



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY 2024 @ 6.30pm

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	Present – Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Freer, James, Jenkins, Shaw, Tomlin, Turner (Vice Chair), Wells; Mrs Thompson (Clerk) and County Cllr. Bunney.	
	Chairman's Welcome / Public Forum – Cllr. Taylor opened the meeting and welcomed those present with a particularly warm welcome to Cllr. Bill Tomlin at this, his first, PC meeting. Ms Bex Tonks spoke regarding her planning application: PA23/09411, Ventonwyn Farm. She explained the application was to use the former chicken house for horse stabling and schooling. It will be run as a business. The chickens will be re-homed. There is a public right of way on the farm and this will not be impacted. She confirmed it is wrongly shown on CC's PROW maps. Minute 5a/2024 was taken at this point. Mr Alan Rowe, of Kismet Consultancy spoke regarding the Riverside development site and provided handouts for Members and some others. He acknowledged there had been mistakes made by the developers, Stephens and Stephens but he hoped these problems were behind them. He explained the overall vision for the development and spoke of their desire to involve residents and the school. He asked for feedback on the proposal, which is not yet a formal planning application. Affordable / Social housing will be part of the development and Kismet were asked to consider local housing needs for the elderly too. In answer to a question Kismet said they believed the water can be stored on site and will help alleviate any flooding issues. It seemed that the gabion baskets would remain as a means of protecting the river bank but that was unclear. The meaning of the Ecology Bio Diversity Net Gain was explained as the site would be 10% better off for wildlife when the development is finished. Cllr. Taylor said that there had been a loss of wild life already, and asked if the Net Gain would be measured from the original state or after the felling of trees and damage to the riverbank. Fran Swanson wanted to ensure the promised bat and swift boxes, etc. would be included. Kismet assured the meeting that it would. Cllr. Jo Shaw was in favour of the community garden. Kismet asked speakers to email them with comments / feedback and hoped there would be more feedback to come. Kay Chapman asked if there would be a Public Consultation. Mr Rowe said "yes" once they had an idea of what residents and the PC want they will draw up plans to present to a Public Meeting. Kay said the material used to infill the gabions was not up to specification. She was assured this would be addressed. Kismet assured the meeting that there would be no pre-application. The intention was to submit a full application. They were surprised at the rumour the property was being put up for sale. County Cllr. Bunney said he appreciated the new approach from Kismet.	

