



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

Countryside Access Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2026 at 18:00 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

MINUTES

CA26/46 **In attendance:** Cllrs Chapman, Bunt, Jenkins, L Fisher and C Bannister

CA26/47 **Also Present:** Cllr Fielder

CA26/48 **Apologies for absence:** none

CA26/49 **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Chapman opened the meeting, which had been rescheduled due to Storm Goretti. She welcomed all present, including a new member, Carole Bannister and PC Chair Simon Fielder.

CA26/50 **Public Forum** – no members of the public were present.

CA26/51 **Governance:** To approve and sign the minutes of 9th October 2025. Approved.

Matters arising not covered by the agenda included ratifying the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) following our annual review and making contact with and introducing the CA to neighbouring parishes with a view to collaboration. There has been no further correspondence following the outcome of the public enquiry in the Garlenick area.

CA26/52 **Declarations of interest**

- a) Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests – Members must declare an interest, which has been declared on their Register of Financial Interests form, relevant to the agenda. None.
- b) Non-registerable Interests – Members must declare non-pecuniary interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interest becomes apparent. None.
- c) Declaration of Gifts – Members are reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value more than fifty pounds. None.
- d) Dispensations – Members to consider any written requests for dispensations. None.

CA26/53 **Action Plan and Audit Update**

Countryside Access is continuing to audit all PRoW in the parish regularly. We undertake maintenance on all paths, with the exception of the Fal River path, which has been withdrawn from the Local Maintenance Partnership by the leaseholders.

Countryside Access welcomes and encourages other village organisations to contact us to discuss ideas, propose potential projects, or raise any concerns regarding countryside access, public rights of way, open spaces, trees, hedges, and other relevant matters. We can be reached via email countrysideaccess@grampound-pc.gov.uk, by attending and speaking at our meetings, or simply look out for us around the village.

a) Watery Lane.

Additional Way markers have been provided following a report from walkers.

In November, contractors removed two hazardous trees from the vicinity of the steps to guarantee the safety and accessibility of the ProW for all.

A member of CA has checked for any further issues since the storm and found no damage.

A further visit from our contractor will be scheduled shortly to remove any remaining leaves and ensure that the path and steps remain clear, thereby preventing surfaces from becoming slippery and dirty.

CA are seeking quotations for improvements to the access from Pepo Lane and for users of the stile.

A small branch resting on the handrail is to be removed and a holly bush would benefit from being cut back slightly.

b) Trail Board.

It was decided to hold a separate session dedicated to reviewing the latest draft.

LF had written up a well-received Town Trail history to correspond with the inlay. She hoped this would enable others to lead on history walks around the village.

Space for the completed board by the village hall to be cleared soon (the location was approved by VH Management Committee prior to seeking funding)

c) Cornwall Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Nothing to report.

CA26/54 Finance

a) Financial Report. Budgets are still healthy and we are on course to complete our planned programme in this financial year. A small budget was approved to purchase tree supports/stakes for Ham Field.

b) Future funding application/s. A bid to the Grampound Community Fund was discussed. A reprint of the parish walks leaflets in a new format, complementary to the Parish Trail Board, was envisaged. This reprint would include cycle routes. An audit of village businesses by the PC would assist in identifying potential distribution points.

Cllr Fielder left the meeting at 7pm

CA26/55 Local Maintenance Partnership

a) Update on 2024/25 Spending is on track, with additional contractor work on two of our gold paths planned before the financial year end.

b) Update on 2026/27 agreement. CA would be signing up again.

CA26/56 Parish Tree Warden

a) Tree Preservation Order Tannery Update. The CC Tree Officer had responded, indicating that she was unable to act unless there was an imminent threat, such as a planning application.

b) Training opportunities and new networks. Included online training for Tree wardens on Grey Squirrel tree damage, Orchard Management, Wildlife Conservation and First Aid.

c) A Parish Tree Warden role description was being drafted.

CA26/57 Communications

a) Review communications strategy. A newsletter with other prominent village organisations was discussed.

b) Signage and notices. Nothing to report.

CA26/58 Date of next meeting

a) Tuesday, 10th February @ 6pm

SIGNED:

Chair:

Date and Time:

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