

Kilkhampton Parish Council

The minutes for the Regular Parish Council Meeting on 2nd August 2021
being held at the Grenville Rooms.
To begin at 7.30pm.

Attendance Kingsley Bryant (KB), Reg Hambley (RH) Keith Ovenden (KO), Tim Cottle (TC), Ian Heard (IH), Phil Sluggett (PS) Roland Nancekivell (RN) Lee Bond (LB)

Absent: None

Apologies: Vinnie James (VJ)

Chairman: Clive Vanstone (CV)

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening and welcome to all by Chairman. Welcome to Natalie Haly.

Minutes

Approved by all and to be signed by Chairman at the end of the meeting.

Adopt Code of Conduct

Declaration of Interest

Chairman mentioned the planning applications on this evening's agenda. None to be declared.

Public Speaking Session

Ms Natalie Haly from Kilkhampton Castle – Monumental Improvement Project here to present.

Good evening to all from Ms Haly. Ms Haly stated that she is a Project Manager on the Monumental Improvement Project for Cornwall Council AONB. There are 10 key aims for the project, one of which is nurturing heritage and assets. Kilkhampton Castle being one of these. In 2018 they had a grant and had a list of at risk monuments and started this project last year. Ms Haly informed that their main aim is to stabilise these monuments and raise awareness of these historic sites, which are archeologically significant. They are trying to get more information out there to the public, to engage community groups and volunteers and to then train them to be able to look after these projects in the future.

Ms Haly has been working with a company and an ecologist who surveys all the sites. Need more people to visit these monuments and have trained 40 people so far. The project is running to the end of November with the funding they have at the moment. Then going forward for more money to deliver wider events, programs and health benefits. Better access improvements required so that more people are able to visit the sites.

Ms Haly mentioned that they want to implement an interpretation so people know the sites are there and where to go. They are also taking on apprentices. At Kilkhampton Castle they are specifically trying to understand archaeological information as to why it is at risk. Difficult to define the historical features.

They are working more closely with the National Trust and work with Communities and train people to know how to look after the site and how to tend to it in the correct way. Also want to involve School visits and guided walks.

The project is currently putting in for national lottery funding for the next 2 years.

Hence speaking to lots of community groups to show support to the National Lottery funding company. Cornwall Council have supported and donated, as have others.

Ms Haly is asking if we are interested in any available funding we could donate to show support as this shows it is a recognised and important project.

Ms Haly happy for any questions from the Councillors.

Chairman said it was impressive. Had been there recently and was amazed as to how much more over grown it is. LB asked if the report showed much? Ms Haly happy to forward the information once it is received.

Chairman asked why the Castle was at risk? Ms Haly stated there is some erosion.

Monuments have animal disturbance, bring overgrown and tree roots can destabilise the buildings etc.

Some sites are vast and others are stand alone sites. Kilkhampton is a very usable site and the area around it and it would be great to have some interpretation around it too. Putting small information on the gates etc for people to find out more information, maybe a QR code for further information.

Chairman asked if after financial support or just verbal?

Ms Haly mentioned both. The existing program in place called Monument Watch is where people look out for defects etc. and get some local people to support in helping out.

Chairman stated that several years ago we were discouraged to promote this from Exeter University.

Ms Haly said all archaeological work that's been done will be reported and can send this over too once it is done. Obviously we don't want traffic flow too close to cause any further damage.

RN asked if its just parcels of land that's AONB? Are they all historical?

Yes its parcels, per Ms Haly. Some areas are small. Cornwall has huge areas. They do get added to. Tamar Valley has recently been added. It is watched and decided which parcels of land need to be included.

TC mentioned badgers around the site. Ms Haly agreed and they can cause issues. We need to blend together with what we can do and will share everything the management plan decides.

Chairman stated as a whole we want to promote and do so quite locally. All in favour we support the project. TC said we have someone in the village who would be very interested and has a vast amount of knowledge which may well be of use to the project team. CV to pass information onto Ms Haly.

Thanks to Ms Haly on behalf of the Council from KB

Thanks to the Parish Council from Ms Haly.

Planning Applications.

1. PA21/07500 Works to trees situated within a conservation area: Row of beech trees over hanging garden to have a 20 percent crown thin to allow light into garden and a 2m reduction of the over hanging branches over the garden. Location Winswood House A39 Between Labernum Terrace And Brentspool Hill Kilkhampton Bude EX23 9QT Applicant Ms Claire Harding.
RH didn't feel this was down to us, it would be the Forestry. Can't see any issues as long as in line with the conditions from Conservation officers. RH proposed. PS seconded and all in favour subject to being in line with conservation recommendations.

Phone call from Denis Vanstone received by Clerk regarding pre-application plan. Rock House on West Street. RH did go to look and he wants to convert his shed at the bottom to a dwelling. Requesting access to go via Barn Lane. Used to be part of Pixi Land.
RH didn't understand why Cornwall Council have asked Mr Vanstone to contact the Parish Council initially. RH informed Mr Vanstone that we couldn't make any decisions until there were physical plans received from Cornwall Council. Cannot give any suggestions without the planning application being received.
Chairman felt if this did go through it could open up options for numerous dwellings to go through on AONB. Fields and gardens would come into fruition. Clerk to reply to Mr Vanstone stating that we cannot discuss until planning application received from Cornwall Council.

Matters

1. Car park and Toilets.

£184.50 taken. Mr Somerfield rang TC regarding blocked toilet. Mat Sampson dealt with and invoice received.