	Sarah Roberson spoke regarding the FotF planning application. She said the purpose of the proposal was to be able to house tools safely on site. Members were surprised the proposal needs planning approval. Minute 5c/2024 was taken at this point. Mrs Roberson then read a lengthy statement pertaining to Minute 10d/2024. She asked the PC to issue a statement saying that Members do not condone abusive and intimidating behaviour. She went on to ask the PC to finance three-night vision cameras to help deter vandalism. She was asked to provide further information for Members' consideration. Cllr. Taylor will bring the issue of bullying within the village to the Community Event / Parish Meeting.	Ms Roberson Cllr. Taylor
1/2024	Members' Declarations a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – Cllr. Jenkins in Minute 5d/2024. b. <i>Non-registerable Interests</i> – none. c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members were reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds. d. <i>Dispensations</i> – none.	
2/2024	Apologies – Cllr. McGuinness.	
3/2024	Minutes of Meetings – a. <i>Full Council</i> – 23rd November 2023 AGREED as a true record. b. <i>Heritage Project Committee</i> – 11th January AGREED as a true record.	
4/2024	Outside Organisations and Reports – a. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr Bunney's spoke to his written report. He is available to help with CC's new rubbish collection scheme. b. <i>Cornwall South Community Area Partnership (CAP)</i> – the next meeting on 31st January 2024 in Lostwithiel will be a mixed Teams/in person event Notes of the informative meeting with SW Water were emailed. c. <i>Village Hall Committee (VHC)</i> – Cllr Taylor's written report had been circulated. d. <i>Police</i> – various documents had been circulated to email: • Commissioner's Policing Priorities – survey. • Cyber Security Support. • Community Speedwatch 2023 Annual Report. The Clerk to trial the extraction of information from the police website to provide a report. This initiative is as a result of Members learning of a police investigation taking place of which we were unaware (see Minute 10d/2024 below). Noted the PC no longer attends our meetings to provide verbal reports, nor is a written report presented.	Clerk
5/2024	Planning Applications – Members considered the following. a. PA23/09411, Ventonwyn Farm Tregony – conversion of redundant agricultural building to equestrian facility, construction of sand arena, circular walker and hardstanding yard. SUPPORT. b. PA23/09019, Grampound with Creed Church of England School – replacement of an existing gate with a new timber gate (not seen from the highway). Removal of gate within the boundary wall and infill wall to match existing. SUPPORT. c. PA23/09537, Land SW of Grampound Recreation Ground – prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for: Flatpack storage container 4m long x 2.1m wide. SUPPORT.	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	d. PA23/09993, Three Stitches Field Grampound Hill Grampound – two polytunnels for fruit and vegetable production. SUPPORT .	Clerk
6/2024	Planning Applications Decided by CC – the following applications had been approved by CC: a. PA23/04645, Land NE of Pencoise Farm Tregony – demolition of farm building & small store. Construction of two dwellings with associated garden land. Prior approval previously granted for conversion of existing building to form two dwellings under PA21/05846.	
7/2024	Other Planning Matters – a. <i>Grampound School</i> – Minute 170c/2023 and 5b/2024 refers. Mrs Emma Wells, School Secretary advised a planning application was put in by Synergy and payment was made from school accounts department. She added that the operator who is overseeing the work for the DFE (who are managing the project) and he said that an application was put in regarding the wall but they do not need planning for the flood gates. b. <i>Planning Guarantee</i> – the government has reduced the time period for non-major planning applications (including householder developments) to be decided from 26 to 16 weeks. This may have ramifications as the 21 days currently permitted for PCs to respond are likely to be more strictly imposed. Details previously emailed. c. <i>Derelict / Empty Properties</i> – Members AGREED to a proposal to maintain a list of properties and to advise CC of any known properties in the PC's area that are either: i. <u>Derelict</u> – ii. <u>Empty</u> – Members to advise the Clerk, who will then submit a list to CC.	Members / Clerk
8/2024	Highway Matters – a. <i>Grit Bins</i> – Members had checked stocks and signage: • Bosillion Lane – the lid had been damaged when it was moved but as Highways maintain the damage was not caused by them, a new bin had been purchased. • Creed – Cllr. Wells advised bin is about two-thirds full. NFA. • Junction Mill Lane / A390 – Cllr. Taylor is OK. NFA. • Nantellan – Cllr. Shaw will cut back vegetation. • Old Hill – a further supply of grit had been purchased. • Tannery Estate – the Tannery Residents Association had suggested a site for a new grit bin for Bartholomew Crescent. Members considered this to be unsuitable as it is too steep and the neighbour would need the bin to be removed to access her wall. The Clerk to advise TRA. • Trewinnow – Mr Tony Bathmaker (nearby resident) to advise. b. <i>Pothole, Fore Street</i> – subsequently repaired by Highways. W232061539 c. <i>Road Lining, Pepo Lane</i> – Ms Sally Allen, Highways advised that the work could not be carried out in November as planned because they had identified some issues with the road surface which need to be resolved before the lining can be installed. As such, we intend to do some patching work in that area (currently planned for February) to facilitate the lining, which will then be installed soon after. d. <i>Pepo Lane</i> – the poor road surface had been reported to Highways with particular concerns that the shape of the damage that seems to indicate there are some “services” below the surface. The road had subsequently been repaired.	Cllr. Shaw Clerk

