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Parish Rooms

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MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS

BREAGE ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr Ms C Rashleigh (Chairman)

Cllr A Best

Cllr T Coleman

Cllr Mrs P Darby

Cllr P Greenough

Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

3 Members of the Public

Cllr Rashleigh, Vice-Chairman wished everyone a good evening and explained that Cllr Keeling was defending a Planning Application for another Parish Council and should be arriving later. In the meantime she would take the Chair.

1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

2. TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ackland as he was on Pantomime business, Cllr Keeling as he was attending another meeting, Cllr Shrimpton who was on holiday, Councillor Wyvern Batt who had business commitments and the Police.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including details thereof)

a) in respect of any items on this agenda

There were none

b) in respect of gifts of a value of more than £25

There were none.

c) Members to give consideration as to whether their Register of Interest forms are fully up to date

Nothing was reported

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON 11 JANUARY 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 January 2011 be signed as a true and correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. POLICE REPORT

a) To receive and discuss any police report received and other police matters

The Clerk read out the following report:

'There were two crimes reported to the Police for the month of January.

'These consist of a case of Harassment and Criminal Damage caused to Property. Both of these crimes occurred at Praa Sands and are still under investigation.

'This compares to two reported at the same time last year.

'We have kept up our regular patrols in the area, please do not hesitate to stop any of us when seen if you have any concerns at all.'

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Listeners should note that decisions cannot be made on items not on the agenda.

Public Participation was held here from 7.04 to 7.12 p.m.

8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read out Cllr Keeling's report:

'A busy start to the new year with the usual merry go round of meetings including a full council meeting with a motion to lobby central government about the stringent cuts to the Falmouth Coastguard service. Proposed car parking charges throughout Cornwall continue to cause great concern amongst people and demonstrations have taken place in and outside New County Hall. Further to this there are significant shortfalls in the expected revenue for car park charges which are the subject of further investigation. Additionally, demonstrations were made by students from Cornwall College over reductions in the Education Maintenance Allowance. On a much lighter note I was invited onto a panel to select a shortlist of candidates for the Queen's award for voluntary service and I was humbled by the breadth and diversity of voluntary service being carried out by ordinary members of the community. The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Lady Mary Holborrow chaired the panel and assessment of the many groups up for the award was given by those present and eventually shortlisted. I look forward to the presentations later this year.

'Locally, I met up with Andy James to follow up on some of the issues brought up at the public meeting at Carleen in November; and in particular the matter of moving the speed signs further outside our villages, removing the 40mph signs between Ashton and Breage; I and the possible siting of variable speed indicators.

'The **Triangle that Became a Diamond** – I am working with the police and community network manager to deliver and fund a mobile youth community centre (in the form of a double-decker bus) to periodically visit four villages in the electoral division of Breage. This will be a welcome distraction for the many youngsters in the area and was originally Praze, Leedstown and Nancegollan (the Triangle) but I surveyed Pengersick Estate and they would like to be included (hence the Diamond shape). More details on this later.'

9. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA10/08406 - Mr N Normington - Grankim Farm, Carnmeal, Breage, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9NL

Conversion of redundant cowshed into two bedroom holiday accommodation and for use as ancillary accommodation to Grankim Farm, including replacement of existing conservatory, minor exterior alterations and related car parking. Councillors felt there to be no problems with this application as it was a very remote area. Cllr Rashleigh felt that the bat survey had been done at the wrong time of year. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved to support the application.**

PA11/00152 – Pengersick Historic & Education Trust – Pengersick Castle, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE

Felling of a beech tree

As this is a diseased tree the Clerk was asked by Cllr Greenough to enquire if it should rather be a 5-day notice rather than a planning application. **It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved to support the application.**

PA10/08161 – Mrs E Jones – Leaside, Hendra Close, Ashton, HELSTON

Extension to dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved to support the application.

PA11/00320 - Pengersick Historic & Education Trust - Pengersick Castle, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall. TR20 9SJ

Various tree works

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved to support the application.

PA11/00434 – Mr C Trerice – 3 Forth Vean, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall

Felling of 2 sycamores

b) TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 28 JANUARY 2011

PA11/00519 - Miss K Doyle - Godolphin Estate, Godolphin Cross, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9RE

Felling of one ash tree, one beech tree and one sycamore tree and crown lift of four beech trees

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved to support the application.

c) TO RECEIVE GRANTS OF CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA10/07449 - Mr & Mrs P Johns - Trewinnick Bungalow, Carnmeal, Breage, Helston, Cornwall

Construction of a single storey extension

PA10/07367 - Mr S Buckley - 1 Forth Vean, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RH

Conversion of existing domestic garage to recreational space, extensions and alterations to dwelling and inclusion of an integral garage with associated access

