

GRAMPOUND WITH CREED

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENT

Formerly known as the Parish Meeting
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY, 12th APRIL 2018 @ 7.30pm

AGENDA	
01/2018	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Parish Clerk.
02/2018	<p><u>Parish Council's Annual Report</u> – Cllr. Mark Taylor.</p> <p>Dear All, I'm Mark Taylor, the current Chair of Grampound with Creed Parish Council, & I'd like to welcome you to our Community Event. Although I'd like to keep things fairly informal, this is an official Parish Council event and so I'd like to introduce Shirley Turner who is our Vice Chair and will also be taking notes from the meeting.</p> <p>During the last year, your Parish Council has been involved in a variety of items. Perhaps the foremost issue is the level of traffic on the main road through the village and the associated level of pollution and speeding vehicles that brings with it. Any change we can affect is always going to be a long-term project, though it is worth noting that our County Council currently do not regard the level of traffic, nor the speed with which they travel, as an issue that needs addressing. We are obviously seeking to change their mind about this and have made several proposals to them regarding remedial action we think is appropriate. The pollution is a different but associated issue. Cornwall Council formally declared the Grampound Air Quality Management Area last year and, by July, must produce an Action Plan of measures to improve air quality in the village. Once the action plan has been drafted CC will hold a further public consultation to gain the views of local people.</p> <p>The second major issue is what to do with the Limes Area. I believe Liz Fisher from the Heritage Committee will be giving us a full report later, so I won't steal her thunder. However, please remember that the Heritage Committee is a sub-committee of the Parish Council and we are responsible for ensuring the funding for the project, some of which may come from your Council Tax contributions, are well spent and effectively monitored.</p> <p>This year, we have also made a contribution to Grampound Football Club. Several other local clubs and associations have received financial support in the past. As a publicly funded body, we obviously have fairly strict criteria to meet before we can support other local bodies, but we are willing to consider assisting should appropriate needs arise.</p> <p>As well as these special, one off items it is perhaps worth outlining some of the many other items we undertake.</p> <p>We maintain and finance the grit bins, grass cutting, roadside weeding and some of the footpaths. We partly finance the cemetery maintenance at Creed Church. We finance the amenities in the Tannery Fields, the toilet in the Village Hall car park and the flower beds in the Parish - these last three are done with the assistance of the Tannery Management Committee, the Hall Management Committee and volunteers respectively. Incidentally, we are always looking for more volunteers to help with the flower beds.</p> <p>And of course, we also have a crucial role to play in the planning process. We have had several plans submitted to us in the last year that have aroused considerable public interest. An objection from us wouldn't, in itself, block a project, but our views do have to be taken into account. If the Planning Officer subsequently disagrees with our recommendation we have the option to push the plans to a full Council Planning Committee meeting where we can represent the views of our Parishioners. This year we were able to get a Planning Officer's decision reversed.</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.</p>

