



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY 2015 @ 7.30pm



Present: Cllr. Jenkins (Chairman) Cllr. Baines Cllr. Ms Chapman
 Cllr. Freer Cllr. Miss James Cllr. Paynter
 Cllr. Taylor Cllr. Mrs Tyler Mrs Thompson (Clerk)
 County Cllr. Egerton 32 Members of the Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum</u> – the Chair welcomed those present. The representative from Young People Cornwall was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Members met with Mr Ben Eardley. Minute 06e/2015 refers. He gave a brief slide show. Funding is available through the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). Money can be raised in different ways, e.g. loans, community share issue. He then invited questions. He was advised that there is a Transition Group in Grampound.</p> <p>Mrs Liz Fisher asked Members to consider the grant application for a new computer for the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Mr Harvey John said he was the applicant for the wind turbine on his land at Penbetha Farm (Minute 05d/2015 refers). He wanted to further diversify his business and contribute to renewable energy.</p> <p>Mr Tim Dart said he was a supporter of Mr John. He said there was some misinformation circulating about the Penbetha Farm. Cornwall obtains 15% electrical energy from renewable sources within the county. He said we are a long way off reaching targets. He said this wind turbine would repay its carbon deficit within 6 months. The allegation that Mr John was a greedy man, he found deeply offensive. The application comes with a £500 annual community grant for both Probus and Grampound.</p> <p>Mr Geoff Hodgson was in favour of the application. He said that this turbine would be a real financial bonus to Mr John. He said the village had changed greatly over the last fifty years, with a lot of new building. The community is constantly evolving. He urged Members not to live in the past.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter clarified that the Parish Council had been opposed to the Garlenick wind turbines.</p> <p>Mr Steve Doble, Prospective Conservative Parliamentary Candidate said that wind turbines formed the majority of queries he receives. He said his perception was that there is a strong feeling in the community that 'enough was enough'.</p> <p>Mr Paul Fisher said this wasn't about personalities. He said Grampound had done its bit, in terms of the number of wind turbines already erected or in the pipeline. The whole approach takes no account of cumulative impact of wind turbines. He asked Members to look at the cost side, rather than the benefits.</p> <p>Mrs Shirley Turner said there was a rumour around the village that the opposition to the application was being led by residents of the Tannery development. She said 63 people from the estate had signed the petition the remaining 238 were from the rest of the village.</p>	
1/2015	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Wootton (ill health).	
2/2015	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none.</p>	

	<p>b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – Cllr. Jenkins in 05d/2015.</p> <p>c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members were reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds.</p> <p>d. <i>Dispensations</i> – none. Item 05d/2015 was taken at this point.</p>	
3/2015	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 18th December 2014, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 6th January 2015, AGREED as a true record.</p>	
4/2015	<p><u>Outside Organisations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – PCSO Hemming sent his apologies and advised there had been no crimes reported in the Parish since his December report.</p> <p>b. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr. Egerton said he had not written a report this month.</p> <p>c. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> – Members received a report on the following:</p> <p>i. <u>Broadband</u> – Cllr. Taylor reported he is in the process of obtaining a quotation for the installation of broadband in the hall, which will include cabling from BT to the hall (Minute 159c[i]/2014 refers).</p> <p>ii. <u>Play Equipment</u> – Minute 159c[ii]/2014 refers. Cllr. Egerton reported an application for the section 106 funding had been submitted and the outcome is awaited. The Open Spaces officer had insisted on obtaining a third quotation before the money can be released. Cllr. Paynter said the two tenders he had seen did not show 'like for like'</p> <p>iii. <u>Committee Representation</u> – Minute 159c[iii]/2014 refers. Deferred to the next PC meeting after the Village Hall Committee had met. Cllr. Jenkins will attend and explain his proposal.</p> <p>iv. <u>Beer Festival</u> – a Beer Festival will be held to raise funds for the village hall.</p> <p>d. <i>Truro & the Roseland Community Network Panel Meeting</i> – no-one had been able to attend the meeting held on 13th January 2015.</p>	Cllr. Jenkins
5/2015	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Committee</i> – Cllr. Baines spoke regarding the application dealt with at the meeting held on 6th January 2015. <i>PA14/10595, Land at Creed</i> – change of use of land to form extension to churchyard. Cllr. Jenkins reported that CC had granted planning permission. Cllr. Paynter praised Cllr. Jenkins for the sterling work he had done in bringing this to fruition.</p> <p>b. <i>Online Planning Applications</i> – Minute PL36/2014 refers. Cllr. Baines reported he had not had the opportunity to carry out a trial to download and display planning applications from the Planning Portal. He was waiting for a 'meaty' application, but he did not foresee any problems.</p> <p>c. <i>Enforcement Issues</i> – Minute 160d/2014 refers.</p> <p>i. <u>EN14/01770, Pencoise Farm, Tregony</u> – alleged breach of enforcement notice – still 2 caravans on the land, the shipping container and the sheds are still on site. Case officer: Ms Felicity Copplestone advised that a second site visit had been scheduled for 14th January 2015 when a full assessment will take place.</p> <p>d. <i>Wind Turbines</i> – Minute 160e/2014 refers.</p> <p>i. <u>PA14/11579, Land South East of Penbetha Farm, Grampound Road</u> – planning application for the installation and operation of a single agricultural scale wind turbine with a max tip height of 48.01m.</p>	

