



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 18th JULY 2013 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Jenkins (Chairman) Cllr. Baines Cllr. Mrs Davies
 Cllr. Freer Cllr. Paynter Cllr. Taylor
 Cllr. Mrs Tyler Cllr. Wootton Mrs Thompson (Clerk)

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum</u> – the Chairman welcomed those present with a particularly warm welcome to Mr Renowden, Mrs Sloan and PC Jay Dorman who arrived at this point.</p> <p>Mr Paul Renowden, CC addressed Members regarding the future ownership of the village hall. He explained that the school was applying to achieve academy status. This means that CC loses control and the school gains autonomy. All the school property, owned by CC, is leased to the school.</p> <p>Grampound Village Hall is on land owned by the village.</p> <p>It is possible that the village hall could be transferred to the Parish Council. The land lease has been signed, but the under-lease (affecting the hall itself) is still outstanding. The sticking point appears to be that the original intention was that CC would be responsible for all the structural repairs, but this has proved prohibitively expensive.</p> <p>Mr Renowden stated that CC had no intention of interfering with the way the hall is run.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor said there is a lease on the property that states the hall cannot be sub-let or assigned to a third party. Mrs Sloan said the hall committee had taken legal advice that confirmed this is the case. Mr Renowden apologised that Mr Paul Bent was not able to make the meeting because he knew more about the legal aspect.</p> <p>Mrs Sloan emphasised that the village hall committee does not wish to stop the school's use of the hall.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter asked why it had taken so long to sort out the business of the lease. Mrs Sloan explained the problems with the outstanding repairs.</p>	
89/2013	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Chapman (work commitment) and County Cllr. Egerton (leave).</p>	
90/2013	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none. b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – Cllr. Taylor said he is the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and has an interest in a possible payment to be made to them (Minute 92b[iv]/2013 refers) and Cllr. Wootton that he is the Joint Chairman of the Community Shop Steering Group who have requested a grant from the Parish Council (Minute 92c/2013 refers). <p>92a/2013 was taken at this point (see below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: 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> – no written requests for dispensations had been received. e. <i>Election Expenses</i> – Cllr. Baines to complete his form. 	

