



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

NOTES OF THE ADVISORY MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, 20th MAY 2021

FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Members views were sought on the following matters.

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	Present – Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Freer, James, Jones, McGuinness, Turner (Vice Chair); Mrs Thompson (Clerk) and County Cllr. Bunney.	
	Chairman's Welcome / Public Forum – the Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Ms Fran Swanson and Ms Sarah Robson, Friends of the Fal were present regarding Minute 80a/2021 below. They reported the site meeting with Ms Penny Hodgson had come up with some ideas i.r.o. materials for the path. Taking the long view, a proper survey is needed. The materials that are currently on site need to be replaced with “803mm to dust”, which would need to be compacted. Improvements needed to the drainage. The FotF would like to organise a site inspection with Trewithen Estate, Westcountry Rivers Trust, Miss Hodgson, Cormac and PC representatives. There is no funding currently available from any of these bodies, other than the Enhanced LMP fund. Cllr. Jones asked if there would be any funding “in time” from any source. Ms Robson said FotF are seeking alternative funding sources. She said £13,750 may be available from the Enhanced LMP fund, but this would not be sufficient to do all that is needed. A tree survey had been undertaken by Trewithen. County Cllr. Bunney had been contacted by the Head of Grampound School. He had been told by Trewithen that there had been no problems with the old SW Water holding tanks. He undertook to attend the site meeting mentioned above. Ms Robson said there will be a display / open meeting in the Village Hall on 30th June 2021 at 6-8pm. In response to a question from Cllr. Taylor, Ms Robson said the FotF is an unincorporated association with a constitution.	
78/2021	Apologies – Cllrs. Jenkins and Wells.	
79/2021	Members' Declarations <i>Financial Interests Form</i> – Members were reminded to complete and return their form to the Clerk, via email, by 7th June 2021. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none <i>Non-registerable Interests</i> – none <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members were reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds <i>Dispensations</i> – none.	Members
80/2021	Highway Matters – <i>PROWs No.1 (Fal River)</i> – Minute 61a/2021 refers. Members to consider an application for Enhanced LMP funding from FotF. Covered by the Public Forum above. Cllr. McGuinness joined the meeting at this point.	

	b. <i>“Not Suitable for HGV” Signage</i> – Mr Bob Egerton had drawn Members’ attention to the fact that CC had recently installed a massive “Not Suitable for HGV” sign at the top of Grampound Hill directing HGVs and coaches to go straight on to St Austell. Members proposed writing to CC to express disappointment that this sign had been put in but the PC’s request for a similar sign to be placed on Bosillion Lane had not been actioned, or even acknowledged. In Members opinion the Bosillion Lane is worse than the lane to Treswallen. NOTE – this proposal was subsequently RATIFIED by the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair under delegated authority.	Clerk
81/2021	Environmental / Amenity Matters – a. <i>Weed Spraying</i> – Cllr. Taylor reported there is some concern from local residents about the use of glyphosate to control weeds in the village. Cllr. McGuinness said he agreed with this view, in principle, but there did not seem to be a suitable alternative. Cllr. Taylor said the product is licensed until the end of 2022 and this is likely to be renewed. He, too, would prefer not to use glyphosate. At least one PC had opted not to weed spray but to trim them. This was deemed unsuitable for Grampound. Members acknowledged the discontent but at the moment they are not aware of an alternative, effective product to glyphosate. It is known that Cllr. Jenkins is doing some research and if he can find a different methodology then Members will revisit the matter. It was noted that no weed spraying is needed in the area around the market cross as weeds are removed by hand by Cllr. Jenkins. The Clerk to seek the views of Mr Parkin-Jones to establish if he knows of an effective alternative. b. <i>Bees</i> – St Mewan PC Clerk had been asked for information i.r.o. the ‘feeding the bees’ sign on their grass verge. No response received to date. Deferred to the next meeting when Cllr. Jenkins will be present. c. <i>Grass Verge by the Old Hill Bus Stop</i> – Members considered a request to have the verge cut regularly. Noted Mr Josh Parkin-Jones advised this could be done when the verges around the welcome signs are cut and would be included in the £5 per cut charge already agreed. It was proposed to accept this offer and keep this area cut. NOTE – this proposal was subsequently RATIFIED by the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair under delegated authority	Clerk Clerk Clerk
82/2021	Administrative Matters – not covered elsewhere on the agenda. a. <i>Code of Conduct</i> – Members agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct as amended by CALC. Copy previously emailed. Cllr. Taylor reminded Members they need to undertake the training. He had attended a recent session and it was understood that the training slides would be provided for those unable to attend the sessions.	
83/2021	Information Only / Future Agenda Items – a. Cllr. Jenkins had asked for the following matters be considered at future meetings - Wildflower verges (see above 81b/2021). Deferred to the June agenda. - To review the climate change and nature implications of the information the parish council receives on the planning applications that it is consulted on and consider writing to the planning authority to request that information if it is not currently provided. Deferred to the July agenda.	Clerk

