



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER 2012 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Webb (Chairman) Cllr. Baines Cllr. Coode
 Cllr. Mrs Davies Cllr. Fisher Cllr. Mrs Tyler
 Cllr. Tyler 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 Mr Blackie and Mr & Mrs Squire.</p> <p>Mr Squire spoke regarding 165b/2012. He objected to the original application and objects even more strongly to this new application. It is in the wrong place. The test mast has proved that the masts are not high enough to overcome the turbulence in the area. He is a pilot and knows that the proposed site will contribute to noise issues as the turbulence / noise will travel down the valley. Anyone living in the vicinity runs the risk of interference with their televisions. The energy figures quoted are not achievable in reality. He is a strong supporter of renewable energy, but he maintained strongly that this is the wrong site. Wind turbines cannot operate all the time and there are other, better ways of producing 'green' energy.</p> <p>In response to a comment, it was explained that electricity in the home is obtained from the national grid. Electricity created by wind turbines is downloaded into the grid.</p>	
161/2012	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Jenkins and Westbrook (both with personal commitments).	
162/2012	<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> – Cllrs. Tyler and Mrs Tyler declared an interest in 165b/2012.</p> <p>c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members were reminded they must not accept any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds.</p>	Clerk to record
163/2012	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 15th November 2012, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>Cllr. Webb reported that CC has advised that four of the five assets do not meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Localism Act 2011 and cannot therefore be accepted for inclusion in the CC's list of assets of community value.</p> <p>The final asset, The Dolphin Inn, is still under consideration and the outcome should be known by the end of January 2013.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Meeting</i> – 11th December 2012, AGREED as a true record.</p>	
164/2012	<p><u>Outside Organisations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – PCSO Tony Hemming sent his apologies and a written report (copy on file). The Clerk reported she had spoken to PC Jay Dorman on the 'phone and he had offered to have a special meeting at St Austell Police Station, for Members to raise any issues. The Clerk to ask him for a couple of dates, which suit him, and to say how disappointed they are that he cannot meet them in the community. Minute 150a/2012 refers.</p>	Clerk

	<p>b. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr. Egerton spoke to his written report (copy on file). There was some discussion about local flooding, which appears to be mainly due to springs under properties. Cllr. Mrs Tyler said that the river at Nantallen had overflowed and formed a ‘rivulet’ in the adjoining field.</p> <p>c. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> – Cllr. Jenkins reported through the Clerk that negotiations with Cornwall Council about the various repairs and the lease are progressing well and somewhat better than originally expected. Particular thanks are due to the hard work of the treasurer, Mark Taylor. Agreement is due to be reached with the Football Club regarding their plans for improving the drainage of the recreation field. He understands that the matter is currently with Grampound Hall's solicitor. Income to the hall is still challenging from reduced audience numbers to events. Thanks are due to the continued work of project manager Simon Fann. Building of the pillars for the gate has been delayed for a short time again but the trustees hope they will be in place in the New Year.</p> <p>Cllr. Webb reported that the contract for installing the gates had been given to a local company. The cost is £2,500.</p> <p>d. <i>Community Network Meeting</i> – Cllr. Webb reported that the Local Plan was before CC's Full Council in early December. Cllr. Egerton said that it had been deferred, for final decision in February 2013. CC's Infrastructure Delivery Plan had been adopted, with an accompanying draft charging structure, which should now be available on their website.</p> <p>CC had been criticised recently, regarding lack of control of section 106 monies.</p>	
165/2012	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Committee</i> – there was nothing additional to add.</p> <p>b. <i>PA12/09852, Garlenick Estate, Grampound</i> – erection of two wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 110 metres, a maximum blade length of 45m, and a hub height of 65m together with a substation and control building, access, associated hard-standings and upgrading of the existing access junction onto the A390.</p> <p>Cllrs. Tyler and Mrs Tyler left the meeting, whilst this item was discussed. A number of letters and emails had been received on this subject and circulated to Members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Mrs Davies said that local residents she had spoken to were unhappy with the proposed increase in height.</p> <p>Cllr. Baines said that considering all the information that had been received, there was no mention of the impact on the view from Old Hill. The increased height would exacerbate this.</p> <p>Cllr. Coode felt the size of the development would be overwhelming. In his opinion 100m was quite high enough. He did wish to see a 10% increase in height. His subjective opinion was that when the turbines are erected, there will be many unforeseen problems.</p> <p>Cllr. Fisher had attended the Affordable Energy Show and had taken the opportunity to visit the Delabole site, which is comparable to this proposal. He was surprised how quiet they were. He felt that even those who support green energy are dismayed at the number of wind turbines which are appearing across the county. In his opinion a broader view of renewable energy is needed.</p> <p>Cllr. Webb said that he believed that CC simply wished to erect as many turbines as possible. He referred to a letter from Mr & Mrs Brunsdon, who live closest to the existing turbine. They experience noise nuisance and fear that this application will make the situation worse.</p> <p>OBJECT on the grounds that this is a step too far in terms of height; this forms part of a series of applications which lacks a strategy. Ad hoc developments are being considered and are not part of a broader, overall approach. The Clerk to forward Cllr. Fisher's document with this response</p>	Clerk

