**Kilkhampton Parish Council**

The minutes for the Regular Parish Council meeting on the 7th July 2025

held at the Grenville Rooms,

To begin at 7.30pm

**Attendance:** Reg Hambley (RH), Kingsley Bryant (KB), Keith Ovenden (KO), Tim Cottle (TC), Joanne Timmins (JT), Lee Bond (LB), Ian Heard (IH), Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery (FE)

**Apologies:** Phil Sluggett (PS), Vinnie James (VJ)

**Chairman:** Councillor Clive Vanstone

**Clerk**: Hannah Collett

**Minutes**

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

**Adopt Code of Conduct**

**Declaration of Interest**

None

**Public Speaking Session**

No one attended

**Planning**

**Applications.**

1. PA25/03893 Your ref: My ref: Date: PA25/03893 18 June 2025 Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved (namely appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for proposed self-build/custom build single dwelling Location Applicant Grid Ref Sea View West Street Kilkhampton Bude Mr & Mrs Spencer. . Details discussed and documents viewed. Doesn’t encroach any further than other buildings. Doesn’t affect anyone. No new entrance needed. IH did state that he wasn’t sure how much more traffic West Street could handle. No objections have been received, Can only deal with the plan we have in front of us now. Detailed discussions had. LB asked if it would be holiday lets or residential? Unknown. IH proposed we approve the application and KO seconded. All in favour.
2. PA25/03331|Proposed Agricultural Shed along with the renewal of existing concrete areas. Herdacott Dipper Lane Kilkhampton Bude Cornwall EX23 9RH. RH discussed. The last application was for a slurry. Doesn’t see anything we can refuse on. RH proposed we approve this application and LB seconded. All in favour.

RH mentioned that himself and CV and KB had seen an application for 25-30 units at Penstow Park. Apparently this was a “pre-application”, not an official one – hence we have not received any documentation as yet.

**Matters**

1. Car park and Toilets

£149.90 taken. Nothing else to discuss.

1. Playpark

LB has details from Mrs Helen Bond – read through by LB. Inspection booked for the 18th July 2025. Mrs Bond can be available to receive verbal decision by the inspection company. Play equipment installers cannot get back until Monday 21st to do anything further. If the main section passes the inspection on the Friday – the fencing can be taken down by the Parish Council. Mrs Bond double checking we want it available for Fete day on the Saturday.

The Chairman reiterated that it must pass the inspection first. The Chairman also mentioned that the play installers have some specific feet for the seats to be installed and are happy to do this free of charge, rather than the concrete sections we have. All happy for this to happen.

Currently just waiting for the surfaces to come – there are three different layers to them. Details given by the Chairman regarding the swings. Happy to leave the frame. Child seat to be taken down. Chairman to sort. Feels it will all look really good. KO mentioned that we were going to replace some of the big swings. Chairman stated to leave as they are as Kompan said they were all ok. Should pass the inspection.

The Chairman mentioned an email received regarding the skatepark. Will let the inspection company check it on the 18th and let us know their thoughts.

1. Other matters arising from the minutes

None

**Reports**

Footpaths:

1st cuts done – a fair few hedges also needed to be addressed.

IH said Hessaford needs a handrail. Very dangerous. Huge Health and Safety issue. All in favour for IH to sort ASAP. Will replace the treads and hopefully be able to install a handrail afterwards.

The Chairman mentioned Aldercombe Lane – wet sections. Apparently there is a drain where the old well is and Mr Strong feels it has become blocked. IH to go down and check if this is the case. Try to rod it. IH to confer with Mr Strong and sort.

Playing fields and Lambpark:

Already spoken about in depth.

RH saw Mr Cross – grant for bouncy castle received and now arrived. Will be used for the fete and will be rented out in the future also. Fire extinguishers checked also.

School:

Governors meeting on Thursday per LB. Very lucky to have Mr Michael Watson as the Headmaster.

Grenville Rooms:

Still waiting for the damp sections to be inspected.

**Months work**

All Ok.

**Members**

RH – Post box been removed. Clerk to contact the Post Office and ask for the one knocked down to be replaced.

KB – nothing

TC – The Football club have gone up a league. May need to now install a barrier around the entire pitch. Asking if the Parish Council would be happy for this to happen. The Chairman said it is also a public play area and others also use it. TC to get clarification on details.

TC mentioned the fence is now down and gone. Slight deviation to be put straight. May need re-seeding etc. Pot holes to also be filled ASAP.

IH – Nothing

KO – Nothing

JT – Nothing

LB – Nothing

FE mentioned issues with elections as discusses at previous meeting – unfortunately they can’t do anything about it (even though they agree with the issues) due to it being set by the Electoral Commission. FE also mentioned that there are 20mph details going round at the moment.

RH feels the speed of the Arla milk tankers going through the village at 11pm and 3am needs to be mentioned to them directly. Clerk to write to inform driving way to fast through the village on a regular basis.

Park and Ride will be available over the summer months in Bude. Mr Ben Mcguire here on Friday at the Bude Life Saving Club.

Email received regarding the Government changing housing targets – talks to be held on what to be done about it. FE not heard a date on it yet.

The Chairman mentioned a complaint received regarding the bus stop at North Close.

KO said some rust on there causing holes. KO to look into. FE asked who’s responsibility are the bus stops? Clerk to try and find out if we purchased this one originally.

Markings been put throughout the village. Some work may be in the pipeline. LB feels just normal patching will be done.

Email back from the gentleman regarding the dead tree – details discussed. CV to talk to the gentleman.

The tree at Lambpark is looking healthier now.

**Correspondence**

Letter from Mr Keith Taylor received regarding the Parish Plan. Had been part of the review of the original one and mentioned that he is happy to review again. Chairman asking the Council if they are happy for Mr Taylor to look into it? Yes by all. Chairman to respond accordingly.

Email from Mr Zerafa received. Chairman to talk to Mr Zerafa.

**Finance**

Read through by Chairman

Invoices to be paid

£ 118.00 Alan Somerfield

£ 90.00 Stephen Gifford

£ 51.23 D & I Bridgmans

£ 486.00 Acuiti Broadband

£ 1,027.50 Archies Gardening Services

£ 450.00 Archies Gardening Services

All in favour to be paid.

Date of the next meeting to be 4th August 2025 for the General Parish Council meeting to be held at The Grenville Rooms for a 7.30pm start.

Thanks to all by the Chairman and declared the meeting closed.