PA10/03098 – Rowe Farming Ltd – Agricultural Unit, Goon Rinsey farm, Fore Street, Ashton

Extension to agricultural unit to provide office, staff room and WC facilities

PA10/07759 - Mrs P Lyon - 4 Sethnoe Way, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9PE

Extension and alterations to dwelling

ADDITIONAL

PA10/05623 - Haulfryn Group Ltd, Haulfryn, Praa Sands, Praa Sands Caravan Park, Praa Sands, Penzance, Cornwall

Variation of condition 1 of 49/1660 & 54/05690 to allow 11 months of the stationing of static caravans

PA10/07006 - Mr R Edwards – Driftwood, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, Penzance, Cornwall

Construction of garage

d) TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF CONSENT TREE FELLING

PA10/07442 - Mr B Sutton – Pordenack, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, Penzance, Cornwall TR20 9SL

Coppicing of 3 Elm trees and removal of lower limbs of 2 Sycamore trees

e) To complete Planning questionnaire

Councillors gave answers to the Planning and Regeneration Service's 'Working Relationships with Local Councillors Satisfaction questionnaire' which were noted by the Clerk and which will be forwarded to Planning. A copy of the responses may be obtained from the Clerk.

10. FINANCE

a) To approve February payments

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
84	R W Beard	102872	Playing Field hedge	£40.00		£40.00
85	Colin Macleod	102875	Part Installation loft insulation 1 cut cemetery/B&G	£30.00		£30.00
86	R W Beard		greens/field	£180.00		£180.00
			Fill rabbit holes Praa Green	£250.00		£250.00
			Hedge Praa Green	£40.00		£40.00
		102876		£470.00		£470.00
87	BT	dd	Telephone	£70.23	£13.47	£83.70
88	Mr E H Hosking		Bus shelter cleaning Godolphin			
		102877	Jan-Dec 2010	£70.00		£70.00
89	Viking Direct		Inks & toner	£358.89	£71.78	£430.67
			less inks not received	-£35.07	-£7.01	-£42.08
			credit for returned ink brother	-£34.95	-£6.12	-£41.07
			inks not previously received	£35.07	£7.01	£42.08
		102878		£323.94	£65.66	£389.60
90	Stephen Babbage		Seat Churchyard/fix ladder PR/ Field inspection	£84.00		£84.00
			Path Parish Rooms	£211.00		£211.00
		102879		£295.00		£295.00
91	EDF Energy	dd	Electricity Streetlights	£673.17	£117.80	£790.97
				£1,972.34	£196.93	£2,169.27
	Mrs C L Macleod	102873	Salary January			
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	102874	PAYE	£130.80		£130.80
		102874	Employer's NI	£91.30		£91.30
				£222.10		£222.10
	Mrs C L Macleod	102880	Travel 10 mls @ 53p	£5.30		£5.30
	Mrs C L Macleod	102881	Petty Cash reimbursement	£44.55	£7.10	£51.65
	R Treloar	102882	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00

£2,269.29 £204.03 £2,473.32

Cllr Greenough confirmed that he had checked the payments. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that the payments as shown above be passed for payment.**

The Clerk asked that the final cheque number 102883 be amended to read 10882.

b) To acknowledge receipts

Admin: £3; LMP: £338.92, plus an additional Admin receipt of £2.50.

c) Clerk to provide Bank balances

As at 31 January 2011: Current: £9,144.83 NB further adjustment for transactions not on statement £9,105.33; Tracker £13,040.48; Petty cash £48.35

11. FOOTPATHS

- a) Footpath Location boards Praa Sands
Cllr Darby reported that a meeting had been held with Colin Bayes, Countryside Officer. She reminded Council that three information boards at Praa Sands had been taken down by the Parish Council after complaints from a Parishioner that one of the paths was incorrectly shown on the board. It had now been looked into and more than one path has been incorrectly shown on the old boards. Haulfryn have offered to sponsor new boards and would like them in place by Easter. Everything will be thoroughly checked before then. Colin Bayes is drawing up new boards and they will be fixed at almost the same positions as before. However, an anomaly was raised, that when looking out to sea and looking at the boards the information appears back to front. The boards would probably therefore be turned through 90 degrees. Cllr Darby hoped that the Council would agree that this is too good an opportunity to miss.
- b) Troon Row
The Clerk reported that she had received the following information from Colin Bayes: 'The work instruction is still on the Cormac work programme for the end of January/early February of this financial year and funds have not been pulled yet, so I'm not going to rule this one out from being completed.'

