



Grampound with Creed Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ON

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH 2018 @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Taylor (Chairman)
Cllr. Jones
Mrs Thompson (Clerk)

Cllr. Freer
Cllr. Mrs Tyler

Cllr. Miss James
Cllr. Mrs Wells
County Cllr. Egerton

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome / Public Forum</u> – the Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.</p> <p>The application to the Big Lottery Fund for a grant towards refurbishment of The Limes had been declined, but a further application was encouraged. Mrs Fisher was present and her report had previously been circulated to Members. She suggested the site needs to be made safer. She was asked to produce some quotations for further consideration.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor thanked her for all the work that had gone into the project so far.</p>	Mrs Fisher
31/2018	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllrs. Turner (personal commitment) and McGuinness (work commitment).	
32/2018	<p><u>Casual Vacancy</u> – Members ACCEPTED the resignation of Cllr. Elvy and declared the resulting vacancy. The clerk to advise CC.</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor volunteered to post the agendas / Minutes on the town hall notice board. He will get the key from Mr Elvy.</p>	Clerk Cllr. Taylor
33/2018	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests</i> – none.</p> <p>b. <i>Non-registerable 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> – none.</p>	
34/2018	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 15th February 2018, AGREED as a true record.</p>	
35/2018	<p><u>Outside Organisations and Reports</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Police</i> – there was no police report. PC Ed Boyden had asked for the contact details for the new Grampound Community Speed Watch scheme, which had been provided by County Cllr. Egerton.</p> <p>b. <i>County Councillor</i> – Cllr. Egerton spoke to his written report (copy on file). In answer to a question, he explained the Police Commissioner had opted for the biggest increase to the police precept that is permitted. Cllr. Taylor said the PC precept had been increased by approx. 3%, but this equated to a reduction of 2.1% on his tax bill, because of an increase in property numbers in the parish. It was RESOLVED to write to CC and copy Cllr. Egerton urging a replacement is found for the School Crossing Patrol warden urgently.</p> <p>c. <i>Village Hall Committee (VHC)</i> – Cllr. Taylor reported the Beer Festival was a huge success and raised £1,100 for the village hall. An application is to be made to the Garlenick Wind Turbine Fund for improvements to the lighting.</p>	Clerk

