

# GRAMPOUND WITH CREED

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENT

Formerly known as the Parish Meeting

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019

### AGENDA

001/2019

Parish Council's Annual Report – Cllr. Mark Taylor.

I'm Mark Taylor, the current Chair of Grampound with Creed Parish Council, and I would like to start with a review of 2018/19.

Perhaps the foremost issue has been the speeding on the main road through the village and the associated level of pollution from the traffic. Last year I reported that our County Council did not regard traffic speed as an issue that needed addressing. I am glad to announce for those of you who do not already know, that we have managed to change their minds! I must thank the Grampound Community Action Group for their assistance, especially Fran Swanson. Through diligently collecting data of the numbers of times the speed visor was triggered at the bottom of Old Hill, and then organising a petition where they were able to obtain signatures from over half the village supporting the introduction of average speed cameras. There had also been a number of serious accidents in and around the village, thankfully none of them were fatal. Taken together, we were able to convince Cornwall Council of the need for permanent average speed cameras and consultative work is being undertaken to establish the best sites. (Power Point presentation of likely sites shown). They are likely to be installed later in the year.

The pollution is a different but associated issue. Cornwall Council formally declared the Grampound Air Quality Management Area in 2017. Understandably, Cornwall Council has delayed the finalisation of their Action Plan of measures to improve air quality in the village, until after the speed camera parameters have been finalised. When presented though, the action plan will be subject to a further public consultation.

Traffic safety is also affected by the absence of a Crossing Control person outside the school. The job has been widely advertised but with no takers, so if you feel like volunteering for this paid post, please contact Cormac or give your details to a Parish Councillor so we can pass it on.

Liz Fisher from the Heritage Committee will be giving us a full report later, so I won't steal her thunder but various Councillors have committed time and effort to Liz's bids for funding to preserve The Limes area. As a sub-committee of the PC, we are responsible for ensuring that any funding for the various associated projects, some of which may come from your Council Tax contributions, are well spent and effectively monitored.

The list of regular maintenance and financing we undertake is much the same year on year - grit bins, grass cutting, roadside and some footpath weeding, some Creed Church cemetery maintenance, Tannery Field amenities, the toilet in the Village Hall car park and the flower beds in the Parish. The last three involve us liaising with the Tannery Management Committee, the Hall Management Committee and the volunteers all of whom undertake the actual work. Incidentally, we are always looking for more volunteers to help with the flower beds. We also pay for dog waste bins and I must admit to being horrified by the item published on today's News and Events in Grampound page illustrating the poop bags and other refuse which is being discarded along the Fal.

As a publicly funded body, we obviously have fairly strict criteria to meet before we can financially support other local bodies, but we are willing to consider requests should eligible needs arise and have made various grants in the past.

