



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2024 @ 6.30pm

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	Present – Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Freer, James, McGuinness, Shaw, Tomlin, Turner (Vice Chair), Wells; Mrs Thompson (Clerk) and County Cllr. Bunney.	
	Chairman's Welcome / Public Forum – the Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed those present. Mr Dave Meneer introduced Ms Lorraine Harvey, who then addressed the meeting regarding Minute 22a/2024 (PA24/00966, Meadow Lakes Hewas Water). She explained that there had been no issues when the site was a camping site. The fear for residents is that the 35 caravans currently on site (for which planning permission exists) would increase dramatically. Cllr. Bunney spoke about the problems associated with the Lawful Development Certificate being applied for. He continues to support residents and has a meeting with the enforcement team. Ms Harvey said the caravans are for sale but there is a fear they will be in use all year. The meeting then opened and Minute 22a/2024 was taken at this point. Members of the public present spoke regarding planning application PA24/01041, Land SW of Grampound Recreation Ground. Comments included: • Mrs Liz Fisher queried why had the Friends of the Fal (FotF) had chosen a metal shed and not a more environmentally friendly option? • Mrs Jane Sloan said that as a former Chair of The Cornwall Ramblers they always object to buildings close to footpaths. She felt the proposal further undermines the ecology of this footpath. • Mrs Roberson's response to those points was to ask why the speakers hadn't attended the FotF meetings to express their views • Miss Kay Chapman said she had attended one of the FotF meetings and in her experience the FotF were not receptive to alternative points of view. • Mrs Alison Ryves said some people were too intimidated to raise their concerns. She did not wish to see any more hedges, fences, buildings, etc. • There followed a brief discussion about brambles, Rhododendrons, Himalayan Balsam, etc. not relevant to the planning application itself. • The FotF clarified the metal container will be clad in wood with a living roof; it will be camouflaged by plants and hidden by a "dead hedge". The meeting then opened and Minute 22b/2024 was taken at this point.	
18/2024	Members' Declarations a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none. 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.	
19/2024	Apologies – Cllr. Jenkins.	

20/2024	Minutes of Meetings – a. <i>Full Council</i> – 18th January 2024. The word “rumour” had been removed from the version to be signed and once that is done, the revised set of Minutes will be uploaded to the website.	Clerk
21/2024	Outside Organisations and Reports – a. <i>County Councillor</i> – Members received Cllr Bunney’s written report (copy on file). He said the WI Celebration was splendid. Cllr. James asked if he was able to meet in private with constituents yet? He explained he is always willing to meet privately in a public situation, e.g. a café. b. <i>Cornwall South Community Area Partnership (CAP)</i> – Cllr. Taylor had attended (via Teams) the meeting on 31st January 2024. He said the sound quality had been poor. c. <i>Police</i> – it is not possible to produce monthly crime reports for the parish, according to Unity Stuart of the Police Commissioner’s office. Cllr. Taylor had subsequently spoken to the police liaison officer who had agreed in principle to us receiving regular incident reports (quarterly) and to provide a police presence at our annual Parish Meeting (as we had last year). • Commissioner’s Policing Priorities – survey, previously emailed. • Cyber Security Support – details previously emailed. • Criminal Justice and You – scheme to assist victims. Details previously emailed. Regarding the incident along the Fal footpath referred to in the January Public Forum and Minute 10d/2024, Cllr. Taylor had been advised by the Police that they have spoken to both parties and concluded that it is a civil matter and they will be taking no further action.	
22/2024	Planning Applications – Members considered the following. a. PA24/00966, Meadow Lakes Hewas Water – application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use of land for the siting of static caravans throughout the year for holiday use only. OBJECT this should be a Full Planning application and ecology, drainage, visual impact and traffic reports should be provided. b. PA24/01041, Land SW of Grampound Recreation Ground – prior notification of forestry development for proposed metal galvanized flat pack container with a lockable door, wooden cladding to be added to the exterior. For forestry use only as a storage for tools and equipment to be used in the woodlands. Cllr. McGuinness said he did not know of any planning reason to object. He believed this was permitted development. Cllr. Shaw asked if a compromise was possible, e.g. put up a smaller, wooden buildings. Mrs Bunt queried who would maintain the dead hedge in 20 years’ time. Ms Endean advised on the temporary nature of the building which can be removed at any time. Cllrs. Freer and Wells both felt there was a lot of ill feeling in the community about this issue. Ms Swanson said £6,000 had been raised by crowdfunding for this project. She believed that showed support for the proposal. Cllr. Taylor said people must realise that the shed will be on the leaseholders’ own land. Cllr. Tomlin felt the size of the container was too big for this location and he felt he must support those who had objected to him.	Clerk