	d. <i>Network Panel Meeting</i> – meeting scheduled to be held on 20 th March 2018, 7pm, Probus Village Hall. Agenda previously emailed.	
36/2018	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Planning Meeting</i> – meeting scheduled for 6th March 2018 was cancelled.</p> <p>i. <i>PA18/00843, 2 Bowls Court, Fore Street, Grampound</i> – ash tree, approximately 40ft tall, located in the back garden of my residence (2 Bowls Court, Grampound). Wish to remove remaining trunk due to advised ill health of the tree (advice received from 2 x landscape gardening companies and tree surgeons), its proximity to the neighbouring properties wall & chimney and very close proximity to a boundary wall between the two properties. There is evidence of damage (suggestion made it was from fire) which has caused a recession of bark from one side of the trunk. There are a number of fungal growths present. It has also had 3 of its 4 main trunks cut back to an approximate height of 8ft from the ground as a part of previous works (before I purchased the property). This may also be a factor in its apparent ill health. This will be decided by CC under delegated authority.</p> <p>ii. <i>PA18/01358, Miranda, Fore Street, Grampound</i> – crown reduction/lifting to reduce the spread by approximately 2-3 meters including to thin the crown of Ash trees within the Conservation Area. Also wish to thin the crown to allow more light into the garden. This will be decided by CC under delegated authority.</p> <p>iii. <i>PA18/01050, Creed House, Grampound</i> – LBC for the replacement of gutters and downpipes. SUPPORT.</p>	Clerk
37/2018	<p><u>Highway Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Speed Cameras, Fore Street</i> – Minute 23a/2018 refers. Highways Strategic Transportation, had declined to progress with Members’ request for average speed cameras. They had explained that for various reasons it would not be acceptable.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones said it was disappointing news. Cllr. Taylor said there was no mention in the Highways’ response of an extension to the speed limit. Members felt they must challenge the response. The Clerk to draft a letter. Cllr. Egerton said a similar response is given to other PCs. The Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner and request she allocates resources to traffic speeding in villages.</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton reported Highways had been looking at a few options for trying to slow traffic in Fore Street and provide better crossing points. He said representatives should be meeting with the PC to advise on their preferred option, which will be relatively minor.</p> <p>b. <i>Bus Shelter, Fore Street</i> – Minute 23g/2018 refers. Cllr. Egerton reported a contractor had been appointed to clean bus shelters and the one in Fore Street is on the list. There was some discussion about the future of the public taps.</p> <p>c. <i>Drainage Smells</i> – Minute 29a/2018 refers. The smell emitting from the drain by Ye Olde Post Office and Tannery Lane into Creed Lane had been reported to SW Water and Belmont (Tannery Management).</p> <p>Cllr. Wells said she had contacted Belmont, who had visited and taken some remedial action.</p> <p>SW Water advised the Waste Water Area Manger will be personally visiting the village to undertake further investigations, which will involve the use of smoke pellets to determine if and where the potential odours are escaping from. It may take a few days for the smoke pellets to arrive, once they have received these the investigations can start. The Chairman explained it was originally intended this would be carried out by 9th March 2018, but due to the major disruptions to water supplies across the region because of the adverse weather this had been delayed.</p>	<p>Clerk / Cllr. Taylor</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>d. <i>Nantellan</i> – Minute 23b/2018 refers. Mr Viv Bidgood, Cormac had explained that mud on the road caused by farm vehicles was the responsibility of the farmer to clear. He had offered to contact the land-owner, if the PC could supply the relevant contact/address information, together with any evidence to demonstrate the issues listed to add weight to any case for enforcement. In reality, the powers afforded to the highway authority are limited alongside their available resource to deal with such issues, therefore generally we will not take action, unless there is a significant hazard/safety issue.</p> <p>The tenant farmer had offered to meet with Members regarding the issues. Cllr. Taylor to ask Cllr. McGuinness if he could attend. Cllrs. Wells and Jones also volunteered to be part of the party.</p>	Cllr. Taylor
38/2018	<p><u>Environmental / Amenity Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>The Tannery Field</i> – there were no issues.</p> <p>b. <i>The Limes</i> – covered by the Public Forum.</p> <p>c. <i>Grit Bin, Barteliver / Old Hill</i> – Minute 24b/2018 refers. Cllr. Wells said work would commence shortly to prepare the new site for the bin. NOTE – Cormac had requested a photograph and map indicating where the new bin is to be placed.</p> <p>d. <i>Community Right to Bid</i> – Minute 24f/2018 refers. Mr David Read CC, advised The Listing Panel are not yet satisfied the Nomination meets the criteria for listing the Dolphin Inn as an Asset of Community Value and they have requested more evidence for community activities.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to send the response from Cllr. Taylor Noted the listing expires in February 2018.</p> <p>e. <i>Town Hall Toilets</i> – a toilet brush had been provided by the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
39/2018	<p><u>Administrative Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Website</i> – Minute 141d/2017 refers. Cllr. McGuinness had provided his photograph to the Clerk for inclusion on the website.</p> <p>b. <i>Community Event / Parish Meeting</i> –</p> <p>i. <u>Date</u> – Thursday, 12th April 2018 at 7.30pm. The Village Hall had been booked. Members to attend at 7pm to help set up.</p> <p>ii. <u>Advertising</u> – letters had been sent to local organisations, offering them a space at the event for a display; an advertisement placed in the <i>Grampound Times</i> and 350 copies of the leaflet ordered. Members to organise a leaflet drop.</p> <p>iii. <u>Nibbles and Wine</u> – to be provided. Cllr. Taylor to organise.</p> <p>iv. <u>Nominees for the Citizen's Award</u> – the names were AGREED. Cllr. Taylor will arrange the certificates.</p> <p>v. <u>Photographs</u> – Cllr. Taylor to arrange for someone to take photographs</p> <p>Cllr. Taylor to provide the Chairman's report.</p> <p>c. <i>Town Hall Chairs</i> – Members RESOLVED to renew the decision to loan the chairs to Creed Church. Minute 38c/2014 (March 2014) refers. NOTE – Mr Dean Jenkins had confirmed he is willing to continue to store them.</p>	Members Cllr. Taylor Cllr. Taylor Cllr. Taylor Cllr. Taylor
40/2018	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Accounts for Payment</i> – schedule No.2017/18-11 to a value of £1,579.05 was APPROVED for payment, including £35 for the Community Event fliers.</p>	

