked if they would support this idea and contribute financially. Our policies are that we don't give money out.

Chairman asked if we say something about us looking into speeding in the village – but can't get involved with their request?

CV doesn't feel they are allowed to just go ahead and do this. Do we ask Oliver to reply to her?

The email had mentioned that the Police had advised that they install the signs on peoples property with their request.

CV said we've gone along these lines before and caused a lot of hassle. Feels it could get awkward.

DV stated we are actively trying to sort speeding and support the course but cant help financially.

TC said can we ask Oliver what we can do? Speed bumps?

CV mentioned they have done speed tests through the village and the mean average that they use brings the speed right down to 30 and so they don't feel it's an issue from the results of the tests.

Chairman reiterated we reply stating we can't get involved in any aspect of their request.

6. Remembrance Sunday

Apparently Luke Francis was sorting something separate to the Parish Council. Unsure if this is going ahead still due to lockdown on Thursday. Did hear they were going to lay a wreath and hold a 2 minute silence.

How do we feel about laying wreaths. We have one for the Parish Council, Football Club, Church and Chapel.

Do we lay them just before 11am on Sunday?

TC said we need to show respect and just have one person per organisation to lay the wreath on their behalf.

No service to follow.

Chairman asked if KB wanted to lay for the Parish Council. Yes.

TC will sort the football club

TC proposed lay Sunday and AS seconded. All in favour.

7. Other matters arising from the minutes

Christmas trees ordered.

Months work

Read through and approved by all.

Reports

Footpaths – Should have a meeting with Debbie on Friday. PS to check if still coming to look at Aldercombe Lane problems.

Playing Fields and Lambpark – TC brought up grass bring dumped still and bin still there. IH had been asked. TC asked if we can get someone else to sort? Yes. TC to deal with.

DV looked at gate and all fixed. Rewelded and painted. DV to forward invoice.

CV – haven't had meeting yet. Football will be stopping for a month at least due to lockdown.

School – AS said going great. Really full and in desperate need to expand.

Grenville Rooms – Management committee met and Joan and Terry are stopping the caretaking. Mr Alan Hockin was successful applicant and to take over the caretaker position.

Members

CV – Nothing

KB – Nothing

TC – Nothing

AS – Nothing

PS – Nothing

KO – Wanted to say thanks to KB for organising this meeting.

DV – Regarding the Car park, apparently cones being put out to reserve spaces. Something needs to be said. Chairman agrees with this. TC also. Clerk to put notice on the website to state cones should not be put out to reserve any parking spaces in the village.

Chairman did see the people in the bungalows and downloaded forms for them to complete to apply for frontage to be removed for parking. Waiting for replies.

Chairman mentioned that Steve Gifford was struggling to keep up with the litter picking, under the agreed length of hours. Helps out all over the village.

Chairman questioning if we are paying enough as it is taking longer than agreed.

DV stated we should pay for the actual time spent. All in favour. Chairman to speak to Mr Gifford.

Chairman asked for extra meeting to discuss projects in detail. Agreed on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm

Correspondence

None

Finance

Read through by Chairman

Invoices to be paid	£	58.00 Royal British Legion
	£	180.00 David Bragg
	£	54.00 S Gifford

TC moved and AS seconded. All in favour

Date of next meeting Monday 7th December 2020. To begin at 7.30pm for the Regular Parish Council meeting via Google Meet.

Thanks to all and meeting closed.