	<p>We have since had a resignation so there is a further position available. The deadline for requesting an election for the vacancy has now passed so if anyone is interested in serving their community in this way, can they please make themselves known to me, Gillian Thompson our Parish Clerk, or any of the other Councillors, so we can consider a co-option to fulfil the vacancy. I would also welcome us being in the position to have proper elections in 2021 with enough nominees to make it a meaningful contest.</p> <p>Before I hand over to the other groups and societies present, are there any questions?</p> <p>The next part of the evening is where the Parish Council get to say thanks to some people in the Parish who we think has been Good Citizens.</p>
03/2018	<p><u>Awards</u> – presentation of community awards by Cllr. Taylor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Philip Freer</i> <p>Several of my fellow Parish Councillors have mentioned that they regard Philip Freer as the eyes & ears of the village, being sensitive to the mood of everyone who lives here, and able to communicate their wishes to the PC in a tactful non-partisan manner, regardless of his own point of view. You'll often find him in the Hall kitchen at events - tonight for instance he helped with the food. He is also a volunteer for the shop, for the church and for the carnival committee.</p> <p>His top tips in the Grampound Times are something we can all benefit from, especially his fashion guidance. I believe he also provides help with production of the Grampound Times. I don't really know how much, as with everything, he is reticent about what he actually does and would probably underplay it if asked.</p> <p>Similarly, a lot of the care and help he gives to his friends around the village goes on under the RADAR but is noticed by a few.</p> <p>Philip is just what Grampound needs and he is therefore a worthy recipient of this evening's first good citizen award.</p> ○ <i>Irv and Helen Bunt</i> <p>The second recipients are on their way to Bristol. I was aware that they wouldn't be able to make it tonight so gave them their certificate yesterday (at the Film Club).</p> <p>Helen Bunt was Chair of the Village Hall Committee last year. She was the driving force behind turning Ham Field into a village amenity. She instigated the very successful Film Club and has been the instigator of many other major and minor improvements around the Hall, putting together several applications for grant money along the way. Since stepping down as Chair, she has continued on the Management Committee and also continued to organise ongoing improvements and repairs around the Hall.</p> <p>Added to this, she was part of the Steering Group and Management Committee for the Village Shop, which included her effectively site managing the construction phase. For these reasons, Helen is a deserved recipient of our Good Citizen Award.</p> <p>However, she hasn't done it alone. Irving Bunt was crucial in being able to secure both portacabins for the Village Shop, one free. Together, Helen & Irv organised and contracted all the groundworks and other preparatory work prior to the installation of the cabins, service connections and fitting out of the shop. Irv personally built the decking. Overall, they probably saved the project upwards of £13000.</p> <p>Irv has also done a huge amount of work on all the Hall projects I have mentioned, together with other much unsung maintenance work e.g. climbing the roof to sort out the kitchen flooding, fixing the car park flooding problem, repairs and replacements to the playground etc.</p> <p>Together they have both done an enormous amount to improve facilities within the Village and I was therefore pleased to present them both with a joint Good Citizen Award yesterday.</p> ○ <i>Elliott Wells</i> <p>The next recipient is also away on holiday. Who knew April was such a popular time for taking a break (I say having just returned from France myself)?!</p>

	<p>Since the award was instigated a few years ago, most of the recipients have done many years' service in the community. However, our remit is broad and age, or lack of it, is not a barrier to making a telling contribution.</p> <p>Elliott Wells is a young man who is going out of his way to support and promote all things Grampound. He does much voluntary work for the Bowling Club and makes multiple contributions to the Grampound Times. His "News and Events in Grampound" Facebook page, is a vital source of information for anyone who wants to know what is going on in the Parish.</p> <p>He has also involved himself with the Heritage Committee, and is currently digitising Ron Hick's photo archive, a task which would be beyond most of us.</p> <p>As I said, most of our awards are for those who have served the Parish for a long time. Elliott is a relative newbie and his award is to say "thank you for what you have already done, and please keep it up!"</p>
04/2018	<p><u>Village Hall</u> – Mr Simon Fann</p> <p>The hall is used regularly for events such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Saturday in the month – Carnival run produce market • Third Sunday in the month – Antiques Fair • Monday - 6-8pm Guides • First Tuesday in most months – Women's Institute • Tuesday – 7.15 Pilates • First Wednesday in the month: film club 7.30 • Fourth Wednesday = Bonsai • Two Sundays a month Tae Kwon Do • Thursday - Rainbows 5.40 – 6pm; Brownies 6pm -7.30pm • Grampound Gardens <p>A record thirty-three performance were given in 2017 of film, music, comedy and drama, performed to 2,000 people (second highest annual total). Work is underway to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.</p> <p>During the year, the hot water system was replaced, and new LED lights installed.</p> <p>In the coming year work will begin on a repainting programme. The kitchen equipment will be upgraded.</p>
05/2018	<p><u>St Crida and St Nun's Church</u> – Mr Simon Fann & Cllr. Keith Jones</p> <p>Mr Fann outlined the regular services held at the two churches i.e. the Parish Church at Creed, and St Nuns in the village and gave details of the upcoming special events. The post of vicar is vacant but there are 3 applicants for the the post and interviewing will start shortly.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones explained that the two churches where both experiencing a programme of restoration and improvement.</p> <p>St Crida are presently having toilets fitted into the old school building which is located on the left-hand side of the church building. At the time of writing it has not been decided what the upper floor of the building will be used for. It is hoped that the work will be completed very soon.</p> <p>Work at St Nuns commenced in February of 2017 when a fundraising programme was put in place. The roof over the organ and the belcote have both been repaired. Further refurbishment at the church when completed will consist of the inner walls being stripped and eventually after drying out has taken place (which could take two years) re plastered and painted. The floor on the left-hand side of the building requires lifting and replacing and the pews repositioning. It is hoped that the font will be repositioned this will allow the floor to be lowered so by giving a larger area for people gathering and will also comply with Health and Safety.</p> <p>The church is hopeful that a vestibule could be fitted, this is a separate item to the present refurbishment programme as would be the kitchenette the church feel is necessary as the church expands in line with the villages requirement for additional available space.</p> <p>The total amount required is £118,000.00, Fund raising continues with finance being</p>