	<p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</i> – Cllr. Webb reported that there is a new funding source. Cllr. Fisher said he had tabulated the responses to the questionnaire, which he will circulate.</p> <p>d. <i>Land Access</i> – in the absence of Cllr. Jenkins this matter was deferred to January 2013. The Clerk to ask him to present a reasoned proposal.</p>	<p>Cllr. Fisher</p> <p>Clerk</p>
166/2012	<p><u>Highways Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pavement Parking</i> – Minute 152/2012 refers. The Police Commissioner advised that he is not allowed by law to interfere with day-to-day professional or operation decisions of the police. Before taking up his suggestion to pursue this through the Police Professional Standards Dept. or, alternatively, formally authorise him to do so on our behalf; it was AGREED to discuss this further at the meeting with PC Dorman.</p> <p>b. <i>Road Closure</i> – Luney Lane and Road from Hewas Farm to Junction West of Trudgian Farm, Lower Sticker – originally 10th to 19th December 2012, now extended until 4th January 2013 (0600 to 1800 hours).</p>	Members
167/2012	<p><u>Environmental Matters / Street Furniture</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Hewaswater Layby</i> – Minute 153b/2012 refers. Mr Chris Cooper-Young, CC reports that there were and he suspects are still complex legal issues with this site that complicate mainstream planning enforcement action. When he dealt with this matter the land was still classified as a highway and, therefore, any action would be down to the highways department or the landowner to pursue. The occupant of the site has claimed a gypsy/traveller lifestyle in the answers to a planning contravention notice and he understands that once the legal issues are resolved a planning application may be submitted and, if approved, the site would become part of CC's provision for gypsy/traveller sites within the County. In meetings that he has attended the occupation of this land has been agreed to be tolerated until the legal issues are resolved and on this basis he reports that it is not expedient to pursue formal enforcement action, the report was signed off on 22nd July 2010.</p> <p>The Clerk to enquire if this land is granted legal status as a gypsy / traveller site is the occupant entitled to operate a business from there.</p> <p>b. <i>Recreation Ground Gates</i> – Minute 155b/2012 refers. Covered by 164c/2012 above. Cllr. Fisher asked if the quotation included formal details of how the project would be managed. Cllr. Webb will speak to Mrs Sloan.</p> <p>c. <i>Dog Warden</i> – Minute 136e/2012 refers. Cllr. Webb reported that a resident had expressed an interest in acting as a Dog Warden. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Philip Browning, CC who had offered to meet with Members at their January Meeting to explain the implication of employing a Dog Warden. It was AGREED to accept this invitation. The Clerk to make the arrangements and request he brings some dog reporting forms with him.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Webb</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
168/2012	<p><u>Town Hall</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Heritage Project</i> – Cllr. Mrs Tyler reported the Heritage Centre is now closed for the winter.</p> <p>b. <i>Town Hall Valuation</i> – it was advised that the valuation report would not be released until Cunningham & Lindsey had received payment.</p> <p>Cllr. Fisher reported that he had met with Mr Ben Dudden and Mr David Bannister to look at the water damage. A deliberate decision had been taken, during the restoration work, not to tank the wall as it was a heritage consideration. There is a tanked gully, which actually pushes water through the wall. To carry out preventive work would cost in the region of £8K-£10K and there is no guarantee that this would cure the problem.</p> <p>Since the first instance there had been further water damage.</p>	

