

## **Kilkhampton Parish Council**

The Minutes for the regular Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm at The Grenville Rooms

### **Attendance**

Clive Vanstone, Tim Cottle, Mark Trewin, Nick Crossley, Daniel Vanstone, Paula Dolphin, Heather Jordan, Gerald Strong

**Apologies:** Phil Sluggett

Chair: Reg Hambley

Clerk: Hannah Collett

Good evening and welcome to all. Apologies from PS read out. Welcome to three candidates for vacancy. Mr Lee Bond, Mr Albert Sloman and Mrs Kerri Sealy. Also welcome to Patrick Lavender

### **Adopt code of Conduct**

### **Declaration of Interest**

DV for Car Park resurfacing on matters.

### **Public Speaking Session**

Patrick began by speaking about the recent article in the magazine concerning Kilkhampton Common. He feels is an asset for the village but the Countryside Stewards feel there is only one year left of funding. They are not asking for council funding but ideas from them. Could we write a letter to John Duncan for his involvement setting up and running for all these years. Chairman asked if any time frame to go by – Patrick said John will run for another year. Patrick felt a lower maintenance sum than stated in the article may be possible.

Second point is regarding defibrillator training. Glenda and Bridget did training – Gentleman became poorly – they had re-assessments. Glenda now fully passed and Bridget just needs to complete presentation. Will be New Year for finalising and moving forward.

Common to be put onto agenda for next meeting.

### **Planning**

Hessaford application came in asking to lift conditions – we refused and so did CC. Now going to appeal.

PA15/10397 Conversion of barn to 1 bed holiday unit. Wrasord Farm access to Wrasford Farm Kilkhampton. Mr and Mrs P Hobbs. Plans viewed by all and discussed, DV proposed and GS seconded. All in favour. Already structurally sound etc.

## **Matters**

### 1) Carpark Toilets

£127.40 taken – no issues.

### 2) Carpark Re-surfacing.

DV left the room. Chairman stated when tenders sent out they were to be returned to PD. We don't know who's quote is who's. Two tenders received.

PD then stated that tender 'A' had a total cost of £11,735.29 + Vat and £500 + vat for drain jetting. Tender 'B' had a total cost of £7988 + Vat all in. Both quoted for exactly the same specification. MT said it was a very detailed specification. TC moved to go for tender 'B' all in favour.

PD informed that tender B was from M V Plant.

DV back in the room. Chairman explained that it was DV's tender that had been accepted. Thanks from DV. Thanks to all and to PD. DV asked if any more declaration of interest to be declared. PD said no – only when on schedule to be paid.

### 3) Vacancy Applications

Applicants here tonight. Council has been down the correct route per CC requirements on FG's resignation. As under 10 applicants council just needs to advertise as they have and 3 people (Mr A Sloman, Mr L Bond and Mrs K Sealy) applied. These three will leave the room and each one will come back individually and explain their reasons for applying and the council will take a secret vote.

All the applicants gave their reasons for applying to become a parish councillor.

All the applicants had now left the room (including Patrick Lavender).

Chairman stated he felt all three bring something to the table for the Parish Council.

Each member was going to discreetly write a name on a piece of paper and put into a basket. TC checked that we are stuck at 10 councillors and can't just have more? Yes per PD.

Chairman will have the casting vote should there be a tie. The Candidates came back in the room. Chairman explained the situation taking place to all here.

HJ went up first, followed by MT, then DV, NC, TC, GS, CV and finally the Chairman. PD read through the votes cast. It was a tie. The Chairman said he is going with his own feelings and as he voted – is giving his vote to Kerri Sealy – Feels Parish Council needs more females on committee. Congratulations by all. Commiserations to others – Chairman informed that May 2017 has another election and hope they will still be interested.

CV asked if KS joins now. PD said need copy of acceptance of office form to be completed first to abide by the Code of Conduct. PD to get form from Cornwall Council tomorrow.

#### 4) Precept

Last year was £25K (raised from £23K). As can see from accounts have £34K at moment. TC said isn't it best to do what we have always done. CV said wouldn't reduce by too much. We don't know if it would benefit or not in the end. With balance we have CV would keep same or drop slightly. HJ feels keep same. PD said could make resolution to keep Council Tax at '0' and once they know how many houses in Kilkhampton they will let you know as to what you can have or reduce by. Can say this council wishes to have a zero % rise. Maintain to keep the same level of Council Tax. CV proposed and all in favour.

