



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST 2013 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Jenkins (Chairman) Cllr. Baines Cllr. Mrs Davies
 Cllr. Freer Cllr. Paynter Cllr. Taylor
 Cllr. Mrs Tyler County Cllr. Egerton 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 members of the public.</p> <p>Mr Phil Mannell spoke regarding the bus shelter in Fore Street. He did not think they were needed, there are perfectly good weather forecasts and the bus timetables are reliable. He said that it would be an eyesore in a conversation area. He felt the shelters are a complete waste of money.</p> <p>Mr Webber spoke on behalf of Ms Stephanie Cairns. She is not opposed to the provision of bus shelters, but had concerns that the proposed shelter is within two metres of her front door. This is an affront to her privacy. She is concerned such a prominent shelter, which would stand out in front of her Grade II listed property. He was concerned that no planning permission is required to install bus shelters, particularly in this village of historical housing. He called the scheme 'unimaginative'.</p> <p>Mr Tony Davies said there are 54 listed buildings in Fore Street and this proposal would create an ugly vista. He pointed out that the wood comes from NZ, which is not ecologically sound. The intention behind the scheme is to increase bus usage, but in his opinion it is the cost of a ticket (£5.90 return to Truro), not the lack of a bus shelter, that dictates how many people travel by bus. There will be a loss of 1.5 parking spaces, something the village can ill afford. He wouldn't like to see a shelter on either side of Fore Street.</p> <p>Mr Jim Woodman referred to a letter he had sent to CC and pointed out that anyone with a mobile phone can pick up a signal and access Real Time Information (RTI) that will tell them when the bus will arrive. We must try to stop the urbanisation of our beautiful village.</p> <p>Mrs Stella Thomas said Grampound is a most beautiful village, and went on to describe the vista as you approach over the Fal Bridge – the weeping beech, the listed buildings and general street scene. She didn't wish to see it marred by bus shelters. She said there is potential for traffic congestion – a bus shelter cannot be moved to facilitate traffic flow. There is a blind spot on the exit from Lobb's Garage. When the Old Hill shelter was installed the Parish Council had said that there was nowhere suitable for a shelter on Fore Street. She summed up by asking: What is the point of having a heritage village?</p> <p>Mr Neil James said there is already a larger shelter of this type in Trinity Street, Truro and it is atrocious.</p> <p>Mr David Butterworth spoke regarding the Garlenick Community Benefit Scheme and felt there had been some drift from the original proposal. He was advised that grants will be available to support a wide range of organisations / projects, but he pointed out that Grantscape (the organisation appointed to manage the community benefit fund) gives heavy weighting towards renewable energy projects. Mr Butterworth said the village 'sold off part of its skyline in exchange for money coming directly to the village'. He asserted it will be much harder for the local community to get funding for local projects. County Cllr Egerton said he did not believe this would be the case.</p>	
102/2013	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllrs. Chapman (work commitment) and Wootton	