	<p>It was AGREED to seek advice from the CC's Listed Building Dept. as to how to deal with this problem. The Clerk to advise the insurance company that we are taking this action. Cllr. Mrs Tyler felt that the carpet should be removed to assist with the drying process.</p> <p>It was further AGREED to ask Mr Carl Farrell to attend again.</p> <p>c. <i>Fire Protection</i> – Members tested and confirmed the smoke detectors and torches are working. A small step ladder had been provided for the use of those carrying out this task.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
169/2012	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – Schedule No.2012/13-8 to a value of £688.09 were APPROVED for payment.</p> <p>The Clerk reported she had carried out a bank reconciliation and there were three cheques, two of which had cleared from the payee's bank account, but which were not shown on our bank statement. She had requested that the bank investigates.</p> <p>Cllr. Tyler took the accounts to carry out an Internal Audit Check.</p> <p>b. <i>2013/14 Budget</i> – Members considered their budgetary requirements and it was AGREED to circulate a revised budget for considering in January. The precept to be set at that meeting.</p> <p>Mr Peter Hockin, CC had emailed to say: <i>'The Secretary of State does not propose to determine principles for local precepting authorities for 2013-14. However, he intends to revisit this issue next year, having considered the extent to which local precepting authorities have exercised restraint in relation to council tax this year'</i>. This means that the 2% capping limit will not apply to Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Cllr. Coode left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>c. <i>New Bank Signature</i> – Minute 155c/2012 refers. The Clerk reported that on closer inspection of the letter from the bank, it is a Mr Leeson who had been added as the third signature to the bank accounts! She has taken this up with the Bank.</p> <p>d. <i>Society of Local Council Clerks Conference</i> – it was AGREED to fund the Clerk's attendance at a cost of £7.96+VAT plus a share of the travel costs</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Information</p>
170/2012	<p><u>Village Shop & PO</u> – Minute 160c/2012 refers. A public meeting had been held and a steering group formed, which will be meeting fortnightly.</p> <p>Mr David Parker is to act as chair of the newly formed group.</p>	
171/2012	<p><u>Documentation</u> – the following documents had been received:</p> <p>a. <i>Cornwall AONB</i> – newsletter can be emailed on request.</p> <p>b. <i>Promoting Health Information Line (PHIL)</i> – Members to consider granting a request from Cornwall Primary Care Trust asking that we create a link to their website: www.healthpromcornwall.org/events/</p> <p>c. <i>Cornwall Rural Highways Best Practise</i> – consultation document, deadline 14th December 2012. Previously circulated via email.</p> <p>d. <i>Christmas Waste Collections</i> – previously circulated via email.</p> <p>e. <i>Cornwall Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment No3) Order 2012</i> – consultation document. Deadline for comments is 11th January.</p> <p>f. <i>DEFRA Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder Scheme</i> – scheme to support innovation by funding projects that demonstrably improve resilience in communities at significant risk of flooding in England. The Clerk holds further information.</p> <p>g. <i>Twentyfourseven</i> – SW Ambulance Service newsletter.</p>	

172/2012	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Council Meeting</i> – 17th January 2013, 7.30pm in the Town Hall.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 8th January 2013, 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The Clerk to convene if necessary.</p> <p>c. <i>Neighbourhood Plan Working Party</i> – held on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>d. <i>Schedule of Meetings, 2013</i> – copy previously circulated. It was AGREED to set the date for the Parish Meeting as 4th April 2013.</p> <p>e. <i>Planning Training</i> – Members were reminded of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Affordable Housing</u> – 6th February 2013, St Austell One Stop Shop. Cllr. Westbrook booked to attend. • <u>Planning for Minerals and Waste</u> – 16th January 2013. Trelawney Room, County Hall. Cllr. Fisher booked to attend. <p>f. <i>Clerk's Leave</i> – 21st, 24th, 27th, 28th and 31st December 2012.</p> <p>g. <i>Community Buildings</i> – free event aimed at reducing the costs of running a community building. Tuesday, 18th December 2012, 12.00 – 16.30, Roche Victory Hall. Details previously emailed.</p>	
173/2012	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. The Chairman reported that Cllr. Westbrook had moved to Tregony, but is willing to continue as a Councillor, but will stand down at the Election in May 2013.</p> <p>Cllr. Webb volunteered to deliver the Welcome Packs. The Clerk will continue to make them up.</p> <p>b. Cllr. Mrs Davies said that residents of New Hill had received a letter from Ocean Housing confirming that it owns the parking on the estate and parking permits had been issued. The Clerk to include this in the next report to the <i>Grampound Times</i>.</p>	Clerk / Cllr Mrs Davies

Signature: (Cllr. Allan Webb)
Parish Chairman

Date: 17th January 2013