12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Rashleigh reported that there is a large pot hole at the top of Shute Hill, Breage near the Old Mortuary. Someone has filled it with grit but this has made it worse.
Cllr Coleman reported that there is a pot hole opposite the Cornwall Motel, Ashton before the Tresowes turning. The Clerk was asked to report the holes but comment was made that repair work is usually carried out more speedily if a member of the public makes the report.

13. STREET LIGHTING

- a) The Clerk had requested that SEC proceed with the agreed maintenance work and had received confirmation as follows from Jeremy White: 'Following my site visit today I can confirm we will be replacing pole bracket 027BA with similar because there is no room to install a column on the adopted highway. So there will be no extra cost.'
- b) Cllr Rashleigh had reported that Streetlight B068 had been on all the time since the recent power cut. The Clerk has reported this to Cornwall Council as it is one of its lights.

14. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

There was nothing to report.

15. PRAA SANDS

Cornwall Council Public Convenience Review: To discuss and to offer an opinion on how the public conveniences in Breage Parish could be managed differently and how efficiencies might be made.

Mrs Board had raised some ideas during Public participation. It was generally felt by Councillors that the Parish Council could not afford to take the Praa Sands conveniences on. It was wondered if Cornwall Council repaired all defects and put them in good order a grant to maintain for three years might be possible. However, the running costs and the Clerk's time would be quite a burden and someone would need to be paid to open and close the conveniences. It was wondered if refunded payments from Cornwall Council like the LMP payments would be a possibility. Whatever is eventually decided the Council very strongly felt that the conveniences should not be closed. The Clerk had tried to obtain some costings for the previous year from James Ortiz, Cornwall Council but these had not arrived in time for the meeting. She will try again.

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved to postpone any comment or decisions until the meeting on 1 March when the Clerk will have had time to obtain the costings.

16. PARISH ROOMS

Report on loft insulation and woodworm

Following the agreement for the Clerk to purchase loft insulation for the Parish Rooms the allocation Members of The Accounts Team had agreed that £50 could be spent on installing the insulation and Colin Macleod had been asked, by Cllr Shrimpton to do this work. When the work was in progress, live woodworm infestation was found to be in the beams in the loft space and the installation work therefore had to cease. The Clerk arranged for 3 contractors to call to inspect the area and give quotations for the necessary work. This will be discussed in closed session. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that the payment to Colin Macleod be increased from £50 to £70 because of the interruption to his work schedule caused by the woodworm problem and the additional time needed for the insulation work.**

17. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk has written a letter of thanks to Mr Hosking re: bus shelter cleaning Godolphin.
- b) The Clerk will be meeting with Cllr Shrimpton when he returns from holiday to deal with her job description/contract details.

c) With regard to the Clerk's hours of availability to the public being reduced to 2 one hour sessions a week and by appointment only, the Clerk wishes for these two hours to be on Thursdays from 11a.m. – 12 noon and Fridays from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. She will remove all other times from the website. A Councillor will need to be present at any such appointment.

18. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Breage Playing Field

To receive Breage Playing Field January inspection report

The Handyman had carried out an inspection of the field and Councillors had been provided with copies of his report. The Clerk had also sent a copy of the report to Jane Ratcliffe, the Playing Field Committee Secretary. Cllr Rashleigh noted the work that needs to be done: the rusty Basketball post and the broken planter, that had been previously reported and the perished swings and said that the Committee would get Stephen Babbage to do the work. Also reported was severe flooding in the swings and goal area. This is probably because of the exceptionally heavy rain of late. Cllr Best suggested over-seeding the area and Cllr Coleman said that covering the wet area in sawdust and picking it up straight away also worked.

Cllr Rashleigh mentioned the knotweed problem that still has not been sorted.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Greenough reported that a meeting had been held and that there was going to be an information morning on Saturday 5 March that would coincide with the Flea Market. The public would be able to bring personal items for UV marking by the Police.

Cllr Greenough said that the Government have announced a website where one's postcode can be entered and the number of crimes in that postcode area would be shown. He felt that this is a step in the right direction and hoped that funding would continue.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there will be a Flea Market on Saturday 5 February. The Pantomime is on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th February at 7.30 p.m. and on Saturday 26th February at 2.30 p.m. Cllr Darby felt that if the previous ones are anything to go by it will be very entertaining.

Cllr Greenstreet reported that there is BT wiring on the ground in Herland Road, Godolphin.

Cllr Rashleigh asked that the damaged pathway outside Willavean, Breage be reported again as it was getting more uneven and more dangerous. She also asked about the additional post that was to be fixed on the footway at Troon Row.