	(leave).	
103/2013	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none. Cllr. Baines confirmed he had submitted his Election Expenses form to CC.</p> <p>b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – none.</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> – no written requests for dispensations had been received.</p>	
104/2013	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 18th July 2013, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 6th August 2013, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>c. <i>Maintenance Committee Meeting</i> – notes from the meeting held on 8th August 2013 were accepted as a true record. The recommendations in the report will be put to the September Full Council Meeting.</p> <p>In the interim, the Clerk to obtain additional quotations for the work outlined in 113/2013 below.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
105/2013	<p><u>Highways Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Bus Infrastructure</i> – Cllr. Egerton spoke to his written report (copy on file). This is government (not CC) money and can only be used for Local Transport Infrastructure. He sympathised with the view that Highways has permitted rights to install bus shelters without planning permission. Nevertheless, they do have to consult the public.</p> <p>Within the parish CC propose to install bus shelters and RTI on the Truro-bound and St Austell-bound sides of Fore Street and at the Merlin Centre, Hewaswater. His online survey indicates more people are in favour than against. He advised that his recommendation to CC is likely to be to support the Truro-bound shelter, but he was opposed to the one outside the two cottages immediately above the Dolphin Inn. There is no obvious alternative location for the shelter.</p> <p>The Truro-bound shelter wouldn't be outside anyone's window. He pointed out that the shelter doesn't have to be where the bus stop is. He favoured a mini shelter at this site, which is much smaller than that on Trinity Street, Truro.</p> <p>He advised leaving the existing shelter at Hewaswater, installed by St Mewan PC, for them to comment.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter said that even if the funding comes from central government that was no excuse to spend it just because we can. He was concerned that the County Cllr. Egerton had not been consulted, prior to the plan being drawn up. With regards to the shelter at Old Hill, the Parish Council had spent a lot of time and money selecting something that was in keeping with the area.</p> <p>Cllr. Freer queried the design, and was advised the wood would weather.</p> <p>Cllr. Davies said passengers waiting for the St Austell-bound bus, shelter in the Ope Way. She did not believe that either shelter was necessary.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler said that many years ago, when new street lighting was being installed, the Parish Council was asked what type they wanted and a Victorian style was selected as being more in keeping.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor said the St Austell-bound shelter was very intrusive, but was in favour of the Truro-bound one. He didn't think the shelter would be out of keeping, it is mostly wood, with Perspex sheeting. The RTI would be useful. He acknowledged that the shelter would cause potential difficulties</p>	

	<p>exiting Lobb's Garage. He didn't like this scheme, could something different be provided?</p> <p>Cllr. Baines is a regularly bus user and he and two other regular users are not in favour and added 'skin is waterproof'.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler asked if anyone using a wheelchair or double pushchair would be able to negotiate around the Truro-bound shelter. Cllr. Egerton said that CC would not block the pavement in this way.</p> <p>Cllr. Baines said the money would be better spent by providing parking to encourage car drivers to then use the bus. The Chairman advised this was not the option under discussion.</p> <p>Members considered the proposed works, which will include the provision of bus shelters, the installation of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) electronic displays, construction of raised boarder kerbs and the implementation of bus stop 'clearways' (details previously circulated via email). It was RESOLVED to object unanimously to the two proposed bus shelters in Fore Street, based on the points made above. The shelter at Hewaswater to be left to St Mewan Parish Council. Members would like to see the RTPI attached to the existing bus stop signs.</p> <p>b. <i>Road Closure</i> – Fore Street, Grampound, 7th September 2013 (1800 to 1930 hours) for the Carnival.</p>	Clerk
106/2013	<p><u>Garlenick Community Benefit Fund</u> – County Cllr. Egerton spoke to his written report (copy on file). He and the Chairman had met with representatives from Airvolution (developers) and Grantscape, who are legally appointed to hold the community fund monies. It is proposed a local advisory board would be created, of whom one would be the currently serving County Councillor, one a Parish Council representative and five others. It would be they who manage the scheme locally, with the overall approval of Grantscape.</p> <p>This board would be elected for three years.</p> <p>The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations. • Training or education projects, especially vocational training for unemployed young people under the age of 25 years old. • Projects for school age children, or older people. • Any other community projects for the benefit of residents of the local area. <i>Cllr. Egerton said this effectively means that any local organisation can apply.</i> <p>Grantscape would prefer to have bids made once a year. For the long-term fund (£15,000 p.a.), organisations can apply for grants ranging from £250 to £7,500. For the one-off larger £50,000 grants range from £7,500 to £50,000.</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter was under the impression that the £15,000 p.a. would be given outright to the parish. He felt that it would be difficult for organisations to meet the criterion. In response to his question, Cllr. Egerton said that any money not spent in one year would be rolled over.</p> <p>With four abstentions it was RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support, in principle, the proposed management of the fund. b. Undertake to co-ordinate the election of a Local Advisory Board. c. In due course nominate one of its members to sit on the Local Advisory Board. 	
107/2013	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> – Members considered the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>PA13/02680, Sunnyside, Fore Street, Grampound</i> – demolish concrete steps, first level at front of property and made into a hard standing driveway. Install log burner and flue into current chimney. 	