	<p>raised via the “Buy a Brick” campaign which is available at the village shop and also by continuing to apply for grant aid.</p> <p>Our thanks go to the Parish Council for their financial and general support and also to the Village Hall committee and Village Shop for their support.</p>
06/2018	<p><u>Women’s Institute</u> – Mrs Annette Egerton</p> <p>Grampound WI support the foodbank at St Petroc’s, Truro and made a grant to buy a defibrillator, housed at the village hall.</p> <p>Once again the members of Grampound WI have had a busy year. We have attended at least seven events organised by CFWI, including a visit to Knightor Winery and visit to the most southerly farm in the country. We have also, on a number of occasions, joined with Ladock and Sticker WIs for meetings. Other events that were organised extra to our normal monthly meetings, were a visit to Caerhayes Castle and Gardens in April. Lunch at Heligan in May, afternoon tea at The Cornwall Hotel in August, and a visit to Shelter Box headquarters in November. The highlight of the year, our Christmas lunch was held at Heligan. We also organised a mince pie and mulled wine evening in January.</p> <p>In April we had a table display at the Parish Annual Meeting to show what we do, unfortunately this meeting was not well attended. In December a Christmas tree was decorated in WI colours and President Hilary took part in the Carol Service at St Nun’s.</p> <p>In September we took part in the annual village Carnival and Fete. We had a stall again selling savouries and ran a raffle. Our float in the parade was called The Atlantis WI and we were all dressed as mermaids.</p> <p>Our monthly meetings this year consisted of a talk by Mr Rodda in April, the resolutions were discussed and debated in May, and Chris Veal spoke to us about his time as a GP in the Yorkshire Dales in June. In July we held a garden meeting at President Hilary’s. The speaker booked for September couldn’t make it so we all had a go at icing biscuits. October was given over to a Harvest Supper and in November we were entertained by the Kea Handbell Ringers, with membership participation. The December meeting was a party hosted by Vice-President Pat and in January we painted ceramic plates under the guidance of Heather Hunt. At the last meeting of the year Rev. Brian and Melva McQuillen gave us a talk about their experiences in the Falkland Islands.</p>
07/2018	<p><u>Grampound Village Store</u> – Mr Peter Wootton</p> <p>Grampound Village Store is about 1200 days old.</p> <p>It has become an established part of village life and those of us associated with it are pleased about that.</p> <p>The store and coffee shop, which operate as one business, is financially viable and has a turnover that is about 30% higher than the old Hollies shop.</p> <p>It was never the aim of the project to make large profits but we have always covered all costs, including employing a manager for 35 hours a week, and delivered a small operating profit ranging between a few hundred pounds to a few thousand pounds. Our trading-year ends on May 31st and the signs are that this year will be much the same.</p> <p>On Tuesday and Friday mornings we host a PO Outreach Service in the Coffee Shop. The service is available for 3.5 hours on each day and is well used and valued by many local people, especially those who do not have access to a private car. There have been problems with the reliability of the equipment but of the last 100 sessions when it should have been there 8 sessions have been missed. The service is provided by PO Ltd and we have no control over it; we simply make the space available.</p> <p>GVS has a loyal local customer base, for which it is grateful, but for more assured long-term viability it would need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More local people to use the shop – on the ‘snow days’ many Grampound people used the shop for the first time; our turnover almost doubled on that Thursday. If those people want GVS to be here next time it snows then they need to use it when it doesn’t snow!. ○ Those who do use the shop to try to use it for a wider range of the items they need; the shop has a very wide range of goods to suit all pockets and the manager will

