**Kilkhampton Parish Council**

The minutes for the Regular Parish Council meeting on the 1st September 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

Good evening to all by the Chairman

**Minutes**

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

**Adopt Code of Conduct**

**Declaration of Interest**

The Chairman for PA25/05203

**Public Speaking Session**

No one needing to speak. Thanks to both for attending. The Chairman explained the rules of meetings with regard to public speaking and attending.

**Planning**

**Applications.**

1. PA25/05203 Your ref: My ref: Date: PA25/05203 26 August 2025 Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the Proposed residential development comprising of up to 36no. dwellings (Access Only) Location Applicant Grid Ref Land North Of East Road East Road Kilkhampton Bude Mr M Vanstone

The Chairman left the room.

The Vice Chairman took over the meeting. Discussions had. IH asked the situation on social housing, social renting and affordable homes.

LB stated that the education section needs assessment. Not all agreed on part of the planning. Details read through by LB. Felt until certain areas are agreed we shouldn’t move on anything. £2736 per occupying dwelling should be approved. The Vice Chairman mentioned that this is just an outline plan. LB felt there were areas that needed to be sorted first.

IH concerned on how much more the village can take.

It was mentioned that previous developments have been done in batches – which eliminated the need for payments to be made. RH stated that the document was 36 pages long. He has read through. Felt from the planning side, all the boxes have been ticked with regards to the Outline plan. 11 affordable homes on the document. We do not want to lose these 11 (on previous developments we have lost 2).

RH doesn’t feel we can refuse but we do have reservations. Need to keep our concerns on the full planning application when that arrives.

Further discussions held. All agreed on approval with reservations to be discussed at full application. IH moved and KO seconded.

The Chairman came back in the room and took over the meeting once more. Thanks for Vice Chairman for stepping in.

CIL payments discussed briefly. FE to look into.

**Matters**

1. Car park and Toilets

£150.50 taken. KO mentioned that the hand dryer is on order – just awaiting delivery. JT said that the car discussed last month as been removed.

1. Playpark

The Chairman stated that the park is all completed now. KO changed all information on inspection report as requested. Thanks to KO. The Chairman will look into liabilities of having someone help out with maintenance etc. TC feels the dead branches on the Ash tree need to be removed asap. IH to sort figures for next meeting. Tree is recovering – just needs some attention. TC mentioned they had scrapped the path at the weekend.

1. Email addresses

The Clerk informed that the main email address has had to be changed to clerk@kilkhmapton-pc.gov.uk All Councillors will need to be given a .gov.uk email address to be compliant. Clerk to forward details to Tom Westlake for assistance.

1. Other matters arising from the minutes

None

**Reports**

Footpaths:

IH started the second cut. Resident unhappy with where we are cutting down at Kespit – concerned on wildlife issue.

Big issue with cross over at Taylors Cross and Aldercombe Lane. The bridge is really broken and needs replacing completely. IH asked if we contact Cornwall Council about it. PS knew all the details on this one. Footpath can’t be used due to broken bridge. Chairman to make up some signage to close the footpath temporarily. IH to get costings and to mention to PS. FE to ask footpath officer also and to liaise with IH. Kespit stile at the far end needs to be replaced. IH to sort with a kissing gate.

KO had a message from Parishioner that the hedges need trimming down Barn Lane. IH stated they haven’t been done due to not being allowed until the 1st September per County. KO to respond accordingly. Necessary hedges to be dealt with by IH. Thanks to IH from the Chairman.

Playing fields and Lambpark:

Nothing further

School:

Still closed for the Summer holidays

Grenville Rooms:

Application been put in for grants for the works required. Waiting for grant meeting at the start of November to hear if successful.

**Months work**

All Ok.

**Members**

RH asked if any reply from Davidstow regarding the speeding lorries. Nothing heard. Clerk to chase again.

KB – asked if Oliver Jones replied regarding the works throughout the village - FE talked through her reply from Mr Jones. Funding not available for the current scheme we had been in contact about.

The Chairman reiterated they said they wanted our approval before consultation – we still haven’t approved their ideas.

RH asked if we should ask Mr Jones to come up to the village again, along with FE.

KB also asked for manhole faults outside the School and the New Inn to be chased. Clerk to sort.

KB mentioned on behalf of the Christmas Fayre Committee – they are looking into purchasing a large illuminated sign for the village. Looking for some funding. Image shown as example. Chairman mentioned this is the type of thing they try to raise money for, KB to check on costings. Some been funded by the solar farm.

Christmas fayre will be held on the 6th December.

TC – nothing

KO – nothing

JT – stated she will be going to the CAP meeting on Monday.

IH – nothing

LB – Stated he will be going to the SEND conference at the Parkhouse on the 26th September.

FE – has had a complaint about parking on the pavement throughout the village. Apparently it is only illegal in London.

Chairman mentioned we have asked highways to alter the wider pavements to assist in this matter and they said no. No funding apparently. LB said unfortunately, unless something serious happens, there will be no change.

FE – has been asked about the overgrown section by Wayside. (inside the fence) This is apparently Cornwall Councils land. FE to mention.

Fire and Rescue have a survey out if anyone wants to complete it.

Morwenstow Parish Council are opening the multi use area officially on Sunday the 7th September.

The Chairman reminded everyone about our thoughts on the bus stop at North Close. Application forms for funding not received yet by FE. Will chase.

The Chairman showed pictures of the state of the bus stop and said about the idea to cover with a panel with old pictures of the village on. Red Smart have given numerous different prices. For every panel to be covered a cost of £696 + VAT would be involved.

The Chairman has a lot of old photos of Kilkhampton that could be used. Would also need to change the Perspex. Didn’t feel a difficult job. The Chairman felt the total job would come in at around £1000

The Chairman asking if we fund it or try and get from of FE’s grant money. If over £500 can apply for 75%. All in favour of applying and moving forward with this work. The Chairman stated he is happy to project manage.

The structure of the bus stop itself is solid.

FE to find out how the scheduling works for funding deadlines etc.

RH said someone reported that the branches by the bus stop need to be dealt with. IH to sort this also.

The Chairman asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Helen Bond for all the works and commitment put into the Playpark.

**Correspondence**

none

**Finance**

Read through by Chairman

Invoices to be paid

£ 118.00 Alan Somerfield

 £ 90.00 Stephen Gifford

 £ 189.09 Mole Valley (previously Bridgmans)

 £ 148.57 Mole Valley (previously Bridgmans)

 £ 46.73 Mole Valley (previously Bridgmans)

 £ 450.00 Play inspections Company

All in favour to be paid.

Date of the next meeting to be 3rd November 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.