	Cllr. McGuinness proposed NO COMMENT. Cllr. Turner seconded. It was further AGREED that the “No Comment” response should come with mitigation that if the application is granted the shed should be hidden from the footpath and Members request a smaller unit if permission was subsequently granted. Cllr. Freer abstained. c. PA24/01344, Miranda Fore Street Grampound – works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include Holly reduce and reshape to the line drawn on the appended photo. NO OBJECTION provided the Tree Officer has no objection.	Clerk Clerk
23/2024	Planning Applications Decided by CC – the following applications had been approved by CC: a. PA22/01404, <i>Agricultural Barn at Tredici Farm Tregony</i> – erection of agricultural machine store and associated ground works. 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. 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. CC decided a planning application is needed. d. PA23/09411, Ventonwyn Farm Tregony – conversion of redundant agricultural building to equestrian facility, construction of sand arena, circular walker and hardstanding yard.	
24/2024	Other Planning Matters – a. <i>Derelict / Empty Properties</i> – Minute 7c/2024 refers. A list of known properties had been submitted to CC that are either derelict or empty. The Clerk to seek an update every six months. b. <i>Preparing for a new Local Plan for Cornwall</i> – Parish Councils are invited to attend a CC training Event via Teams on Wednesday 28th February 2024, 4.00-5.30. Details previously emailed. c. <i>CC Call for Sites</i> – seeking information on potential sites suitable for a broad range of uses including: • Housing (which could include market-led housing, affordable housing, supported living, residential institution, student accommodation, community-led, self-build plots, or other types of specialist housing) and Gypsy and Traveller pitches • Employment • Commercial (including offices, retail, leisure, hotel and mixed commercial uses) • Community • Energy generation • Nutrient neutrality mitigation land • Biodiversity Net Gain	
25/2024	Highway Matters –: a. <i>Road Closures</i> – details previously emailed: • Tregony Hill, Fore Street, New Road, B3287 Between Fore Street and Fair Cross Cottage, Tregony and B3287 Between The A390 South Of Polglaze And Fair Cross, Grampound – 11th to 22nd March 2024 (19:00 to 06:00 hours). • Creed Lane, Grampound, 18th to 22nd March 2024 (19:00 to 07:00 hours) and 22nd to 26th April 2024 (24 hours). • Pepo Lane, Grampound - 8th April 2024 (09:30 to 15:30 hours).	