	e. <i>Road Closures</i> – details previously emailed: Creed Lane, Grampound – 10th to 11th February 2024 (20:00 to 06:00 hours). f. <i>'River Fal' Sign</i> – the defaced signage had been reported to Highways. (Ref: W242066246.)	
9/2024	Environmental / Amenity Matters – Members considered: a. <i>Town Hall Repairs, etc.</i> – Members to receive an update: <u>Clock Light</u> – the clock light is now working. Cllr. Jenkins will arrange for the cross to be removed from the clock tower. <u>Manhole Cover/ Window /Stair Banister</u> – Mr Keith Sutton's quote had been accepted and he had been asked to carry out the work. <u>PAT and Fire Equipment</u> – these had been tested by Fire Crest and no issues found. b. <i>Fal River PROW</i> – the Clerk to resend the email from FotF. Discussion deferred to the February meeting. NOTE – a copy of the Friends of the Fal's Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy had been previously circulated. c. <i>Defibrillator</i> – the case for the Hall defibrillator had been damaged and the Hall is seeking a replacement. In the meantime, the unit and consumables are at the shop and can be accessed during shop opening time. d. <i>Ocean Housing</i> – Ocean Housing had advised of their intention to sell No.10 New Hill Estate, which is a 3-bed house dating from 1947. Mrs Annette Egerton had written to express her concern at this proposal. It was RESOLVED the Clerk to write to CC urging them to buy the property and to write to Ocean Housing asking them to reconsider their decision.	Cllr. Jenkins Clerk Clerk
10/2024	Administrative Matters – Members considered: a. <i>Community Right to Buy</i> – an application to list the Dolphin Inn as a community asset has been submitted to Cornwall Council. Cllr. Jenkins to provide usage information to the Clerk. Minute EX3/2023 refers. b. <i>Town Hall</i> – Fire Crest had been asked to carry out PAT and fire equipment testing in the town hall. Duplicate of Minute 9a/2024. NFA. c. <i>Small Business Rate Relief Review</i> – the Clerk had completed the application to renew the rate relief i.r.o. the town hall. d. <i>Abuse, Bullying and Intimidation</i> – Friends of the Fal had provided copies of their guidelines which was discussed during the Public Forum. Members were advised that one of FotF's members had been subject of intimidatory treatment which had been reported to the police. Members were concerned that we were unaware of an apparent offence taking place in our Parish (see point 4d). While the PC already has its' own procedures, it was thought worth reminding our parishioners that such behaviour is unacceptable. It was felt that including this in the Chair's presentation to the annual Village Meeting in April might be the most effective way to achieve that.	Cllr. Jenkins / Clerk
11/2024	Documentation / Correspondence – items previously circulated and not covered elsewhere on the agenda. a. <i>Mid-Cornwall Climate and Eco Hub</i> – Newsletter No.1. b. <i>Citizens Advice Cornwall</i> – Winter Newsletter. c. <i>Forest for Cornwall Winter</i> – 2023 Newsletter. d. <i>Peninsula Transport</i> – consultation on regional transport strategy launched.	

	e. <i>Cornwall Guide to Winter Wellbeing</i> – residents can download a copy at: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/l42nbsrn/winter-wellbeing-guide_2023-24_web.pdf f. <i>Civility and Respect Newsletter</i> – NALC newsletter. g. <i>CC Affordable Housing</i> – newsletter. h. <i>CALC Strategic Review of Membership Services</i> – online survey.	
12/2024	Diary Dates – details previously emailed. a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 22nd February 2024. Apologies from Cllr. Bunney. b. <i>Community Event / Parish Meeting</i> – Members RESOLVED to set the date as Monday, 8th April. The Clerk to book the Village Hall. Cllr. Taylor asked Members to bring suggestions for Good Citizen Awards to the February meeting.	Clerk Clerk Members
13/2024	Financial Matters – Members considered. a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – January Schedule APPROVED for payment. NOTE – payments of £2,324.61 were paid in December. Budget request – Members AGREED to The Heritage Committee's request for £50+VAT to be taken from The Limes reserved budget. b. <i>2024/25 Budget</i> – Members considered and RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's draft budget for 2024/25. It was further RESOLVED to set the precept at £21,000. The Clerk to advise CC. Town Hall insurance survey for valuation purposes. AGREED to approach three local surveyors for a valuation. c. <i>BACS Payments</i> – deferred to the February Meeting. d. <i>CIL Payment</i> – Members to consider how they wish to spend a CIL payment of £1,852.94.	Clerk Clerk Cllr. Taylor Members
14/2024	Information Only / Future Agenda Items – a. Mr George Rowe, long-time resident, had sadly died aged 97years. b. <i>80th D-Day Event</i> – Cllr. James suggested the purchase of a brazier, cost unknown. Noted that £100 had been set aside in the 204/25 budget. c. <i>Old Hill</i> – builders had caused damage to the grass area at the foot of Old Hill. d. <i>Box Cottage, Old Hill</i> – the Clerk to remind Viv Bidgood, Highways of the ongoing flooding problems affecting Box Cottage.	Clerk
15/2024	Closed Session – in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was RESOLVED that it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.	
16/2024	Planning Enforcement – CC had advised that this matter must be treated as confidential, until a decision had been made. County Cllr. Bunney and Cllr. Taylor gave a brief update.	
17/2024	Meeting Closed – 20:40pm.	

Signature: (Cllr. Mark Taylor)
Parish Council Chair

Date: 15th February 2024