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|                        | <p>We continue to exercise our crucial role in the planning process. Some plans achieve wholehearted support from the Parish, others can be more contentious. If a parishioner objects to a proposal, I would encourage them to attend the relevant Planning Committee or Full Council meeting where the plan is being discussed. Then we can consider whether to support an objection. If Cornwall Council disagree with our submission, we can push for it to be reviewed at a full planning committee rather than being decided by the Planning Officer. And we have had Planning Officer's decisions overturned in the past though it has not been necessary this year!</p> <p>Your Councillors are elected every 4 years. At the last elections, there were insufficient candidates to fill all the posts and we therefore had to co-opt a councillor to fill the roster. I would welcome us being in the position to have proper elections in 2021, with enough nominees to make it a meaningful contest, so please think about standing for Parish Councillor in 2 years' time.</p> <p>Looking forward to future plans is rather more difficult than telling you what we've been up to. I anticipate there will be more to do with the Lime Pits – indeed I'm expecting to be on a working party clearing some of the undergrowth after the nesting season has finished. There will be some work on the Average Speed Cameras, though hopefully that is mostly behind us, and there will be the presentation of the Air Quality Management plan.</p> <p>The New Resident pack has rather fallen into abeyance and it is something that we would like to get up and running again. When it was running strongly, we were able to rely on the Post Office for details but it has been much harder since it closed, and we need new sources of information. I'd like to ask everyone in the village (but particularly the clubs and societies) to let the Parish Council know whenever they become aware of new residents. That way we can hopefully start up the offering again – I know it was appreciated and I think all our groups would like all new villagers to be made aware of their presence. As part of the preparation for this event, the Parish Clerk has asked all the local groups to update the information we hold.</p> <p>One new item for us though will be Climate Change. For background Councils up and down the country are declaring a Climate Emergency with a target of being carbon neutral by 2030. This includes Cornwall Council and two Town/Parish councils in Cornwall. We will be having a presentation at the next full Parish Council to decide to what extent we can, or should, get involved in trying to alleviate climate change.</p> <p>As you all know, Roger Paynter had to give up editorship of the Grampound Times this year for health reasons and, sadly, died not long after. I'd like to record my thanks to Roger and his helpers for running the magazine so well and for such a long time. He was always going to be difficult act to follow but I'm pleased that Elliott Wells agreed to take up the reins. My citation for Elliott's Good Citizen award last year commented that we wanted him to continue the good work he already did. Can I therefore take the praise for him increasing his commitment to the Village? Or perhaps he is chasing a second good citizen award? I'll leave you to decide but would in any case ask you to join me in thanking Elliott for the splendid job he has done as editor for the last few editions (ably assisted of course)</p> <p>I find it quite impressive that we have 10 clubs and societies in the Village who are able to send a representative to this meeting and make a presentation of their activities. It once again speaks of the vibrancy of the Village.</p> |
| <p><b>002/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Village Hall</u> – Mr Simon Fann gave a PowerPoint presentation, some key points being:</p> <p>a. <i>Regular Hirings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Saturday in the month – Carnival run produce market</li> <li>• Third Sunday in the month – Antiques Fair</li> <li>• First Tuesday in most months – Women's Institute</li> <li>• Tuesday – 7.15 Pilates</li> <li>• First Wednesday in the month – film club 7.30</li> <li>• Fourth Wednesday – Bonsai</li> <li>• Two Sundays a month Tae Kwon Do</li> <li>• Thursday – Rainbows, Guides &amp; Brownies</li> </ul>   |

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|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grampound Gardens</li> </ul> <p>b. Friends of the Village Hall are people who have a personal connection to the area. They want to help us make it better for all those using its services and for those who will make their great memories there in the future.</p> <p>c. Drama Shows – since the new hall opened <b>300</b> performances of film, music, comedy and drama had been performed to over 20,000 people</p> <p>d. <i>Major Maintenance Works</i> – the following works had been carried out in the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of hall lights completed</li> <li>• Rake wheels replaced</li> <li>• Repainting of external woodwork completed</li> <li>• Repainting of internal woodwork underway</li> </ul> <p>e. Ongoing Works – include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floor refinishing</li> <li>• Playground safety inspections</li> <li>• Regular compliance inspections and updated risk assessments</li> <li>• Guttering and drainage</li> <li>• Legionella monitoring.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>003/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Grampound Football Club</u> – Mr Allan Webb</p> <p>The last two years had been difficult but we have managed to keep the Club going. There are some talented players. Plans are underway for a Memorial Match to raise money for charity in the name of Roger Paynter. New equipment had been purchased for ground maintenance and ground drainage is improving.</p>   |
| <p><b>004/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Heritage Centre</u> – Mrs Liz Fisher</p> <p>This is the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Heritage Centre.</p> <p>Paid for and managed by the Parish Council, we have a small management committee and a team of volunteers who man the centre when it is open, do research and all the other tasks associated with the HC – we couldn't run without them – thank you all. We need more.</p> <p>Also supported by the Cornwall Museum Partnership who provide professional support, training and general advice. First meeting here last year was a Mid-Cornwall Museum Group meeting and they were impressed by what we have amassed in such a small space.</p> <p>We continue to have a low but steady stream of visitors and probably as many online enquiries. Lots of hits on the photograph archive from around the world and our visitors come from all over.</p> <p>The Ron Hicks Slide collection contains 2229 slides, and as many were rejected. Wonderful indexing was done by Elliott and Emma Wells, helped a bit by Joy we believe. The file is called 'Uncle Ronnie's slides' on the hard disk and we may keep it like that for now! A lot more needs to be done to load the photos onto the photo archive. We have to downsize them to JPEG copies and that will take time.</p> <p>Our volunteers have been busy: a group in the CRO for over a year. The work is now done and loaded onto the CRO catalogue and made Public. Thanks for this go to Kathy Wells, Alice James, Jane and me.</p> <p>Kresen Kernow (The Cornish Collection) is almost open in the refurbished brewery at Redruth. It is a cracking building, open to all, please go and see it.</p> <p>Another team has been compiling oral history, Tricia Colenso Wright and Kathy Wells spoke with Roger Paynter and Lilian Wade last summer. Thanks to them and to Mike for editing a lot of hours into a short story.</p> |