		PRICE	VAT	TOTAL	
	Mrs Thompson - salary	261.55	261.55	261.55	
	Mr Brunsdon - salary	29.90	29.90	29.90	
	HMRC	522.80	522.80	522.80	
	Grampound Times	30.00	30.00	30.00	
	Printout – Parish Meeting fliers	35.00	0.00	35.00	
	Modes User Association - membership	66.50	13.30	79.80	
	PCC grant - churchyard maintenance	620.00	620.00	620.00	
				£1,579.05	
	<p>The bank reconciliation was made available for inspection.</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>b. <i>Internal Audit Check</i> – Cllr Taylor reported he had checked the accounts and there were no issues.</p> <p>c. <i>LMP Partnership</i> – it was RESOLVED to accept a grant of £344.59 to maintain the PROWs, compared to £313.22 in 2017/18. The Clerk to advise CC.</p>				<p>Cllr. Taylor</p> <p>Clerk</p>
41/2018	<p><u>Documentation / Correspondence</u> – not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>a. <i>Community Energy Funding</i> – email from Mr Ben Eardley, Energy Analysis previously circulated to Members.</p> <p>b. <i>Cornwall Rural Housing Assoc.</i> – copy of the 2017 Annual Report and a leaflet explaining the work of the CRHA.</p> <p>c. <i>Royal Wedding</i> – organisers are encouraged to complete an Event Planning form to be sent to CC. Details previously circulated via email.</p> <p>d. <i>Royal Voluntary Service</i> – Ms Mandy Turner, Community Development Worker, RVS offers to meet with Members, if there is interest in creating opportunities for groups/social activities/social dining clubs or any other form of gathering for over 55's to be sustainable and to be led by volunteers. Details previously circulated via email.</p> <p>e. <i>Clerks & Councils Direct</i> – March 2018. Taken by Cllr. Freer.</p>				
42/2018	<p><u>Diary Dates</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Full Council Meeting</i> – 19th April 2018.</p> <p>b. <i>Planning Committee Meeting</i> – 10th April 2018.</p> <p>c. <i>Cornwall AONB Annual Conference</i> – Saturday, 14th April 2018, at the Pavilion Centre, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge. It's free to attend, open to anyone, but booking is essential via this link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-future-of-the-farmed-environment-in-cornwall-free-conference-tickets-42746657403. Details previously emailed.</p>				
43/2018	<p><u>Information Only / Future Agenda Items</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Defibrillator</i> – it was understood this would be affixed to the Dolphin Inn.</p> <p>b. <i>Probus PC</i> – Cllr. Freer said that planning applications, technically in Probus parish, had a greater impact on Grampound, e.g. the pre-application for new properties on the old coal yard. The Clerk to liaise with the Probus Clerk over this. Cllr. Egerton said he would notify Members when a full planning application is received.</p> <p>c. <i>Anaerobic Digester</i> – Cllr. Tyler reported the landowner had complained about the delay i.r.o. the Anaerobic Digester at Pennans Farm. Cllr. Egerton said he understood the delay lay with the Historic Environment Dept. He will look into this.</p> <p>d. <i>PA17/09307, Land and Garages E of Ashwood House</i> – Cllr Egerton said Highways had recently objected and the application may be refused.</p>				<p>Clerk / Cllr. Egerton</p> <p>Cllr. Egerton</p>

44/2018	<u>Closed Session</u> – in view of the special/confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, 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.	
45/2018	<u>Handyperson's Contracted Hours</u> – Minute 143/2017 refers. It was RESOLVED to pay an additional hour to collect and dispose of the grass trimmings. Deferred from the November 2017 meeting. <u>Sick Pay</u> – this had been paid. <u>Continued Absence</u> – the Clerk pointed out that it might be necessary to find a replacement for some tasks, e.g. grass verges, if the Handyperson's sick leave continued.	Clerk
46/2018	<u>Meeting Closed</u> – 20.59pm.	

Signature: (Cllr. Taylor)
Parish Council Chairman

Date: 19th April 2018