



# Grampound with Creed Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Jenkins (Chairman)                      Cllr. Baines                                      Cllr. Mrs Chapman  
 Cllr. Freer    Cllr. Paynter                                      Cllr. Mrs Tyler  
 Cllr. Wootton    Mrs Thompson (Clerk)                        County Cllr. Egerton

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 members of the public.</p> <p>Messrs. Bill Netting and Brian Arthur, residents of The Tannery development said a meeting had been held with Pentland Estate Managers when it was learned that there is a pot of money available. It is proposed that the highway and lighting on the estate will be taken over by Cornwall Council. A Residents' Association will be formed to work with Pentland. The management of the development will be in their hands when the site is completed in April 2014. It is hoped that accounts will be provided shortly, dealing with the rental fees collected from the estate residents.</p> <p>Mr James Dixon from Mosscliff Environmental spoke regarding agenda item 141b/2013. He explained there are two applications in the pipeline from Mr John Warne, one in respect of Penans Farm and the other for Trecaine Farm. It is the latter that is on the agenda tonight. The company is UK based and UK owned. Planning permission is being sought for two x 50kW wind turbines, with a height of 24m to the hub, 34.2m to the tip.</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins said a number of Members had visited the site.</p> <p>There are strict guidelines regarding how near properties and hedgerows, etc. turbines can be placed. This application meets this guidance. He was asked why two smaller turbines and not one large one. Mr Dixon said South West Power had indicated there is only grid capacity for the two smaller turbines.</p> <p>Mr Warne's sister and his mother were present.</p> <p>Mr Bryan Coode said his property is 400m from the turbines. He had supported the family when they had applied for change of use on their barns. The turbines would be 200 yards from his garden, on the ridge line looking down on his property. All efforts to reach a compromise had been rejected by the developers, but since Mr Dixon had become involved relations had improved. He asked Members to take a parochial view and that they ask if this application is fair, reasonable and appropriate. He asked should a neighbour have the right to undermine his neighbour's amenity enjoyment and devalue his property – he believes this development will reduce his property value by some 20%.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler expressed sympathy for Mr Coode, who has a significant number of turbines already visible from his property.</p>	
131/2013	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Davies (personal commitment); Taylor (work commitment).</p>	
132/2013	<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 as a Member of the PCC declared an interest in 138d/2013 and 136b/2013. Cllrs. Tyler and Wootton in 140a/2013, as Members of the Heritage Project Committee. Cllr. Wootton in 134d/2013, as Co-Chair of the Community shop</p>	Clerk

	<p>Committee.</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. Item 136b/2013 was taken at this point.</p>	
133/2013	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Extraordinary Council Meeting</i> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were <b>AGREED</b> as a true record.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were <b>AGREED</b> as a true record.</p>	
134/2013	<p><u>Outside Organisations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – PCSO Hemming sent his apologies and a written report (copy on file). He reported he had discussed the speed of traffic going into the New Hill Estate (Minute 117a/2013 refers) with PC Dorman. No complaints about this had been received, from residents of Tybesta or New Hill. He added that if there is a serious problem then certainly the Police will investigate. If any of the residents have car registrations, days and times of a particular motorist exceeding the 30mph speed limit we will endeavour to patrol the area at the appropriate time.</p> <p>b. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr. Egerton reported the biggest issue for Cornwall Council at the moment is the budget. He warned of big cuts in services, including the rural bus service and highway maintenance. It has been confirmed that the First 27 service will revert to an hourly service and that it will not go through to Treliske.</p> <p>With regards to the Mill Lane footpath, Cllr. Egerton is awaiting a more detailed report on the works that would be needed to make this path passable, together with the costings. Minute 138c/2013 refers.</p> <p>The request for the bus stop at the top of the village had been discussed with First General Manager for Cornwall, who was sympathetic to the proposal and will look closer at the practicalities of it. Minute 137c/2013 refers. Cllr. Paynter reminded the meeting that when The Tannery development was under discussion, Highways had visited the junction and indicated they did not have a problem with it.</p> <p>c. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> –</p> <p>i. <u>Recreation Ground Gates Installation</u> – Minute 117c[j]/2013 refers. Cllr. Jenkins reported he had unsuccessfully tried to contact Mr Jenkin of RSJ Wrought Iron, requesting the return of the gudgeons or the offer a reduction in the price. He will continue his efforts and will notify the Clerk when the item should go back on the agenda.</p> <p>ii. <u>Report from Village Hall Representative</u> – Cllr. Freer reported the AGM had unanimously resolved to pursue the Trustees taking over the management of the hall.</p> <p>d. <i>Community Shop</i> – Cllr. Wootton reported an application is to be made for planning permission to site a temporary building in the recreation ground. There is a problem regarding the terms of CC's lease. The Community Shop will have a monthly presence at the Produce Market.</p>	
135/2013	<p><u>Youth Council</u> – Minute 119/2013 refers. Cllr. Chapman reported she had made contact with St Enoder Parish Council, who is undertaking a similar scheme. She will notify the Clerk when the item should go back on the agenda.</p>	
136/2013	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Committee</i> – meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Minutes circulated previously.</p>	