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|                        | <p>We continue to have a steady stream of items donated, mainly from village people but now always.</p> <p>In the last 12 months we have had some family trees sent in, had some house deeds, notably Bonython House, but also a couple of others. John Croggon handed in a collection of handwritten copies of the baptisms, burials and rate books for Creed – no mean feat to have copied them out – the handwriting as good on page 1000 as on page 10! Jane Sloan has been looking through them and extracting information.</p> <p>William Croggon has loaned us some original photographs and I am scanning and indexing those.</p> <p>Tina Tyler has continued her lines or research and Elliott Wells updates the Facebook page for us and shares information.</p> <p>The family of Norman Paramor, some of you will remember him as our postman, have handed us a lot of material notably about Bert Cundy the last blacksmith and the forge at Bermondsey.</p> <p>Many people have handed photos, maps and other documents in: Barbara Lobb, Tony Davies, Graham Sherratt, Dudley Jacomb and Joy Roy. I have probably missed someone – apologies.</p> <p>We were given a grant by the Grampound Community Fund to commission a second version of the Grampound Film and the first public showing will be on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019, here in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4.</p>   |
| <p><b>005/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Sports and Carnival Committee</u> – Mrs Charlotte Obie</p> <p>The cost of running the Carnival is approximately £5,500 and various fundraising activities are held throughout the year to cover this: Fun Run, Bingo, Auction – the Carnival's biggest fundraiser and the Produce Market.</p> <p>Mrs Obie asked residents to support the Committee.</p>   |
| <p><b>006/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Grampound Times</u> –</p> <p>The Grampound Times is run by Alice James, Elliott Wells (Editor), Emma Wells, Simon and Philip Freer.</p> <p>Organisations were asked to email their events to the Committee.</p>   |
| <p><b>007/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Women's Institute</u> – Mrs Hilary Veal, President</p> <p>The members of Grampound WI have had a busy year, in fact busier than the previous year. We have attended at least thirteen events organised by CFWI, including a visit to the Minack Theatre, a shopping trip to Exeter, one member attended the residential weekend at Carbis Bay and five members enjoyed the County Christmas lunch at the Budock Veau Hotel. We have also, on a number of occasions, joined with Sticker WI for meetings.</p> <p>Other events that were organised extra to our normal monthly meetings were, a visit to the incinerator plant at St Dennis with lunch afterwards, afternoon tea at the Carlyon Bay Hotel, a visit to the Pine Gardens at St Austell and Christmas lunch at Heligan. There was also a coffee morning at President Hilary's in January.</p> <p>In April members attended the Annual Grampound with Creed Parish Meeting and gave a report on our activities. In December a Christmas tree was decorated in WI colours in St Nun's Church.</p> <p>In September we took part in the annual village Carnival and Fete. We ran a raffle and organised a treasure hunt. Our float in the parade was called 'A Hundred Years of Suffrage' and we were all dressed as suffragettes with banners. We won cups for best in class and best overall entry.</p> <p>Our monthly meetings this year consisted of a talk (and tastings) by Giel Spiering from the Cornish Gouda Company in April, the resolutions were discussed and debated in May, and Liam Shoesmith from Truro Parks and Gardens educated us in June. In July we held a garden meeting at President Hilary's. In September, we were shown how to make hand stitched Christmas cards by Di Rookes and everyone had a go.</p> |