	b. <i>Grass Verge E of Flowerbed by School</i> – Wildanet had been asked to return and make good the damage caused to the grass verge. As no response had been received. No response had been received but workmen had been seen carrying out the repairs. c. <i>Grass Verge corner Mill Lane and Fore Street</i> – Cllrs. Taylor and Jenkins are to meet with Josh Parkin-Jones regarding provision of wild flower plug plants. The Clerk to chase. d. <i>Old Grampound Road Sign</i> – Members to consider an offer of the sign. Cllr. Taylor wished to see a photo. Mrs Liz Fisher is liaising with the donor. e. <i>Grit Bin Tannery Estate at Bartholomew Crescent</i> – Minute 8a refers. We are advised that a suitable base had now been installed by the residents and we are therefore in a position to install the requested bin.	Clerk Mrs Fisher Clerk
26/2024	Environmental / Amenity Matters – a. <i>Openreach Unit, Outside Grampound School</i> – There had been no response to Members’ request that Openreach removes “the brightly coloured and distracting sign be removed”. A reminder had been sent.	Clerk
27/2024	Administrative Matters – Members considered: a. <i>Community Event Parish Meeting</i> – Members considered: <u>Date</u> – Monday, 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm. The Village Hall had been booked. Members to attend at 7pm to help set up. <u>Advertising</u> – the Clerk to take the following action: - Send letters to local organisations, offering them a space at the event for a display; - Liaise with Elliot Wells regarding circulating the event leaflet with the Grampound Times; and - Order 400 copies of the leaflet for residents. <u>Nibbles and Wine</u> – Cllr. Taylor and others. <u>Certificates for the Citizen’s Award</u> – Cllr. Taylor to arrange the certificates. Members were asked for their suggestions. <u>Photographer</u> – the Clerk to ask Mr Elliott Wells. <u>Police Presence</u> – the Clerk to send an invitation. b. <i>CC Online Training Portal</i> – a range of training is available as a cost of £35 per delegate. Details previously emailed.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Cllr. Taylor Members Clerk Clerk
28/2024	Documentation / Correspondence – not covered elsewhere on the agenda. a. <i>Cornwall Together</i> – monthly bulletin from NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board. Previously emailed. b. <i>Mid Cornwall ECO Centre</i> – newsletter. c. <i>Clean Cornwall</i> – February newsletter.	
29/2024	Diary Dates – details previously emailed. a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> –21st March 2024. b. <i>Grampound Community Fund</i> – closing date for grant application is 13th March 2024. c. CORMAC Spring workshop sessions – open to Members and Clerks. Details previously emailed. - Launceston Rugby Club on Friday 22nd March (10.00 – 13.00) - St Johns Hall, Penzance on Friday 12th April (10.00 – 13.00) - Bodmin Rugby Club on Friday 19th April (10.00 – 13.00) - New County Hall, Truro on Friday 26th April (18.00 – 21.00).	

	d. <i>Heritage Centre Re-opening</i> – Friday 22nd March for a talk with Michael Bunney (tickets only, from Mrs Liz Fisher or the shop) and all day Saturday 23rd March 10.00am until 4.00 pm with an official opening by Mr Peter Hardaker, ex-Chair of the PC and founder member of the HC at 11.00.	
30/2024	Financial Matters – Members to consider. a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – February Payments to a value of £3,204.98 was APPROVED for payment. The Clerk to place a copy on the website. b. <i>Town Hall Valuation</i> – Steren Surveyors UK Ltd. had been appointed to carry out a commercial valuation of the Town Hall. Cllr. Taylor said it may be possible to reduce the insurance cover in the future. c. <i>BACS Payments</i> – - Introducing making BACS payments. Cllr. Taylor said Santander are only able to make BACS payments on the “signature” of one bank signature. Should it be necessary to make an emergency BACS payment in the future it was AGREED that two bank signatures would give written instructions to Cllr. Taylor who will then arrange to make the payment. - The necessary documents were completed to remove Mr Keith Jones from the bank accounts. d. <i>Grant Application</i> – Members consider the following applications: - Request from Heritage Brass Band (Grampound). The Clerk advised Members to wait until the Band was formed and had a Committee and Bank Account in place. Application DECLINED. - Request from FotF for CCTV cameras. Emails from Mrs Roberson FotF had been circulated to Members. Advice had been sought from CALC who said The Local Govt and Rating Act will allow the council to contribute towards the costs of others installing CCTV but the council will have to consider whether this is for the protection of their own property or for the benefit of the parish. The Clerk said she did not believe that a case can be made to prove that the provision of CCTV on privately leased land meets that criteria. Her advice to Members was, therefore, to refuse this request. Cllr. Taylor explained the request was for the PC to apply to CC for a grant but the advice from CALC would still apply. The request was DECLINED. e. <i>CIL Payment</i> – Members to consider proposal for expenditure of the CIL payment of £1,852.94. f. <i>Contracts</i> – it was AGREED to accept Mr Josh Parkin-Jones’ 5% increase for the work he does for the PC. Members appreciated all the help he provides. The Clerk to advise him of the decision.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
31/2024	Information Only / Future Agenda Items – a. <i>Tannery Field</i> – dog fouling is still an issue. It was AGREED to accept Mr Turner’s kind offer to repair the fence between the Tannery and the farmer’s field. Members to cover the cost of materials.	
32/2024	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.	
33/2024	Planning Enforcement – CC had advised that this matter must be treated as confidential, until a decision had been made.	

34/2024	Meeting Closed – 20.22pm.	
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Signature: (Cllr. Mark Taylor)
 Parish Council Chair

Date: 21st March 2024