	<p>b. <i>PA13/08105, Trecaine Farm, Grampound</i> – installation and operation of two small scale 50kW wind turbines each with a tip height of 34.2m on agricultural land at Trecaine. Cllr. Chapman said she had been one of those who had visited the site and the turbines in their proposed position would be very intrusive to Mr Coode’s property. Mr Dixon was asked if there is any possibility of siting the turbines so they would be screened by the trees. He conceded the impact would be significant for Mr Coode, but pointed out that moving the turbines would mean that it would be unacceptably close to Trecaine Farm.</p> <p>He informed council that Mosscliff had made design decisions during the ‘desk top study’ prior to the planning application, which would be costly / difficult to rectify. Mr Dixon said no one had the right to a view. Cllr. Baines said Grampound is becoming surrounded by turbines. Cllr. Tyler pointed out that 12 turbines are visible from the Nantellan bridleway. Mr Dixon said it was normal practise not to visit neighbour’s property initially. Astonishment was expressed that here was a company willing to accommodate a neighbour’s concerns and perhaps site turbines Eastwards – nearer to their 300m guidance from dwellings at Trecaine – but was being thwarted by the Planning system.</p> <p>Mr Coode was invited to speak. He said there are a number of grey areas and there is an alternative site, which would not be too close to properties or roads.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> unanimously to object until further investigation had been undertaken into an alternative site for the turbines.</p> <p>Mr Dixon said although personally sympathetic to Mr Coode’s position, it was not within his remit to withdraw the current application or to negotiate the re-siting of the turbines.</p> <p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</i> – Minute 121b/2013 refers. Cllr. Taylor had taken a table at the Transition Grampound monthly sale and collected nine more responses. He had undertaken to attend another Transition sale. Deferred to the November meeting.</p> <p>d. <i>Amenity Land, The Tannery Development</i> – Minute 121c/2013 refers. Cllr. Jenkins reported that technically the PC is out of time in acquiring the land, but the owners are still willing to consider granting a lease. An additional area may also be available. Negotiations continue. Cllr. Jenkins will bring a more detailed map of the land to the next meeting, together with a proposal from the landowner.</p> <p>e. <i>New Enforcement Cases Notified to CC</i> –</p> <p>i. <u>EN13/02280, Sunnyside, Fore Street, Grampound</u> – refusal of planning application. Unauthorised works to a listed building (PA13/02680, PA13/05206). A new application PA13/09433, Sunnyside was passed to Cllr. Baines, an extension to deal with the application had been granted by CC.</p> <p>f. <i>Enforcement Cases Closed by CC</i> –</p> <p>i. <u>EN13/01286, Fal Valley Tannery Weighbridge, Grampound</u> – works to trees within the conservation area. Case officer: Sarah-Jane Page. Reason for closure: no breach found; as the trees weren’t in the conservation area.</p>	<p>Cllr. Taylor</p>
<p>137/2013</p>	<p><u>Highways Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Bus Stop</i> – dealt with by 134b/2013.</p> <p>b. <i>Road Closure</i> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 1050 – 1120 hours, between April Cottage and The Hollies, Fore Street. Closed for Remembrance Service.</p> <p>c. <i>Car Parking</i> – Cllr. Baines said there is a need to address car parking in the village. There is no point in penalising those who park on pavements, if there is no alternative. It was suggested that the Village Hall Committee could charge for parking in the recreation ground. Cllr. Jenkins will share a link to CC’s website, which deals with this subject. It was felt this was</p>	<p>Cllr. Jenkins</p>

