



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER 2013 @ 7.30 pm



Present: Cllr. Jenkins (Chairman) Cllr. Baines Cllr. Mrs Chapman
 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 Mark O'Brien, CC Community Network Manager.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien gave Members a brief outline of his role as part of CC's Localism Team. There had been recent changes to the team, and where they are based. Part of his role is to support the County Councillors in his area including Cllr. Egerton. He can be most useful in facilitating matters where more than one agency is involved. He also has significant links with the 25 Parish/Town Clerks in his area and is able to help them speak to the right person. He referred to the Network Panels, which affords the opportunity to open debate on mutual matters of interest. They are run as informal groups. He said that it was fair to say some networks work better than others. To be effective items should come 'up' from the community.</p> <p>He referred to CC's budgets and the devolution agenda, which is open to the Parish Council to take on services/assets where they feel it could be done cheaper/better. His team also works with communities on their emergency / flood plans.</p> <p>He offered assistance with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, Ms Emma Ball is the link officer for this.</p> <p>Finally, he offered his help in anyway, and indicated this included the voluntary sector and other agencies. (Copy of his notes from the meeting are on file.)</p> <p>He was asked if he was in a position to help to get road sweeping/mud clearance carried out in the rural areas. He said that he understood this activity was carried out on a 'reactive' rather than a contractual basis. He is happy to receive issues direct from Members. Cllr. Jenkins said it would be a good idea to copy in the Clerk.</p>	
161/2013	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr. Davies and County Cllr. Egerton.	
162/2013	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – None. Cllr. Jenkins provided an updated Members' Interest form (R1) and Cllr. Baines signed his R1 form. Clerk to submit.</p> <p>b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – Cllr. Wootton in 164d/2013, as Co-Chair of the Community shop 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.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk to record</p>
163/2013	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 21st November 2013, AGREED as a true record.</p> <p>b. <i>Maintenance Committee Meeting</i> – 5th December 2013, AGREED as a</p>	

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164/2013	<p><u>Outside Organisations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – PCSO Hemming sent his apologies and advised there had been no crimes reported since his last report. Cllr. Jenkins referred to a burglary on Mill Lane.</p> <p>b. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr. Egerton sent a written report (copy on file), which was read to the meeting. There were a number of local issues:</p> <p>i. <u>Mill Lane Footpath</u> – CC are proposing that works are done to construct steps up from the slope near the bottom of the path onto the field and then run a path along the edge of the field as an alternative to reconstructing a path up the stream. Plans will be drawn up in Spring 2014 with a view to carrying out the work later that year.</p> <p>ii. <u>River Fal Footpath</u> – covered by 168a/2013 below.</p> <p>iii. <u>Stream on Old Hill End of Fal Bridge</u> – covered by 167c/2013 below.</p> <p>iv. <u>Wind Turbine Community Fund Panel</u> – he is aiming to set up the first meeting of the Panel in the first week of January, followed by a public meeting to launch the fund in late January.</p> <p>c. <i>Village Hall Committee</i> – Cllr. Freer reported there is to be a 10 year anniversary celebration of the new hall. It is hoped that as many events as possible can be held at the same time. Cllr. Taylor referred to the market held 14th December 2013 which raised over £1,000.</p> <p>d. <i>Community Shop</i> – Cllr. Wootton reported that details of a Community Share offer had been delivered to all properties in the parish and £6,000 worth of shares had been purchased to date. A reminder will be issued before the closing date. There is to be a Valentine’s Day ‘Sausage and Mash’ supper on 15th February 2014 to raise funds and awareness.</p>	
165/2013	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Committee</i> – meeting held on 10th December 2013. Cllr. Baines reported on the planning decisions.</p> <p>Ms Caroline Wheeleker, Linden Homes had since pointed out that the two Tannery planning applications are identical. One is for full planning (PA13/09935) and the other for listed building consent (PA13/09936). In view of this Members RESOLVED to support both applications.</p> <p>b. <i>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</i> – Cllr. Taylor reported he had been unable to attend the meeting organised by Feock PC. He thanked the Clerk for her comments on the questionnaire and urged others to do likewise. He will resend the questionnaire. Mr O’Brien said he will be sending out an invitation in the New Year to see if there is interest from Parishes to hold a Neighbourhood Planning Cluster meeting, so parish representatives can get together and share approaches, resources, etc.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All Members</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor</p>
166/2013	<p><u>Maintenance Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Maintenance Committee</i> – meeting held on 5th December 2013. Minutes previously circulated. Attention was drawn to the following matters:</p> <p>i. <u>Budget Requirements 2014/15</u> – covered by 171b/2013 below.</p> <p>ii. <u>Information Gathering</u> – message to be placed on the website and Facebook page explaining how residents can raise any maintenance issues with the PC.</p> <p>iii. <u>Overhanging Trees / Bushes</u> – in hand.</p>	<p>Cllr. Jenkins</p>
167/2013	<p><u>Highways Matters</u> –</p>	