	<p>always try to source any item that any customer want to buy regularly.</p> <p>In summer turnover is boosted by visitors, both those staying locally and those who see our boards out on the road ... we know also that families with children desperate for the loo are helpful to us!</p> <p>The biggest ongoing 'issue' that we have is the availability of volunteers. The manager works for 35 hours a week but we are open for 60 hours and when the CS is open we really need two people there. We have a group of fantastic and loyal volunteers and we are hugely grateful to them but having more would lighten the load. It is also the case that most of our volunteers are of a 'certain age' and some have had to drop out because of developing health problems etc.</p> <p>A second ongoing 'issue' is the size of the management committee; we currently have six active members and are soon to be joined by a seventh. More would spread the load a bit.</p> <p>A third ongoing 'issue' is rising costs. Energy costs are significant, as they get older maintenance of the cabins needs more time and money, we currently do not have to pay business rates but that could change, staff costs are going up – we now have to make contributions to a pension fund for the manager (and are pleased to do that) and these go up each year; the manager has not had a pay increase for over two years in spite of steady inflation over that time -.</p> <p>Grampound, unlike many other comparable sized villages, still has a local shop and a very good one too, but just as the community rose to the challenge of opening it in 2013-14, that same community needs to rise to the challenge of keeping it.</p>
08/2018	<p><u>Heritage Centre</u> – Mrs Liz Fisher</p> <p>A video on the Grampound Banner was shown. Mrs Fisher said it was remarkable in that a small village to produce such a Society / Banner in 1832. It was kept at The Tannery and under John Croggan's bed for 40 years. It is not possible to store the banner permanently in the Heritage Centre, as the building is unsuitable.</p> <p>The Heritage Centre is now an accredited Museum.</p> <p>The Parish Council has a 99 year lease on The Limes. A lottery bid to carry out works to the site was unsuccessful. A re-application in the near future is unlikely. The plans will need to be re-evaluated.</p> <p>The Croggan Archive material is being looked at by a group of volunteers.</p>
09/2018	<p><u>Garden Club</u> –</p> <p>Our friendly, informative garden club usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month, here in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Generally, during the winter months we have a guest speaker and in the summer months garden visits are enjoyed.</p> <p>We have a good membership with regular attendees at each meeting. I should say the club is flourishing and growing with new members being added each month.</p> <p>In 2017 we had a varied programme of speakers and events culminating in a most enjoyable Christmas social evening hosted by Geff and Penny Hodgson. The New Year calendar started with the traditional January quiz and wine evening and February's talk by Caroline Stone taught us all we needed to know about Peonies. This was followed by our AGM when our committee was re-elected.</p> <p>Our 2018 calendar continued with a talk by Charlie Pridham on the growing and pruning of Clematis and next we look forward to Carol Richards who will tell us how to have 'fun with fuchsias'. Various other talks and events include garden visits to Carwinnick, Arundel Garden at Crantock and Waye Cottage at Lerryn. Talks will be on various topics such as pruning, soil, 'incredible vegetables' and Orchids. Bookings are already being made for 2019, so a lot to look forward to.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join us for a 'taster' session, you are more than welcome to pop along to one of our regular meetings or contact one of our committee members who will be very pleased to give you more information.</p>
10/2018	<p><u>Meeting Closed</u> – 8.55pm.</p>