	<p>something which should be delegated to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party.</p> <p>d. <i>Bypass</i> – standing item, placed on the agenda annually in October.</p> <p>e. <i>Stopping Up of Highway</i> – Minute 76i/2013 refers. The Dept. of Transport had issued a draft order to stop up the highway on the layby off the A390 at Hewaswater. Members had previously had no objection to this proposal.</p> <p>f. <i>Proposed Stopping Up of Highway</i> – The Brambles, Hewaswater. Details circulated via email. Cllr. Egerton explained the verge is part of the highway but is owned by a private individual, who has planning permission for a garage. This application will overcome this difficulty. Members had no objection.</p>	<p>Cllr. Taylor</p> <p>Clerk</p>
138/2013	<p><u>Environmental Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>River Fal Footbridge/Footpath</i> – standing item, placed on the agenda annually in October.</p> <p>b. <i>Footpath No.1</i> – Fal River footpath. No response had been received from the Trewithen Estate, regarding Members' request for the tree canopy, overhanging the footpath, to be thinned. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to write to the Estate and advise that it is intended to seek volunteers to clear the mud and to arrange for a lorry-load of road planings to be provided to improve the surface and to cut back the tree canopy. Cllrs. Chapman, Freer and Jenkins volunteered to assist with this work.</p> <p>c. <i>Footpath No.11</i> – from Mill Lane to Pepo Lane. Dealt with by 134b/2013.</p> <p>d. <i>Creed Burial Ground</i> – Cllr. Paynter reported that it must be over 10 years since the PC gave a £1,000 (not £2,000 as mistakenly written in the Clerk's report) grant towards the extension of the burial ground.</p> <p>Members considered the following questions:</p> <p>i. What action do Members wish to take in respect of the £1,000 grant made towards an extension to the burial ground, which has never been implemented?</p> <p>None at this stage.</p> <p>ii. What action can Members reasonably take to ensure local residents can be buried in the parish?</p> <p>Cllr. Paynter asked if it would be possible for the PC to take over the project. There was a drainage issue, which it was believed could be dealt with for approximately £5,000. Members were reminded that Revd. Wade had told a previous meeting that 12 additional places could be provided without any drainage works. Cllr. Jenkins was asked to raise this with the PCC.</p> <p>e. <i>Fore Street Flowerbeds</i> – Minute 118/2013 refers. The Clerk reported that three volunteers had indicated they are willing to continue to manage the flowerbeds. The bed to the left of the entrance to the recreation ground and the one on the corner of Pepo Lane need volunteers. Cllr. Egerton will put an 'advertisement' in the next market circular and Cllr. Freer will approach someone who may be interested.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton Cllr. Freer</p>
139/2013	<p><u>Maintenance Committee</u> – Minute 118/2013 refers. Members received an update on the following:</p> <p>a. <i>Fal River Footpath</i> – dealt with under 138b/2013 above.</p> <p>b. <i>Fore Street Flowerbeds</i> – dealt with under 138e/2013 above.</p> <p>c. <i>Overhanging Trees / Bushes</i> – at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>Lobbs Garage</u> – Cllr. Baines and Mr Tim Lobb own these trees, which are the subject of a Tree Protection Order. There may be an element of cutting back undertaken when Highways installs the bus shelter.</li> <li>o <u>Penbetha</u> – no response had been received.</li> </ul>	



	<p>b. <i>Community Wind Turbine Fund</i> – Minute 117b/2013 refers. Eight residents had put themselves forward for election. Ballot papers are in the process of being delivered to everyone on the electoral roll.</p> <p>The election of a representative from the Parish Council to serve on the Panel will be discussed in November.</p> <p>c. <i>CC Consultants</i> – Minute 124/2013 refers. CC had twice sought clarification, regarding Members’ Freedom of Information request for details of the amount spent over the last 2 years on outside consultants for CC work / schemes (details previously circulated via email). Deferred to the November meeting.</p> <p>d. <i>Network Manager</i> – Mr O’Brien will attend the December meeting.</p>	
142/2013	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – Schedule No.2013/14-7, to a value of £743.69 were <b>APPROVED</b> for payment.</p> <p>b. <i>Internal Audit Check</i> – in the absence of Cllr. Taylor there was no report, but he had indicated to the Clerk there were no problems.</p> <p>c. <i>Online Banking</i> – Minute 125b/2013 refers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Bank Signatories</u> – the Clerk reported the bank had advised the signatories had been amended. Messrs. Hardaker, Lobb, Webb, Fisher, Sharman and T.S. Ford had been removed and Cllrs. Jenkins and Wootton added.</li> <li>• <u>Online Banking Facility</u> – on hold until the above was resolved.</li> <li>• <u>Read Only Signatory</u> – adding the Clerk as a read only signatory was on hold until the new signatories are in place.</li> </ul> <p>d. <i>Budget Monitor</i> – copy to be made available in November.</p> <p>e. <i>Lantern Workshop</i> – the Clerk pointed out there is £300 in the budget for ‘miscellaneous’ grants. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to jointly fund a free Lantern Making Workshop in Grampound, between the PC and Cllr. Egerton’s Community Chest. The PC’s share to be £100. Cllr. Egerton will liaise with Mrs Davies.</p> <p>f. <i>Local Council Administration, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition</i> – Members <b>AGREED</b> to purchase a revised copy of the ‘Clerk’s Bible’ at a cost of £60.</p>	<p>Cllr. Taylor</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton</p> <p>Clerk</p>
143/2013	<p><u>Documentation</u> –</p> <p>a. None received.</p>	
144/2013	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council</i> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, if necessary.</p> <p>c. <i>Community Network Meetings</i> – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 7-9pm, Trelawney Room, New County Hall. Cllr. Jenkins will try to attend.</p> <p>d. <i>Community Energy Workshop</i> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 9.15 – 16.30, Environment &amp; Sustainability Institute, Penryn Campus, Penryn. The symposium aims to bring together community organisations, researchers and policy makers together to explore more about the research priorities, challenges and opportunities facing the development of community energy and energy efficiency projects. Details previously emailed. Cllr. Jenkins will try to attend.</p>	
145/2013	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Wind Turbines</i> – Cllr. Baines commented big business is buying up wind turbine clusters.</p>	

Signature: ..... (Cllr. Jenkins)  
Parish Chairman

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013