	<p>assigned to the old council chairs in its asset register (£1,429.20) but also noted that it had failed to dispose of them for any financial return. Cllr. Paynter suggested advertising the chairs on e-bay, with 'local pickup'. It was RESOLVED to give E-bay a try and if this failed to reduce the value on the asset register to a nominal value of £1 per chair and to loan them to Creed Church. This arrangement to be reviewed annually</p> <p>Mr O'Brien offered to advertise them through the community network.</p>	Cllr. Jenkins
170/2013	<p><u>Administrative Matters –</u></p> <p>a. <i>Schedule of Meetings, 2014</i> – copy previously circulated. The Annual Parish meeting was scheduled for 13th March 2014.</p>	
171/2013	<p><u>Financial Matters –</u></p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – Schedule No.2013/14-9, to a value of £1,995.02 was APPROVED for payment. It was AGREED that a copy of the Schedule would be provided to all Members in the future.</p> <p><i>Transfer of Money</i> – Cllr. Jenkins reported he will arrange for the transfer of £4,000 from the deposit to the current account.</p> <p><i>Community Shop</i> – it was RESOLVED to authorise that a cheque be made out payable to CC to cover the cost of the planning application for the shop premises; up to a maximum of £790.</p> <p><i>Fire Protection</i> – Members tested and confirmed the smoke detectors and torches were working, whilst the cheques were being signed.</p> <p><i>Internal Check</i> – it was AGREED that the Clerk would pass the accounts to Cllr. Taylor.</p> <p>b. <i>2014/15 Precept</i> – Minute 155b/2013 refers. Noted the amount of the Council Tax Support Grant (CTS) Grant due in 2014/15 is £1,062.62. Cllr. Tyler left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed in some detail, with explanations provided by Cllr. Taylor and the Clerk. Points of note, include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Town Hall rental income</i> – increased to £390 to reflect anticipated income from the PO Outreach facility. ii. <i>Town Hall repairs and renewals</i> – reduced to £500 to reflect the work that had been carried out in 2013/14. iii. <i>Council Chamber tables</i> - £1,500 budgeted for refurbishment. Cllr. Paynter spoke forcefully against this proposal and voted against it. iv. <i>Community Shop</i> - £1,500 included in the budget, and the balance from this year's grant of £3,500 to be carried forward. v. <i>Football Club</i> - £500 set aside as a contribution to the cost of ground maintenance, this sum to be available for the next 3 years. vi. <i>Village Hall</i> - £400 allocated for the installation of broadband. vii. <i>Miscellaneous Grants</i> - £2,000 budgeted, for local organisations to bid for. viii. <i>Flower Planters</i> - £150 budgeted, to include plants and a £25 prize and a plaque for the best flowerbed. ix. <i>Maintenance Capital items</i> - £400 to cover the possible joint (with the village hall committee) for the purchase of a mower, if needed. x. <i>Grit Bins</i> – the bins had been checked and found to be reasonably fully, no budget needed for 2014/15. xi. <i>Neighbourhood Plan</i> - £1,500 budgeted to kick-start this project. xii. <i>Dog Warden</i> – nil budgeted. xiii. <i>Section 106 land</i> - £500, to include fencing of the tannery pits. <p>Cllr. Paynter pointed out that it was proposed to increase the precept at a time when many people were facing economic difficulties. He urged Members to look at the cumulative effect, not only of the precept, but also</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkins</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>of other household costs (gas, electricity, etc.).</p> <p>After much discussion, it was RESOLVED to accept the budget (copy on file). It was further RESOLVED to set the precept for 2014/15 at £15,000. The Clerk to advice CC. Cllr. Paynter voted against these proposals.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor said he would like to see the budget '<i>balance</i>' over the next couple of years. He wouldn't like to see the continuing digging into reserves that had been the case over the last couple of years.</p>	Clerk
172/2013	<p><u>Documentation</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Peninsula Community Health</i> – Annual Review, October 2011 – March 2013.</p>	
173/2013	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council</i> – 16th January 2014.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 7th January 2014.</p> <p>c. <i>Clerk's Leave</i> – 23rd to 31st December 2013.</p> <p>d. <i>Truro and Roseland Community Network Panel</i> – 21st January 2014, 1900, New County Hall.</p>	
174/2013	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. Cllr. Baines asked if Members knew anything about the suggestion that CC are to apply for two wind turbines on land at the top of the hill. The Clerk to enquire of Cllr. Egerton.</p>	Clerk

Signature: (Cllr. Jenkins)
Parish Chairman

Date: 16th January 2014