#### 5) Carol Service

16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All sorted. HJ said tree looks stunning. TC to speak to London Inn re: soup and also to sort sweets. Roger and Bude Town Band sorted.

#### 6) Church Payment

Now due £1000 for Church and £350 for Methodist Church. CV asked if Methodist happy with split. Chairman feels Methodist Church happy with figures. TC asked when we need to think about increasing. Chairman said they request it. We did increase last year. HJ moved, NC seconded and all in favour.

#### 7) Any other matters arising from the minutes

No other matters

**Months work – OK**

#### **Reports**

Footpaths – PS not here. Chairman said problem – Ian Heard put quote in to fix gate at Aldercombe Lane – Land owners not happy. PS went to talk but they still not happy. – Chairman said to PS to look at after Christmas. Chairman also stated that Barn Lane down to Cross Cottage – someone cut hedge and left trees in lane – couldn't walk through. PS was looking into also.

Lambpark Trust and Playing Fields – GS stated AGM done – Got a financial situation – Couple of repairs done which Trust feels Parish Council should pay for. Only have one football club having rent of £90. – feels a burden on members to keep heated and clean. Trust reduced rent from £90 to £70. Now be looking at money injection to be more. Chairman feels as it's a Parish Council building, suggests we should increase to £2000. GS feels they would be very happy with that. HJ feels totally acceptable. DV asked if we need to look at other revenue sources. CV said it can impede on the other buildings in the village. HJ proposed and NC seconded. All in favour.

GS said MT had stated didn't want to be a member of Trust any longer as not living in the village. To be on agenda for January.

TC asked DV if anymore news on water issue. DV stated had spoken to Pete – Parish Council has to write to ask if we can be joined into drain. South West Water permission needed and DV happy to meet up with them. On Health and Safety grounds – floods and has no where to go. DV will draft a letter and forward to Clerk to put on official letterhead and send to SWW. Chairman and DV to meet up and discuss.

Chairman reminded that we were required to put a new gate by school crossing – quote received by MV Plant of £216 (incl Vat). TC moved and GS seconded, all in favour.

School – CV – nothing to report.

Grenville Rooms – HJ been away – blinds look great. Big Breakfast in February. Chairman was fortunate to obtain a grant from PD funding. Will go towards blinds cost. PD thanked for support.

## Members

PD – nothing really – at present they are trying to get a deal from Government- tomorrow will be discussing health package. Government want to involve outside bodies.

CV – would like to officially make comment on KATS – put on excellent show – pleased to see it continue. Very well sorted. Letter to secretary of KATS to be sent to that effect. CV stated residents of Hillpark Lane want to know why no sign stating “no through road”.

Council won’t put money in. PD will see what she can do. Onto agenda for January. NC asked if where the road narrows – did PD find out a way of sorting wall (due to it being private) PD to chase Oliver again.

GS – Nothing

TC – as we have received £700 from CC for planning online – can we sort anything. Onto Agenda for January.

NC – residents of Garage Field Park mentioned no street lighting PD to look into. Also anything on lettering on memorial plaque. Chairman to sort. Gary Sluggett’s physio recommends a ground floor flat – needs two bed as disabled and qualifies for this. Jubilee Close is ideal. PD will speak to CC to see where he is on the list etc. Chairman said there is opportunity for flats at Morwenna. GS already spoke to PS so he does know about it.

DV – Nothing

HJ – Nothing

MT – Nothing

## Correspondence

Letter from Mrs Peak asking for information on Neighbourhood Watch. Letter read out by Chairman. Chairman suggested we write back to see if she wants to look into and come back to us with more information and we would be interested. Clerk to reply.

Letter received to state CC not going to spray again – We will continue to do ourselves.

## Finance

Finances read through.

Invoices to be paid	£ 9.34	Bridgmans
	£ 567.00	Duckpool
	£ 140.00	Merry Harriers trees (paid by GS already)
	£ 85.14	(£42.57 twice for lights already paid by GS)
	£ 1,000.00	Church
	£ 350.00	Methodist Church

HJ moved and TC seconded. All in favour.

Chairman wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Date of next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. To begin at 7.30pm.

Thanks to all and meeting closed.