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|                 | <p>October was given over to a Harvest Supper and in November we painted ceramic Christmas decorations with Heather Hunt. The December meeting was a party, with silly games, presents, a visit from Father Christmas and lots of lovely food and drink. We were disappointed that our speaker for the January meeting had to cancel at the last minute. He is a paramedic on the coastguard helicopters and was called in to work at short notice. However, we just had a couple of quizzes and chatted. The last meeting of the year was given over to learning how to make Dorset buttons.</p>   |
| <b>008/2019</b> | <p><u>Bowling Club</u> –</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the Wells Family for the work they had done for the Club. There had been improvements to the Bowling Green, which is now up to County standard. The kitchen had been refurbished.</p> <p>Running costs are high and fundraising efforts include Bingo and Concerts. Mr Johnny Cowling will be doing a Gospel Concert in St Austell.</p> <p>This year's Open Day at the Club will be on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.</p>  |
| <b>009/2019</b> | <p><u>Garden Club</u> –</p> <p>The Club was instituted nine years ago and has a current membership of 45 with regular attendances of 30+. Meetings are held ten times a year in the Village Hall featuring a variety of outside speakers. During the summer months visits are made to private and public gardens. Social events include cheese and wine, BBQ, Christmas party and Quiz Night.</p>   |
| <b>010/2019</b> | <p><u>St Nun's Church</u> – Mr Keith Jones</p> <p>Having engaged an architect back in 2017, the church members with the backing of the Parochial Church Council decided to complete a total refurbishment in regard to the fabric of the church building. Plans were drawn up and fund raising commenced. The scheme was split into three phases each being undertaken as finance became available.</p> <p>Phase one: Repair to organ chamber roof along with some stone work on the outside of the building. Cost £11,538.22. Work completed.</p> <p>Phase two: Removal of plaster from the inside walls of the building. Repair to affected pews and replacement floor, Chancel floor extension, Repositioning of existing font, Levelling of floor on the West end of the building, erection of new vestibule, updating of present heating system plus professional fees and scaffolding. Cost £41,237.28. Work funded to commence in October 2019.</p> <p>Phase three: Not to be commenced until such time as the inside walls of the building have dried out, we understand that this will be in 2021. At this time the inside walls to be replastered with a lime and plaster finish, The West wall outside in Pepo Lane to be pointed, complimented by the fitting inside of a small kitchenette which will be located on the inside of the west wall of the building. Plus professional fees. Cost £56,813.00....We are fund raising for this phase.</p> <p>The PCC and church members request your help in funding this work. The "Buy a brick" envelopes are now in the village shop, each pound given will help us to defray the cost of Phase three. We hope that fund raising will continue throughout the year and that the village will continue to support this venture by the means we hope to present to you later in the year. The total cost of the scheme we anticipate will be £109,588.50.</p> |
| <b>011/2019</b> | <p><u>Grampound Players</u> –</p> <p>The Players' last production was in 2016. A request was made for volunteers to join in order that they can start planning for the next production.</p>   |
| <b>012/2019</b> | <p><u>County Councillor's Annual Report</u> – Cllr. Bob Egerton gave a brief synopsis of some of the things that had gone on in Cornwall Council generally and locally over the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stadium for Cornwall agreed to £3 million, still awaiting government doing its bit.</li> <li>• South Crofty tin mine, agreed to put £1 million into share offer.</li> </ul>   |