91/2013	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 20th June 2013, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – no meeting had been held. The Clerk handed planning application PA13/03994 to Cllr. Baines.</p>	
92/2013	<p><u>Outside Organisations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – PCSO Hemming sent his apologies. PC Dorman gave a verbal report, there had been four crimes in the past month. He advised that 1 in 8 vehicles speed going through the village. He referred to a theft from Trevillick Farm. It was reported that traffic speed going into the New Hill Estate is increasing. PCSO Hemming will be asked to look into this.</p> <p>b. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> – Members considered:</p> <p>i. <u>Future Ownership</u> – a report from Cllr. Taylor was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council has always supported the village hall. Cllr. Baines said this had been at arm’s length perhaps, it was time now to become more involved.</p> <p>One of the options on the table is for the hall to be transferred to the Parish Council. Cllr. Paynter said grant funding is available for such projects.</p> <p>Mrs Sloan was asked to explain the situation. She said the legal advice she had received was that the hall committee should employ a commercial building surveyor, with a view to assessing the running cost and reasonable ongoing maintenance. They will then propose to CC that they will assume responsibility for the hall, on condition that the outstanding repairs are resolved. The Parish Council will be asked to consider making regular contributions to a dilapidations fund</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to write a letter of support to Mrs Sloan as Chair of the Village Hall Committee, but at this stage we are unable to consider a financial donation.</p> <p>ii. <u>Victorian Lamp</u> – it was AGREED to adopt Mrs Jane Sloan’s suggestion that a decision on the future of the lamp is put on hold until it is known whether a community shop is to be placed on the site. Deferred to the Autumn when the Clerk will research ownership.</p> <p>iii. <u>Recreation Ground Gates Installation</u> – advice from Mr Paul Fisher, regarding the contract for repairs to the gate. Mr Fisher had offered to brief Members, as he believes it is definitely a failure to deliver the contracted scope of work. Cllr. Taylor advised that it is the intention to move the hinges to allow easier access. It was RESOLVED the Clerk should write to the RSJ Wrought Iron and request the return of the gudgeons or a reduction in the price.</p> <p>iv. <u>Recreation Ground Gates Grant</u> – there was some discussion about how the overspend had occurred. Cllr. Taylor explained the hall committee did not know what the budget was. He then left the meeting. It was RESOLVED to make a further donation of £538.25 towards this project, but in future a tighter reign must be maintained on grant monies given. Cllrs. Davies and Paynter voted against the proposal and Cllr. Freer abstained.</p> <p>c. <i>Community Shop and Post Office</i> – Minute 74d/2013 refers. Following their meeting with representatives from the PO and the Steering Group Cllr. Wootton had written a report (copy circulated previously). There is, in reality, no option but to accept an OutReach PO.</p> <p>Cllr. Wootton reported that Mr Paul Bent had indicated CC is unlikely to grant permission for a community shop / PO on the area of recreation ground leased by them. Despite this, the Steering Group wished to go ahead with the pre-planning advice, to avoid further delays. Cllrs. Baines and Wootton then left the meeting.</p> <p>The Steering Group had requested funding for pre-planning advice from</p>	<p>PC Dorman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>CC and the purchase of an OS map of the site. It was RESOLVED the Parish Council would fund these items, with authority delegated to the Clerk to get 'best value for money', to include reclaiming the VAT.</p>	
93/2013	<p><u>Village Walk</u> – Minute 77b/2013 refers. An online 'live' report had been created, enabling Members to share their comments. It was RESOLVED to set up a Maintenance Committee to prioritise work needed and to make recommendations to the Full Council. Cllrs. Davies, Freer, Tyler and Wootton were appointed.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter queried the financial implications on the budget.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Mr Brewer had cut the Fal footpath on 14th May and again on 10th July 2013.</p>	
94/2013	<p><u>Town Hall</u> –</p> <p>a. Heritage Project – Minute 78a/2013 refers. There was no report.</p> <p><u>Heritage Project Governance</u> – Cllr. Wootton spoke to his written report (copy on file). They are seeking to become an accredited museum to do this they need to address their governance and this would involve the Parish Council taking a more active role. The current <i>Friends' Group</i> would continue as a means of informing interested residents of the activities of the Heritage Project, but would no longer have a governance role.</p> <p>The Clerk explained the rules regarding committee voting rights: "...In other committees with executive functions non-members may be appointed but save in four cases, the non-members have no vote. These four are the management of land, harbour functions...tourism functions and the management of a festival..."</p> <p>Cllrs. Tyler and Wootton left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED the Heritage Project Committee would be managed by a voluntary committee of the Parish Council, comprising PC members and other volunteers. The membership of the Committee to be set at the September meeting.</p> <p>b. Town Hall Repairs – Minute 86/2013 refers. Mr Steve Butter had confirmed he will undertake repairs to the exterior woodwork around w/c 26th August 2013. The Clerk to obtain a quotation from Mr Shaun Beresford to repaint the exterior of the town hall</p> <p>c. Notice Board – Minute 87/2013 refers. Mr Butter had carried out repairs to the notice board. The Clerk to ask Mr Beresford to repaint the board</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
95/2013	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. Planning Committee – no meeting had been held. Planning application PA13/03994 was handed to Cllr. Baines.</p> <p>b. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Minute 752b/2013 refers. Members considered a report from Cllr. Taylor, previously circulated via email. The Planning Committee will discuss this further.</p> <p>c. The Tannery Development – Minute 62c/2013 refers.</p> <p>i. <u>Issues</u> – in the absence of Cllr. Egerton there was no update.</p> <p>ii. <u>Amenity Land</u> – Mr Mark Ball, CC case officer, advised the landowners had agreed, in principle, for the land to be leased to the Parish Council for use as an open space for general use, but had raised a number of considerations (Clerk's report refers). Further information is awaited.</p> <p>d. Enforcement Issues – no updates had been received, regarding outstanding enforcement issues:</p>	