Cllr Best said that if this was done he would be unable to get his vehicle there to enable him to put up the Christmas lights.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

CALC – The Week Issue 25

Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2011

Community Network panel – Summary of discussions & action points Transport meeting 14 July 2010 and Agenda 19 January 2011

Cornwall Community Foundation – Active at 60 grant guidelines

Home Start Kernow –request for a grant

LAIS – updates

Spinal Injuries Association – asking permission to advertise Fish & Chip supper on notice board and website

It was agreed that, as in past years, this could be put on the website and notice board.

Community Network panel – monthly update

CC – Revised procedure for public speaking at Planning Committees

CC – West sub-area Planning Committee – agenda 1 February 2011 5.00 p.m. St John's Hall Building Penzance

Environment Agency – Community Flood Planning Flood Link newsletter

ROSPA – Playground inspection reminder/new services for work required, free quotations

Marie Curie – request for donation to fund a shift nurse/What's on diary

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill – asking Council to express its views

Comment was made that to move forward in the right direction elected people needed to run the Police Force. It was noted that the new Commissioner was not elected. Councillors were happy that this should be sent through as a comment.

To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published

None had been received.

20. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Public Conveniences; Way forward for Affordable Homes; Cornwall Council Waste Collection Consultation

21. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2011 7.00 p.m.

This was confirmed.

22. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the agenda items below be discussed, due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1, schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the agenda items below be discussed, due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1, schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

23. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR WOODWORM TREATMENT PARISH ROOMS

To resolve to accept a quote for woodworm treatment, loft space Parish Rooms

Three quotations had been obtained. These had been circulated to Councillors who now agreed that the quote from West Cornwall Timber Treatment should be accepted. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the quote from West Cornwall Timber Treatment for £425 be accepted.** The accepted quotation included the lifting and replacing of the loft insulation and the spraying of **all** woodwork in the roof space.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

At 7.04 p.m. the Chairman invited members of the public to put forward any concerns they had, or issues they wished to make known to the Parish Council, in regard to any items on the agenda.

Mr Rayment asked that waste bin damage be reported to Cornwall Council. The bottoms of both waste bins in Pengersick Lane are missing and the bin on the junction of Chy an Dour Road and Castle Drive, Praa Sands has completely disappeared. He also reported that a path has been formed by people walking dogs near the hotel steps, Praa Sands beach. He is concerned that this is damaging the marram grass and asked that it be reported.

He had heard on Radio Cornwall on Thursday morning that there was to be a 40% cut in funding from Cornwall Council to homeless/woman's refuge type organisations whilst Cornwall Council's allocated funding for this type of work had been increased. He asked that the Cornwall Councillor be asked about this.

Mrs Board had already written to the Council about item 15. PRAA SANDS, Cornwall Council Public Convenience Review. She now read the following:

'Management and Efficiencies

'A newspaper article 2002 stated: no statutory requirement for councils to provide toilets – a need of a proper Act of Parliament making it mandatory. This has not happened.

'Cornwall Council is strapped for cash and toilets and rubbish collections are under review.

'The Parish Council's finance is such that precepts ensure that liabilities are met – on a shoe string budget with no debts.

'Thus, Breage Parish Council will analyse any commitment to assist Cornwall Council.

'I make comment as over the years on occasions I have assisted Kerrier by informing it when incidents needed attention to maintain the hygiene standards of the facilities and I have also rendered practical assistance on occasion.

Helston RDC recognised the need for Public Conveniences in 1927, consulted Breage Parish Council and resolved that the Parish benefit from the penny-in-the-slot that lasted awhile.

'Over the years there has been rebuild and refurbishment – the last, recently – with an electrically controlled hand-wash machine, which is in the Ladies'. This has not worked since early Summer. The electricity monitors the Men's urinal and the cesspool adjacent. As all water flows into it there is frequent emptying done by a Contractor. Incidents occur necessitating the work of plumbers, electricians.

'Can you see cost cutting in respect of the above?

'Daily running: A cleaner and a person to lock and unlock the main doors. There are difficulties in hiring such persons locally.

'The jobs only require a few minutes in the day but are valuable to the benefit of the Coast Path, beach and Green users.

'The desirability is: open during daylight hours, all year round.

'Advertising locally for such a person may save employing a Contractor from a distance – but not financially.

'We now look at the person in overall charge:

The Parish Clerk is the paid officer and this would be an additional duty. Therefore – a pay review.

'On the surface: it looks as if the saving would be that paid to the Clerk who may not be desirous of attention to out-of-hours requirements!

'Praa Sands: the beach is owned by Cornwall Council: it is an all year attraction; the sea, etc.

'The revenue from businesses is a balance in the Cornwall Council revenue.

'A failure to keep the toilets available would be disastrous locally. Sadly I cannot point to areas where savings can be made: to me it has seemed to have all been kept basic over the years.'

Public Participation ended at 7.12 p.m.