	<p>Cllr. Jenkins left the meeting whilst this item was discussed and Cllr. Chapman took the Chair.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter said he supported Mr Harvey John. His standing in the community is well established and his generosity to the Carnival Committee much appreciated. He said that the problem is that it is CC's policy to grant permission for renewal energy project. He referred to a CC report, which took account of 23 policies. He found it incredible that planning permission would not be granted to put a satellite dish on a property in the Conservation Area, but the cumulative effect of wind turbines is not given much weight.</p> <p>It was established that the Penbetha turbine would be less than half the height of the Garlenick ones.</p> <p>Cllr. Freer said he was torn, he felt 'enough is enough', but he is supportive of Mr John.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler said we were duty bound to support the community members who had signed a petition against any more turbines.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor said that it was for Members to make their own minds up, but he would not ignore the petition. Cllr. Paynter took the opposite view and said he saw it as his duty to support the views of those who had voted for him.</p> <p>Cllr. Baines said it was a difficult decision that Members faced.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds that the village had enough wind turbines already and Members do not wish to add to their numbers. Members refer the Planning Officer to CC's own policies on 'Conserving and Enhancing the natural environment' (No.11) and 'Conserving and Enhancing the historic environment' (No.12). Five members voted in favour. Cllr. Chapman voted against and Cllr. Freer abstained because he was sympathetic to Mr John, but felt 'enough was enough'.</p> <p>ii. <u>Report</u> – it was AGREED that the report would be distributed by Members.</p> <p>iii. <u>Future Applications for Wind Turbines</u> – the Clerk had been granted access to the petition pamphlets. However, Mr Dan Mitchell, CC had indicated they could only consider a petition that was given directly to them. Conservation Grampound (CG) had since arranged to hand over the petition to CC's Chief Executive.</p>	All Members
6/2015	<p><u>Amenity / Environmental Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Town Crier</i> – Minute 161b/2014 and Clerk's report refers.</p> <p>i. <u>Regalia</u> – the Clerk reported she had met with Mrs Lesley Bennett to view the regalia donated by Mr Sweetman. She would prefer to wear the outfit she has worn previously, but will use the handbell, flags, etc. Cllr. Jenkins will store Mr Sweetman's jacket and waistcoat until it is ready for the Heritage Centre display.</p> <p>ii. <u>Insurance Valuation</u> – the Clerk reported she had contacted CALC, a number of Town Councils and the PC's insurance brokers who were all unable to help with a valuation. It was AGREED to refer this to the Heritage Committee.</p> <p>b. <i>Tidy Up Grampound Campaign</i> – Minute 161d/2014 refers.</p> <p>i. <u>Bollards</u> – there had been no response to the appeal for a volunteer. Cllrs. Freer and Jenkins offered to clean and repaint the bollards at the top of the village in the hope this would encourage others to come forward and assist.</p> <p>c. <i>World War I Mugs</i> – Minute 161e/2014 refers. Cllr. Egerton will circulate the information that the mugs can be obtained at the January village market for those children under 11 of the Parish. It was RESOLVED to sell any surplus mugs at £4 each.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs. Freer / Jenkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>d. <i>Weed Spraying</i> – it was RESOLVED to obtain a quotation to add to the areas to be weed sprayed to include Creed Lane up to Greenholm; the remainder of Barteliver Hill, Mill Lane and Oak Vale. The Tannery Residents' Management Committee are responsible for their estate.</p> <p>e. <i>Rural Community Energy Fund</i> – public forum refers. No action was required, following Members' meeting with Mr Ben Eardley.</p> <p>f. <i>Amenity Land, Tannery Site</i> – Clerk's report refers. It was RESOLVED to defer this to the Heritage Committee to liaise with the Tannery Residents' Association. It would be necessary to undertake a consultation with residents of The Tannery site, prior to submitting a planning application to change the land use from agricultural to a public open space.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																