	<p>Cllr. Egerton advised that if it transpires to be Highways land, they will stop the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler said thought that the removal of the concrete step, which adjoins the town hall, could help with the damp problem in the Heritage Centre. Cllr. Taylor was not in favour of parking on what is part of the pavement. OBJECT because the parking area in question abuts the town hall and requires further consideration. It would be dangerous to have vehicles backing out on to the A390 at this point.</p> <p>b. <i>PA13/05937. Trecaine Barn, Trecaine Farm, Grampond</i> – proposed barn conversion. This application was dealt with at the August Planning Meeting.</p>	Clerk
108/2013	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – Schedule No.2013/14-5 to a value of £286.76 was APPROVED for payment.</p> <p>Cheque 122175 for £252, made payable to CC to cover the cost of pre-application advice has been cancelled and payment is included in cheque 122177.</p>	
109/2013	<p><u>Documentation</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust (RCHT)</i> – Ms Maxine Moustrides has emailed to offer free membership to anyone aged 11 and over. The aim is to gather public support to complete their process of becoming a Foundation Trust. No commitment is required, but there is the opportunity to join events and different interest groups, e.g. Bowel Cancer, Breathe Easy, etc. Visit http://www.rcht.nhs.uk/RoyalCornwallHospitalsTrust/OurOrganisation/Membership/MembershipScheme.aspx for more details.</p>	
110/2013	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council</i> – 19th September 2013.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 10th September 2013, if necessary.</p> <p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Plan Working Party</i> – to be discussed at the Full Committee Meeting.</p> <p>d. <i>SLCC Charitable Trusts Training Course</i> – Tuesday, 24th September, 10am – 3pm, Exeter Racecourse, £125 per attendee. The course aims to explain the law relating to trusts and provides operational guidance for the trusteeship of charities. Attendees should gain a background of the statutory role, knowledge of roles and responsibilities in day to day operations, and a wider understanding of issues connected to trusts.</p> <p>e. <i>Neighbourhood Plans</i> – 2nd October 2013, 1-4pm, Council Chamber, Truro. Officers from the Department for Communities and Local Government Decentralisation & Neighbourhood Planning Team will be present to outline the Government’s approach to Neighbourhood Planning and the support available. The sessions will also highlight good practice and provide some useful updates in respect of the Neighbourhood Plans being produced nationally as well as those being progressed in Cornwall. The sessions will be useful to all town and parish councillors irrespective of whether a Neighbourhood Plan has been commenced or not.</p>	
111/2013	<u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> – none	
112/2013	<u>Closed Session</u> – in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, i.e. the possible allocation of contracts, it was RESOLVED that it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.	
113/2013	<u>Quotations</u> – the Clerk advised there is £2,500 in the budget for town hall repairs and renewals.	

	<p>a. <i>Town Hall Repainting</i> – Minute 94b/2013 refers. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Mr Shaun Beresford to repaint the town hall woodwork at a cost of £940. This sum did not include someone standing at the foot of the ladder for H&S reasons. It was further RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to obtain a further quotation for this protection up to an additional £200.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the quotation from Mr Butter was for work on the town hall windows only, but Members considered that the external door into the Heritage Centre also needed repair. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Butter regarding this additional work.</p> <p>b. <i>Notice Board Outside the School</i> – Members were advised that the plywood backboard requires repair. Cllr. Egerton said the notice board was installed by the Carnival Committee and Mr Spiers, but he felt certain the CC would have no objection to the Parish Council carrying out repairs. This brought into question the ownership. Members considered a quotation, but felt that two further quotations should be sought before a decision is made.</p> <p>c. <i>Benches on Fal Bridge and Outside Town Hall</i> – Members considered a quotation, but felt that two further quotations should be sought before a decision is made.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Signature: (Cllr. Jenkins)
Parish Chairman

Date: 19th September 2013