



# Grampound with Creed Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Webb (Chairman)                      Cllr. Baines                      Cllr. Coode  
 Cllr. Fisher    Cllr. Mrs Tyler                      Cllr. Tyler  
 Cllr. Ms Westbrook                                  Cllr. Egerton (CC)                      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 the two members of the public.</p> <p>Mr Stefan Foley said he was the potential owner of Perran House. He explained that it is his intention to turn it back into a four-bedroom house. Agenda item 112h/2012 refers.</p>	
110/2012	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllrs. Davies (she has a disclosable interest in a number of planning applications) and Jenkins (leave).</p>	
111/2012	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> – Members were reminded of the need to return their Financial Interests' form as soon as possible.</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none.</p> <p>b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – Cllr. Fisher declared an interest in 112h/2012.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Members that when declaring either type of interest they must leave the room and not take part in the discussion or decision, including public participation. Cllr. Fisher asked for the background on this</p> <p>c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members must not accept any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds.</p>	Clerk
112/2012	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee</i> – the August Planning Meeting Minutes will be circulated with the September Full Council agenda.</p> <p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</i> – Cllr. Fisher said the working party has now reached the stage when tasks need to be allocated.</p> <p>d. <i>PA12/06977, Land South of Penans Farm, Grampound</i> – erection of a single turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 70m, blade length 26m, hub height 44m, together with a substation, access track and associated hard standings.</p> <p>Cllr. Webb said the community was divided on the benefits or otherwise of wind turbines. He said that permission had recently been granted for two large and one smaller turbine in the same general area. In his opinion enough is enough. This application doesn't even come with any community benefit.</p> <p>Cllr. Fisher said he had attended the Renewable Energy Show, which was most interesting. However, he felt that it was a 'done deal' as far as wind turbine applications were concerned and that planning permission would be granted. He said we should work harder in informing those directly affected by these applications. He felt a better way would be for the NDP to identify the sites where turbines would be acceptable. The Parish could then go to 'tender' as it were to 'sell its assets', giving due regard to appropriate community benefits.</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton gave his apologies and left the Meeting at this point.</p>	