<p>7/2015</p>	<p><u>Town Hall</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Heritage Project Committee</i> – Minute 162a/2014 refers. It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr. James to serve on the HCC as the PC's official representative.</p> <p>Mr Tyler would be standing down as Treasurer, when the Clerk takes over the Heritage Centre accounts, but will remain on the Committee.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to purchase a new computer for the Heritage Centre at a cost of £549.</p> <p>b. <i>Town Clock</i> – Minute 162c/2014 refers. Thanks to Cllr. Paynter and his son, Imerys had agreed to provide a cherry-picker and work is scheduled for 29th January 2015. Cllr. Jenkins will be present and will take a photograph. He will also advise the local press.</p> <p>Cllr. Freer pointed out that the light illuminating the clock isn't working. It might be possible to do this when the cherry picker is available.</p> <p>Smith of Derby had written to offer a discount in the cost of the annual service, provided the services were purchased in advance. Members declined this offer but will look at it again when the 2016/17 budget is set.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>																
<p>8/2015</p>	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – schedule No.2014/15-9 to a value of £435.68 were APPROVED for payment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 1245 1273 1384"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Price</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staffing costs – incl. tax and NI</td> <td>359.71</td> <td></td> <td>359.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admin expenses</td> <td>63.31</td> <td>12.66</td> <td>75.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£435.68</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>County Cllr. Egerton left the meeting at this point.</p> <p><i>Fire Protection</i> – Members tested and confirmed the smoke detectors and torches were working, whilst the cheques are being signed.</p> <p>b. <i>Internal Accounts Check</i> – Cllr. Taylor reported he had carried out a check of the accounts and they were in order.</p> <p>c. <i>Miscellaneous Grants</i> – Minute 121d/2014 refers. Two applications had been received for the £2,000 in this budget heading. It was RESOLVED to grant £106.00 to Grampound Rainbows for a 'one person carry' flag with pole, etc.</p> <p>A request from Grampound PTA to go towards new computers was deferred until Cllr. Wootton is present.</p> <p>d. <i>Clerk's Training</i> – it was AGREED to fund the Clerk's attendance at the following courses (pro rata):</p> <p>i. <u>Freedom of Information and Data Protection</u> – date TBC, £37+VAT, plus travel expenses.</p> <p>ii. <u>Annual Meetings</u> – 20th March 2015, £18+VAT, plus travel expenses.</p> <p>e. <i>Local Maintenance Partnership</i> – it was RESOLVED to accept a grant</p>	Item	Price	VAT	Total	Staffing costs – incl. tax and NI	359.71		359.71	Admin expenses	63.31	12.66	75.97				£435.68	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	from CC of £377.56 to maintain the PROWs in 2015.	
9/2015	<p><u>Documentation / Correspondence</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Postal Delivery</i> – Minute 166a/2014. Royal Mail had written to say they are looking into Members’ request to consider leaving parcels, etc. at the Probus Post Office for collection.</p> <p>b. <i>Young People Cornwall</i> – in the absence of a representative from this organisation there was no discussion.</p>	
10/2015	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 19th February 2015.</p> <p>b. <i>Heritage Committee Meeting</i> – 3rd February 2015.</p> <p>c. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 10th February 2015.</p> <p>d. <i>CALC AGM</i> – 4th February 2015, 7pm, New County Hall. The guest speaker will be the new Chief Executive of NALC Dr Jonathan Owen.</p> <p>e. <i>Parish Meeting</i> – it was RESOLVED to hold the Parish Meeting on 30th April 2015. It was further RESOLVED to provide refreshments to try to make it an ‘event’. The Clerk to book the village hall. Deferred to the next meeting to give Members the opportunity to give more consideration to having a ‘theme’ for the event.</p> <p>f. <i>Cornwall for Change</i> – (formerly Chacewater PC initiative). A meeting will be held at Kingsley Village, Fraddon, on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 7.00pm.</p> <p>g. <i>Wheal Martyn Museum</i> – ‘Work Horse to War Horse’ exhibition launch. Friday, 6th February 2015, 2pm.</p>	Clerk
11/2015	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Welcome Pack</i> – Mrs Sloan had queried if the scheme should continue as it was difficult to identify a new resident. Members thought the Welcome Packs were a useful source of information and wanted them to continue. A poster to be put up in the community shop with their permission.</p> <p>b. <i>Village Hall</i> – Cllr. Freer said fees had increased and consideration was being given to introducing car parking permits.</p> <p>c. <i>Beer Festival</i> – Cllr. Taylor said Grampound’s First Beer Festival would be held on 6th and 7th February at the Village Hall. Volunteers will be welcome.</p>	Clerk
12/2015	<u>Meeting Closed</u> – 21.45pm.	

Signature: (Cllr. Jenkins)
Parish Council Chairman

Date: 19th February 2015