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|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment programme – agreed in principle autumn 2017, capital uplift agreed in early 2018 and further uplift early 2019. Have agreed up to £230 million for a number of potential projects, plus £150 million at Threemilestone. Will take several years to spend it all. Based on these projects being self financing, producing a net positive return to the Council.</li> <li>• Hall for Cornwall, 20 months refurbishment project mainly funded by various organisations: Arts Council, Heritage lottery fund, treasury, Council.</li> <li>• Council successfully bid to stage opening stage of the Tour of Britain in 2020.</li> <li>• Park and ride continues to be a great success. Fares unchanged since opened at Tregurra. Basic fare unchanged, but concessionary fare abolished and multi use tickets going up in price from 1 May.</li> <li>• Household waste recycling centre, opening delayed.</li> </ul> <p>Closer to Grampound:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penans Farm anaerobic digester received planning permission last year, now working with Highways to finalise access issues. Hopefully, see start on construction soon.</li> <li>• Community fund: continues to hand out over £15,000 p.a. for good community projects in the parish, local panel to meet on 29 April to determine this year's projects.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>013/2019</b></p> | <p><u>Awards</u> – presentation of community awards by Cllr. Taylor.</p> <p>The final part of the evening is where the Parish Council get to say thank you to some people in the Parish who we think have been Good Citizens.</p> <p>As last year, we have two people who are receiving an award together. I got told off last year for just doing a single certificate, which I thought was right as they were husband and wife. It's a little different this year as they are father and daughter so they can have a certificate each! So, the first awards go to Charlotte Obie and David Juleff.</p> <p>They are both long standing pillars of the community and do many things in the background, which help the village be the friendly and vibrant community that it is. The main reason they are receiving this award though is for taking over the running of the Grampound Carnival, at a time when it was struggling for committee members. Charlotte now chairs the committee.</p> <p>Although the carnival is a single annual event, it conducts various fundraising events in the run up to the big day. But a large portion of their carnival related time goes in to hosting the monthly produce market, having taken this over from Bob Egerton and Transition Grampound. It goes without saying that this is another event within the village which is important to the community feeling that exists.</p> <p>There are many other things they do (the Christmas tree and help with the speeding banners are two that spring to mind but I suspect there are lots of others). Suffice to say, they are worthy recipients of the Good Citizen Awards.</p> <p>The next recipient is always at these events hosting the Heritage Committee table (though she seems to be on holiday for a lot of the other events I arrange)! Liz Fisher chairs the Heritage Committee and has been the driving force behind many of the projects they have undertaken in recent years, which she has already told you about in her presentation. Liz was nominated last year but we put it on hold as we were hoping the all-encompassing bid she was putting together for the Limes regeneration would have been successful and underway by now. Unfortunately, the availability of grants became more limited after she began the process, and the bid was unsuccessful. This was unfortunate given the amount of work she had put into it. Doubly so as there is still the desire to see some regeneration and we (or should I say she) is still seeking smaller grants so the project can be completed</p> <p>Of course, as with the other recipients of the award, she hasn't just restricted herself to one committee. I first came to know Liz when she was Secretary for the Village Hall, quite a few years ago now. So, Liz, thanks for all the efforts with the Heritage Committee and please come up and accept your certificate.</p> |

The next recipient is Sarah Daniel. As well as running a successful business in Grampound, Sarah became a school Governor in 2005 and Chair of the Governing Body in 2008; she ceased her connection with the school only in the autumn of 2018 (a long, long time after her child left the school). I'm told that Sarah epitomized the aspiration that a governor should be a 'critical friend' of the school. She ensured she knew everyone in the school community, head, staff and children, and supported and encouraged the work and achievement of all. She combined with kindness and subtlety the need to be both critic and confidante of the Headteacher. Throughout her association with the school she was personally very generous, often donating materials and hosting events for pupils at her Garden Centre. In 2013, she had been considering standing down, but the school opted to become an Academy Trust, so she agreed to remain a member of the new governing body to help smooth the transition. More than that, she became a Member of the Board of Directors of the St Piran's Cross Trust, chairing the all-important Finance and Resources Committee and thus supporting not just Grampound with Creed but four other schools as well. In 2017 when the St Piran's Cross Trust merged with the Saints Way Trust to form Celtic Cross Education she once again chaired the Finance and Resources Committee, now responsible for twelve schools.

During this period, she also took on the School nominated trustee post at the Village Hall. She was an invaluable member of the committee, supporting events, providing garden centre related items for the Hall and running the kitchen for the food at the beer festival. On this last point, she set the catering bar so high we are going to have to work really hard to meet her standards in the future.

The School and the Hall owe her a debt of gratitude for her commitment over the years and we are pleased to acknowledge this with a Good Citizen award. As she is not here, I will send her a copy of the citation and try to drop the certificate around to her tomorrow.

Finally, I have an award for a fellow parish Councillor Alice James. I don't want to keep you here all night discussing in detail everything she does or has done in the village. A whistle stop tour includes:

She ran the Tuesday club for many years

Volunteers in the shop and coffee shop (often filling in vacancies at short notice).

Helps in the kitchen at the monthly produce market.

Helps in the kitchen for our annual beer festival.

Is the program secretary at the WI, always looking for interesting people to give talks to the group.

Helps at the heritage centre and helped with moving the archive from Truro to Redruth.

Parish Councillor and member of the Planning Committee.

Collects papers for neighbours every day, as well as running other errands for them.

Always promoting the village shop and any village event, encouraging people to attend.

Still finds time to be in the Cornwall Community Choir and the Lawn School Reunion Committee.

One fellow Councillor (no names to spare their blushes) says that Alice is always there to listen and provide a shoulder to cry and moan on.

There is a reason I have left Alice to be the last recipient. She is the definition of a Good Citizen and therefore I'm very pleased to give her a much-deserved award.