	<p>i) <u>EN13/01061, Sunnyside, Fore Street, Grampound</u> – alleged unauthorised works to a listed building. Case closed, planning application to be submitted.</p> <p>ii) <u>EN13/01087, Perran House, Fore Street, Grampound</u> – alleged works to a tree within a conservation area. Case officer: Sarah-Jane Page.</p> <p>iii) <u>EN13/01286, Fal Valley Tannery Weighbridge, Grampound</u> – works to trees within the conservation area. Case officer: Sarah-Jane Page. Cllr. Egerton said he thought this site is in Probus Parish.</p>	
<p>96/2013</p>	<p><u>Highways Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>20mph Proposal for Cornwall</i> – Minute 76a/2013 refers. A comprehensive response had been received from Ms Chloe Lorraine, CC Transport Policy Officer (copy circulated via email) explaining the factors behind CC’s decision that a 20mph speed limit for the whole of Fore Street is not appropriate. It was RESOLVED to adopt Cllr. Paynter’s suggestion that when the temporary 20mph speed limit is in force, it should cover the whole of Fore Street. Concern was expressed at the sentiment that priority is given to keeping traffic flowing over the safety of pedestrians. The Clerk to contact CC, regarding both these points. This information had only recently been received and will be discussed further in September.</p> <p><u>Grampound Speed Recording Data</u> – Members considered the data provided by Cllr. Egerton and previously circulated via email.</p> <p>b. <i>Pedestrian Crossing, Fore Street</i> – Minute 76b/2013 refers. It was AGREED to look at this issue quarterly. Noted a further study (probably in 2014) of pedestrian and vehicle numbers will be carried out, when The Tannery development is complete.</p> <p>c. <i>HGV Traffic</i> – Minute 76f/2013 and Clerk’s report refers. Only one of the three HGV Associations, who were contacted requesting that HGV traffic use the A30 wherever possible had responded and they had done so in a positive manner.</p> <p>d. <i>Bosillion Lane Pavement</i> – Minute 88/2013 refers. Cllr. Jenkins reported the pavement will be lowered when the development is completed. In the meantime the developer is looking to find a temporary solution.</p> <p>e. <i>Potholes / Poor Road Surfaces</i> – Minute 76g/2013 and Clerk’s report refers. Mr Luke Hadfield, Cormac Solutions Ltd. had provided information on Members’ areas of concern.</p> <p>f. <i>Road Closure</i> – 18th to 31st July 2013, road from Borough Boundary at Middle Gargus to Tucoyse Hill, Tregony, closed for surface dressing works. Details previously emailed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>97/2013</p>	<p><u>Administrative Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Members’ Photographs</i> – Minute 80e/2013 refers. A group photograph had been taken, prior to the meeting.</p> <p>b. <i>Social Media Sites</i> – the Parish Council now has a presence on:</p> <p>i. <u>facebook:</u> https://www.facebook.com/GrampoundWithCreedParishCouncil</p> <p>ii. <u>twitter:</u> https://twitter.com/GrampoundCreed</p> <p>iii. <u>linkedin:</u> http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5074255</p> <p>iv. <u>blog:</u> http://gwcpc.blogspot.com/</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins circulated a report (copy on file). He is working on the Community Calendar. Cllr. Taylor suggested adding the http addresses to Members’ email signatures.</p> <p>c. <i>Cornwall Infrastructure Needs Assessment</i> – Clerk’s report refers. Members considered the entry for Grampound. The Clerk to advise the</p>	

	<p>a. <i>Trash & Treasure Market</i> – Sunday, 21st July 2013, tables are available.</p> <p>b. <i>Standing Orders</i> – an informal agreement that a Chairman will not serve more than two consecutive years is to be considered in September.</p>	
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Signature: (Cllr. Jenkins)
Parish Chairman

Date: 19th September 2013