	<p>Cllr. Coode agreed with Cllr. Fisher and favoured a 'cocktail' of renewable energy (rather than so many wind turbines) and the decisions should be taken based on merits. He was in favour of a planned approach and very much against the emphasis given currently to wind as an energy source.</p> <p>Cllr. Westbrook was wholeheartedly in favour of wind turbines and in her opinion it was of benefit to the hard hit farming community. She pointed out that turbines could be dismantled and the countryside would revert to its original state.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler said it was a misconception that wind turbines do not harm the countryside. In the case of the Garlenick turbines, for example, an ancient hedge and a sunken lane will be ruined. Her main objection to wind turbines is that they are allowed to be erected too close to homes.</p> <p>Cllr. Fisher projected onto a screen a map showing the areas from where the Garlenick and Penans turbines would be visible. This covers a large part of the village.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to object to this application. It was further <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Fisher will compile and circulate a paper for submission to Cornwall Council.</p> <p>e. <i>PA12/07333, Land South of Penans Farm, Grampound</i> – EIA Screening Request for the erection of a single turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 70m, blade length 26m, hub height 44m, together with a substation, access track and associated hard standings.</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton had advised the Clerk that this is a technical issue decided by CC's Officers, who decide whether or not the planning application needs to provide a full EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment). Generally, it is only larger turbines that do. Even the Garlenick application for 2 x 2MW turbines did not have to provide an EIA. So it is likely that the Officer will decide that the Penans one similarly will not require it.</p> <p>Agenda item 112h/2012 was taken at this point.</p> <p>f. <i>CC's Core Strategy</i> – Dr Bernard Deacon had emailed (copy previously circulated) to ask Members to consider signing an open letter to CC, urging them to rethink their proposal to increase Cornwall's housing stock by 48,000 homes over the next 20 years. Members shared the concerns expressed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to support the initiative.</p> <p>g. <i>PA12/07212, Land Adj. No.1 Pepo Lane, Grampound</i> – proposed dwelling. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to object. It was further <b>RESOLVED</b> that the reasons would be that the visibility splay is poor from whichever direction it is approached and this is a danger to pedestrians and vehicles alike and furthermore this is an inappropriate, overdevelopment of infill property.</p> <p>h. <i>PA12/07277, Perran House Guesthouse, Fore Street, Grampound</i> – change of use from C1 guesthouse to C3 residential. Cllr. Fisher left the room whilst this was discussed. Cllr. Baines said it was a pity that B&amp;B accommodation was being lost in the village. However, it was felt that this particular application would lead to an improvement in the appearance of the property. <b>NO OBJECTION</b>.</p> <p>i. <i>PA12/06784, Garlenick Manor, Grampound</i> – request for consent under section 37 of the 1989 Electricity Act for installation of an overhead line in connection with the proposed wind farm.</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted the planning officer, Mr Ellis Crompton-Brown, to establish the precise location of the proposed line and whether it will all be overhead. Despite reminders she had not received a reply.</p> <p>This was not the first time Mr Crompton-Brown had failed to respond to Members' enquiry. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to send a registered letter to his immediate superior. Noted CC's deadline for making a decision on this application is 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.</p>	<p>Cllr. Fisher</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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113/2012	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – there were no emergency payments to make.</p> <p>b. <i>New Bank Signature</i> – Minute 103c/2012 refers. In the absence of Cllr. Jenkins there was no update, regarding a third signature for the bank accounts.</p>	Cllr. Jenkins
114/2012	<p><u>Documentation</u> – the following documents had been received:</p> <p>a. <i>Draft Sustainable Energy Plan (SEAP)</i> – consultation document (copy previously circulated via email). Deadline extended to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Members were advised they could respond individually.</p> <p>b. <i>Discretionary Business Rates</i> – consultation document (copy previously circulated via email). Noted details previously emailed to Mrs Jane Sloan, Village Hall Chairman. It has been reported that a business in Grampound is not paying business rates. The Clerk to check if this is the case.</p> <p>c. <i>Road Gritting</i> – HMRC are seeking views on whether tractors should be allowed to use red diesel when gritting road. <a href="http://hmrc.presscentre.com/Press-Releases/Gritting-in-rural-areas-your-views-sought-67cfd.aspx">http://hmrc.presscentre.com/Press-Releases/Gritting-in-rural-areas-your-views-sought-67cfd.aspx</a>. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this initiative.</p> <p>d. <i>Parish Council Payments</i> – CLG are seeking views on proposals to remove the statutory rule requiring cheques and other orders for the payment of money by Parish Councils to be signed by two Councillors. <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/parishcouncilpayments">http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/parishcouncilpayments</a>. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this initiative.</p> <p>e. <i>Natural England</i> – planning and licensing advice services to be launched by Natural England to help to give conservation advice at an early stage of planning development. <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/news/2012/190712a.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/news/2012/190712a.aspx</a></p> <p>f. <i>Department of Climate and Energy Change</i> – a new collective switching scheme in which will enable people in Cornwall to join together to negotiate cheaper energy. <a href="http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/sos_cornwallto/sos_cornwallto.aspx">http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/sos_cornwallto/sos_cornwallto.aspx</a></p> <p>g. <i>Cornwall Together</i> – countywide group that aims to negotiate cheaper fuel prices with energy providers. To register to: <a href="http://www.cornwalltogether.com">www.cornwalltogether.com</a>. Cllr. Webb reported he had put a link on the Grampound website.</p> <p>h. <i>ReZolve Training Schemes for Young People</i> – work placements are now open as part of a new initiative to motivate 16–19 year olds who are currently unemployed and not undertaking any training. Contact is Kerrina on 01208 265934, email <a href="mailto:training@rezolve.org.uk">training@rezolve.org.uk</a>.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
115/2012	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Council Meeting</i> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 7.30pm in the Town Hall.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The Clerk to convene if necessary.</p> <p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Plan Working Party</i> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Town Hall, following the Planning Committee Meeting (see above).</p> <p>d. <i>Cornwall Community Flood Forum's 1<sup>st</sup> Conference</i> – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Clerk to forward the information to Cllr. Jenkins.</p>	Clerk
116/2012	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Town Hall</i> – it was reported that the unused step is in need of repair and the woodwork needs painting. Cllr. Webb will check.</p> <p>b. <i>Risk Assessment</i> – Cllr. Fisher said the 'scoring' of our risk assessments needs adjusting. He also felt the fire precautions for the Town Hall / Heritage Centre needs further attention. He will download a 'checklist' and bring this to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr. Webb</p> <p>Cllr. Fisher</p>

	<p>Cllr. Coode left the Meeting at this point.</p> <p>c. <i>Tannery Site</i> – Cllr. Fisher advised that he has reported the building damaged in the recent winds to CC’s Environmental Dept. This has subsequently been declared an unsafe site. It is understood that the owner has employed the services of a qualified surveyor to look into the matter.</p> <p>d. <i>Dolphin Inn</i> – it was reported that there is a possibility that a planning application for housing on part of the site may be forthcoming. Cllr. Fisher said that in the absence of our formal NDP the Parish Council should identify the site as one on which the community will be consulted. He will put together a form of words for circulation to Members.</p> <p>e. <i>Projector and Screen</i> – Cllr. Webb will obtain prices for these items.</p> <p>f. <i>Linden Homes</i> – Cllr. Westbrook said she had attended the public consultation meeting and had asked about the community land. As a result it was anticipated it would be possible to visit the site in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>g. <i>Welcome Pack</i> – Cllr. Baines will provide the Clerk with a copy of the documents he holds on memory stick.</p>	<p>Cllr. Fisher</p> <p>Cllr. Webb</p>
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Parish Chairman

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012