	Cllr. Taylor said that he understood this would require a change in legislation. iii. Consider updating the leaflets or information on local walks and cycle routes. Deferred to the August agenda. iv. Revisit the opportunity of supporting the development of a youth council - perhaps jointly with neighbouring parishes - to better represent the views of young people in local decisions. Deferred to the September agenda. b. PC Strimmer – the strimmer is being housed by the Clerk. It was proposed to offer it to the FotF. NOTE – this proposal was subsequently RATIFIED by the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair under delegated authority. c. Grantscape Fund – Members queried if it was ethical for members of local organisations who are seeking funding to vote on the application. It was proposed to send a letter asking that the Funding Allocation Committee consider making members of the committee excuse themselves where there is a conflict of interest. NOTE – this proposal was subsequently RATIFIED by the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair under delegated authority.	Clerk Clerk
84/2021	Meeting Closed – 19.33pm.	

Signature: (Cllr. Taylor)
Parish Council Chair

Date: 17th May 2021

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS WERE
PRESENTED TO MEMBERS
AT THEIR MEETING ON 20th MAY 2021**

85/2021	Outside Organisations and Reports a. <i>County Councillor</i> – County Cllr. Bunney's report had been circulated (copy on file). He said he was thrilled to have been elected and he will be working full-time as the County Member. b. <i>Network Panel</i> – next meeting to be held on 8th June 2021. Notes of the meeting held on 16th March 2021 circulated via email. c. <i>Police</i> – Devon and Cornwall Police Cyber Protect Team are offering free cyber security briefings tailored to the PC. Details emailed. d. <i>Village Hall Committee (VHC)</i> – Members to receive a report.	Cllr. Taylor
86/2021	Planning Applications – a. PA21/04417, 1 Broadhurst Fore Street Grampound – various tree works. NOTE – it had been agreed, via email to respond: “NO OBJECTION, provided the Tree Officer has no objection.”	
87/2021	Planning Applications Approved by CC – a. PA21/02718, Curriers House Fore Street Grampound – Single Storey rear extension. This application had been approved by CC.	
88/2021	Documentation / Correspondence – not covered elsewhere on the agenda a. <i>Sustainable Food System</i> – survey seeking guidance, ideas and evidence to help shape a more sustainable food system for Cornwall. Details emailed.	
89/2021	Documentation / Correspondence – not covered elsewhere on the agenda b. <i>Sustainable Food System</i> – survey seeking guidance, ideas and evidence to help shape a more sustainable food system for Cornwall. Details emailed. c. <i>Chacewater Community Energy Group Renewable Energy Fair and Electric Vehicle Day</i> – 24th July 2021. Details previously emailed.	
90/2021	Diary Dates – a. <i>Advisory Council Meeting</i> – 17th June 2021. b. <i>Clerk's Leave</i> – 29th May – 6th June 2021 (inclusive). c. <i>Property Flood Resilience (PFR)</i> – CALC free workshop to be held on Tuesday 6th July 10-11.30 am. Details previously emailed.	