Middle manhole keeps blocking. TC said this needs to be sorted. Also where the top manhole was done, it needs tarmacking around.

Chairman said this is an emergency job. TC asked if there was anyone here happy to take on or do we get M V Plant to sort again? RH suggested M V Plant to be requested to sort. TC to deal with.

TC went inside ladies toilet to check pressure of the hand wash facility. The pressure is fine, it seems like a problem with the unit itself. Rang Wallgate and told to email. Chased them and they stated it is not under warranty anymore. Would cost £447.80 + VAT for engineer, parts and a service. TC said that if we attempted to sort it, we may get the wrong parts and then once we start tampering it becomes out of guarantee. Small amount of water coming through but not enough to wash hands effectively.

Should we just ask Wallgate to come and they will sort and service the unit. RH felt yes. Proposed and LB seconded. All in favour and TC to sort with Wallgate. Also asking them to check the other washing facilities too whilst there.

2. Lambpark Development

Nothing heard about the lease.

LB said Mrs Bond was sorting with the Land Management. The Pre-School need a lease form from us, which Mrs Bond will draw up, so they can get funding.

PS proposed and IH seconded for least to be sorted. All in favour. Chairman requested that it needs to be done ASAP and therefore email confirmations will be accepted as approvals from all.

Mrs Bond will be chasing the Church regarding this lease.

Emails received regarding vandalism at the play area. KO went to fix the seating roof and also a bollard there needs to be replaced. 2 panels at lease need replacing at the play area roof. KO to sort as necessary. There is a skip going there soon for everything necessary to be removed. TC to ask M V Plant to replace bollard.

LB mentioned the safety visit issue. Company based in Taunton happy to sort. They do initial visit and schedule of works – we can then either sort the issues or ask them to do so. To be sorted as soon as possible. LB to arrange. RH moved and all in favour.

IH went to empty the bins and they are full of dog fouling and lots of drinking bottles. Can we put a camera up? TC said its tricky as we can't do anything afterwards anyway. Chairman said it's the same as the vandalism. Not a lot we can actually do to stop it.

KO asked if there was a gate missing? IH to look into.

Sign on gate to be replaced regarding no dogs allowed.

Can't get Cornwall Council to increase the number of dog waste bins in the village.

3. Seat at Church

KB – hopefully to be delivered towards the end of next week.

4. Trelay Woods

RH mentioned at the last meeting we were concerned about people living there. RH spoke to Mr Adrian White and he is sending out 3 x notices to 3 landowners and RH asked for us to be kept informed as to what's happening. Chairman said at least the procedure has started. KO stated that when you go past now there is a fence, gate and a post box. Chairman felt this would happen more and more.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes

None

Reports

Footpaths – Elaine Young been emailing as a knowledgeable visitor. PS said her information was correct and noted a footpath she mentioned didn't have a signpost. PS felt some were blocked and very low profile. Chairman asked if we can put these onto our project of works. Another pathway mentioned needs tending to . To be walked through and reported back.

Killarny not our Parish – Clerk to forward information to Morwenstow.

IH asked what the situation is now regarding how the areas used to be Gold, Silver etc. has heard the County want it back to how it was.

PS said its now Red and Green, Red cut twice a year and Green cut once.

The path Ms Young had mentioned isn't classified like she felt.

Paths used to be kept tidy by the postmans frequency. Obviously this is not the case anymore.

Chairman requested we sort the ones we have been informed about.

Clerk to email Ms Young and explain we will be looking into and forwarding her email to Morwenstow.

Invoice received from IH for works done so far. Need CC to come and look at slope down to treatment works.

IH to sort other issues too. Gate never received. All in agreement for IH to sort. PS to email his contact and explain all the work we have done.

Playing Fields and Lambpark – All dealt with.

School – LB now all official as our contact for the School. 2 open days will be attended by LB. If anything needed to be mentioned, to let LB know.

KO asked if converting the old canteen? Yes per LB. Almost at the stage to be able to have just one year in one class.

Grenville Rooms – RH mentioned that the playschool have moved their equipment in and a quote received for steps and rail. Grenville Management Committee dealing with this. Have started letting the building out again now. Skittles meeting tomorrow.

Months work

Read through and approved by all.

Members

RH – Nothing

KB – Nothing

LB – Nothing

IH – Nothing

PS – Nothing

KO – Just letting RH know that first coat of paint done on the Post Box. RH said the kiosk looks great.

RN – Nothing

TC – Emailed clerk the total for the costs of Covid items bought by the football club that needs to be reimbursed.

Asked clerk to chase manhole issue again. Concerned it is going to collapse and really needs to be dealt with. Foreman said it wouldn't last long in the first instance per LB. A lot of complaints regarding the noise too.

The bollard at Christian Fellowship has been sorted.

Thanks given to KB by Chairman for representing the Parish Council at the presentation of a British Empire Medal to Mr Luke Francis for his dedication to the local community. The medal was presented by Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly.

Correspondence

Finance

Read through by Chairman

Invoices to be paid

£ 108.00	Acuiti (Broadband)
£ 78.75	Stephen Gifford (litterpick)
£ 90.00	Bridgmans
£ 31.58	Bridgmans
£1250.00	Archies Garden Services
£ 98.00	Mat Sampson
£ 5.00	Cornwall Council
£ 262.50	Archies Garden Services

PS moved and TC seconded. All in favour

Date of the next regular Parish Council meeting to be 6th September 2021 and held at The Grenville Rooms for a 7.30pm start.

Thanks to all by Chairman and declared the meeting closed.