

GRAMPOUND WITH CREED

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th APRIL 2021 @ 7pm

NOTE – it is the responsibility of all those joining a 'Zoom' meeting to check their security settings.

AGENDA	
	The Chair led the meeting in a minute's silence in memory of HRH Prince Philip. Messages of condolence can be emailed to lieutenancy@cornwall.gov.uk; donation, to a charity instead of leaving floral tributes see https://www.royal.uk/donations.
	Present – Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Freer, James, McGuinness, Turner (Vice Chair), Wells, Mrs Thompson (Clerk) and County Cllr. Egerton and Mr Michael Bunney CC candidate.
001/2021	Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. Bowden, Jones and PC Gareth Hawken.
002/2021	Parish Council's Annual Report – Cllr. Mark Taylor. My report usually follows the presentation given at the Community Event, which has again had to be cancelled because of Covid 19. Looking back at my report for last year, I see that I thought we might re-schedule last year's event later in the year. I also assumed that there would be an event this year. Well, I think we are all a year older and a year wiser now. I have missed the good citizen awards made at the Community Events. Assuming we can do things properly next year, we should have a bumper crop, particularly bearing in mind the support given by various individuals to those whose movements have been restricted by the lockdowns. We are also having to do without the reports from the various village clubs and societies, though given how little has been able to happen, I doubt there was much to say. The Parish Council was the recipient of a £10,000 Covid related Grant from the Government via Cornwall Council. As we are not a trading body and have had no income loss as a result of the pandemic, it was felt that there were other more deserving beneficiaries in the village. I was pleased that we were able to distribute the grant to various clubs and societies to help make up for the loss of income they had suffered. We were able to hold the Parish Council precept at the same level for the second year running. You may have noticed that your Council Tax payment for this item actually went down this year. It was the only part of the bill that did! Your Parish Council campaigned long and hard against the closing of the Doctor's Surgery but, eventually, we were unsuccessful. The surgery officially closed on 25th December last year although the service had effectively been curtailed by Covid prior to that. I regard it as a very sad loss to a growing village that has had its own Doctor for over 100 years. The low level anti-social behaviour that afflicted the village in 2019 is no longer in evidence. I hope that, as we come out of lockdown, it won't pick up again. We have now had the speed cameras for over a year. Cornwall Live ran an article showing that the Grampound Cameras were the most triggered in Cornwall and the third most triggered in Devon and Cornwall. In fact, 42% of the reported incidents in Cornwall happened in Grampound and 50% of the court cases were related to our cameras. This is a clear vindication for Fran Swanson and the Grampound Community Action Group for Speed Cameras and proof that the assertion that speeding in Grampound was no worse than elsewhere was incorrect. So ends a report riddled with references to Covid 19. Hopefully, next year's report won't have anything to say on the subject. Best wishes to everyone for a better 2021.

003/2021	County Councillor's Annual Report – Cllr. Bob Egerton This is the last Grampound Parish Council meeting that I am attending as your Cornwall Councillor. I have attended most of your meetings since June 2009 – over 100 in total – under the chairmanships of Peter Hardaker, Allan Webb, Dean Jenkins and Mark Taylor and the clerk for all of that time, Gillian Thompson. Thank you for the courtesy that you have shown me in allowing me to participate in those meetings and for acting as an interface between yourselves and Cornwall Council. I think that, together, we have been able to provide a good service for the residents of Grampound with Creed. I was very pleased that Cornwall Council finally agreed to install average speed cameras in the village in early 2020. After many years of my meeting with various personnel within Cornwall Council Highways and the police and the Devon and Cornwall Road Safety Partnership, and countless Community Speedwatch sessions, your community campaign in 2019 was very timely and was the final straw that seemed to tip the scales towards persuading Cornwall Council to act. Having the system installed just a few weeks before the Covid lockdown was also a stroke of good timing. I also commend the parish council on the annual parish meetings that it has held over the past few years to celebrate the activities of community groups within the parish. In so many other parishes, annual parish meetings seem to have become pointless items in the annual calendar, but Grampound has been an exemplar of how to do it. I hope that you will reinstate this format next year and beyond. Grampound has also done well in supporting facilities within the parish such as the village hall and the toilets that were devolved by Cornwall Council in 2016. Whilst many other parishes were reluctant to take on responsibility for toilets, Grampound was prepared to fund the facility here in the village. The convenience continues to provide a valuable resource for locals using the recreation ground and also people who are passing by on the main road, including many key workers such as care workers, delivery drivers etc. I hope that the parish council will continue its support in the future. I wish the parish council and you, as parish councillors, well and I trust that you can help sustain Grampound as a village that all of us are proud to live in. Members thanked Cllr. Egerton for his help over the years. Special mention was made of his regular newsletters, which were very informative and much appreciated.
004/2021	Police Report – PC Gareth Hawken. <u>Neighbourhood Team Leader</u> Sergeant 4794 Dave Mitchell <u>Neighbourhood Beat Manager</u> PC 4886 Andrew Barnicoat PC 5929 Gareth Hawken PC 6170 Colin Sheppard PC 7177 Will Chesterfield PC 7069 Yasmin Vokes <u>Police Community Support Officer</u> 30499 Julie Carpenter 30047 Wendy Christophers 30528 Natalie Merrikin 30004 Ally Relf 30262 Steve Tibbles 30055 Graham Wade 30449 Jamie Ward 30740 Yasmin Barrott Overall Crime Really positive news, roughly a 10% reduction in all crime over the last 12 months. Almost all crime types are down with significant reductions in dwelling burglary, vehicle offences and shoplifting. The main increase has been in violence without injury and this is largely due to changes in the crime recording rules and the classification of offences, all harassment/stalking/mal comms offences for example are categorised as violence without

	injury which inflates the numbers considerably. Other areas which have increased include possession and trafficking of drugs, and weapons offences which should be seen as a positive thing as these offences only get recorded when they are detected by officers and demonstrates our proactive work to tackle drugs and weapon crime. Despite the numbers being up in these crime categories they are still low by national standards. Individual crime figures can be found on our website. Priorities over the last 12 months Safeguarding of vulnerable people particularly with Covid and significant partnership work undertaken. Domestic abuse has been a national priority due to the concerns around increases particularly during periods of lockdown. We have seen some rises at various times but overall, our sector hasn't seen the increases that other sectors have. Anti-Social Behaviour has been an issue from time to time and has been tackled with partner agencies such as Helen Toms ASB Officer. County Lines has been a real priority which as a sector we have tackled very well in terms of executing warrants, charging, and remanding several key individuals and seizures of drugs. The perpetrators of county lines have continued their 'business' but using different tactics, as a sector we have carried out more drugs warrants than anyone else. We must stress the importance of community intelligence and encourage communities to report things to us. Information relating to vulnerable persons being exploited is particularly important right now. Covid legislation has been introduced and it has been a priority for some time to deal with reports of breaches. We have utilised the 4 E's approach, Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce. There have been a significant number of reports to us placing real pressure to respond and at times we have been unable to due to other more pressing issues around Threat, Risk and Harm. Moving forward Last year was unprecedented for us in terms of demand. There was approximately a 20-30% increase on our demand and we anticipate the same this year due to the number of visitors coming down as opposed to going abroad. We are planning for the easing of lockdown and anticipate real challenges. G7 is taking place but the impact on local resourcing for this will be minimal. An increase in neighbourhood officers over the last 12-18 months has been a real positive for the team. There is talk that we may see more staff, but this is not yet confirmed. We have operated as 'one team' for some time now and the system is working well. There is currently no thought that we will return to dedicated officers for each area. The national uplift of 20,000 officers has also meant that response staff have seen the benefits so in terms of staffing we are in a better place than we were a few years ago.
005/2021	Matters Raised by Residents – a. Mr Bunney thanked Members and County Cllr. Egerton for all their hard work.
	NOTE – it is hoped to be able to return to the to the pre-covid format for meeting from 2022 onwards.

Signature: (Cllr. Mark Taylor)
Parish Council Chairman

Date: 20th May 2021