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MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS

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

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)

Cllr A Best

Cllr T Coleman

Cllr Mrs P Darby

Cllr P Greenough

Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet

Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

Cllr P Shrimpton

PCSO Ceri Sadler

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

6 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished them a good evening. He apologised for the slightly delayed start.

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 his wife was unwell and Cllr Wyvern Batt whose dogs had gone missing.

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

Both Cllr Keeling and Cllr Coleman declared personal and prejudicial interest in item 9a) Planning, PA11/01094, Cllr Keeling as he is a next-door-neighbour and Cllr Coleman as he has Ashton Village Committee connections.

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 1 FEBRUARY 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenough and resolved with one abstention, as the Councillor had not attended the meeting, that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 February 2011 be signed as a true and correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman commented on the success of the Carleen Pantomime.

6. POLICE REPORT

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

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Sadler and she gave the following report:

There have been 6 crimes reported to the Police for the month of February.

These consist of a Theft of gas bottles and Criminal Damage to electrical cables in Ashton of which the latter has been detected. There was a Burglary to a shed in Breage where gas bottles were taken. There was a Burglary in Polladras where some garden equipment was taken. There was an Assault in Praa Sands for which an offender has been identified.

This compares to 4 crimes reported at the same time last year.

Thefts of heating oil are still on the increase and I would encourage everyone to take steps to secure their tanks. So far the vast majority of thefts have been from insecure oil tanks. In adjoining parishes there has been a rise in rural thefts

so could we please stress to make sure that all belongings are secure and that shed and barn doors, etc. are locked? If you believe that anyone is acting suspiciously please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are holding our Police Surgery at Trevena Cross Nurseries on Monday 14 March between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Please come along and discuss any concerns you may have.

The Chairman asked for questions. One of the Councillors felt that even if oil tanks were locked the locks would be drilled. PCSO Sadler was asked if anyone had been caught. They had not.

PCSO Ceri was thanked by the Chairman and she left the meeting.

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 7.11 to 7.20 p.m.

8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

'Full Cornwall Council convened on the 15th February to set the council tax and net revenue budget for 2011/2012 and it was resolved to set a budget of £460.048 million and that a zero increase in council tax and a band D council tax of £1,244.41 be approved. It is envisaged that council tax will be frozen for 2012/13. The budget debate continued well into the afternoon with much angst around the supporting people grant within the Adults Directorate. The problem remains that the actual settlement this year is very different to the previous funding regime in that all existing specific grants have either gone, though some core grants remain, or rolled into the main formula grant. This makes comparisons with original assumptions and previous years not simple and can only be looked at when adding all the various Central Government funding streams together. The Council correctly, like all others, previously treated specific grants as income and they did not form part of the net budget. That is no longer the case and they have now been tipped into the formula grant and form part of the net budget. The scale of reduction in Government funding has resulted in the authority receiving a £53.7 million (-16.4%) reduction in funding for 2011/12.

'Supporting People is not wholly centered round the publicized "rough sleepers" agenda and it is not simply a case of restoring the reported 40% reduction in grant funding. Also the question remains of where we would take the money from to achieve this; bearing in mind that Supporting People delivers a range of housing related support services across Cornwall to the most vulnerable people. A point to remember is that a 40% reduction in funding does not mean a 40% reduction in service. There is a judgment here about how to achieve long term improvements based on value and not just cost.

'There was a lot of debate round the council's reserves being used. But the level of risk from possible increases in inflation and not achieving the levels of savings required makes it absolutely necessary that a reasonable level of reserves are provided to deal with the risks contained within the budget.

'There is a piece of work going on, with regards to Supporting People, to provide an Equality Impact Assessment and a sector review to assess the inequality of payments across Cornwall; and all Cornwall Councillors will be receiving a briefing on the results to ascertain the level of service provision to safeguard vulnerable people.

'I have been moved by the demonstrations of support for the Supporting Peoples Services; but I am confident that the Supporting People Team is able to continue to provide a satisfactory level of service across Cornwall and furthermore there is a legal requirement to ensure that vulnerable people are cared for and it is not the intention of Cornwall Councillors to let any people down or suffer.

'Changes to the NHS

'Another matter debated this month was "Liberating the NHS" or the reform of the NHS and subsequent proposals. Essentially, it is proposed that once the Primary Care Trust is dissolved the professional accountability will become the responsibility of a consortium of General Practitioners; Cornwall Council will have the democratic accountability and a "Well Being Board" and Local Healthwatch to replace Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) set up. This is a proposed new approach: bringing together PCTs' public health functions with the wider remit of the council in areas such as housing, transport and leisure presents real opportunities to take a holistic approach to tackling health issues, such as obesity, smoking, alcohol and low levels of physical activity.

'Localism

'The Localism Bill seeks to change several areas of local government legislation, not just the ethical standards regime, receiving its first reading in the House of Commons on 13th December 2010 and due to receive its second reading on 17th January 2011. From here it will move onto the Commons Committee stage which could take several months to complete. One of the key areas of the Bill is stated as; "Abolishing the Standards Regime and the model code of conduct and introducing local accountability and a criminal offence for deliberate failure to declare a personal interest in a matter.

'I welcome the demise of the Standards Board. The Board has in the past successfully prevented many councillors, including myself, from representing those members of their community at times when it were probably needed the most to ensure democratic accountability and clarity. However, the Bill states that local authorities may withdraw its existing code of conduct without replacing it and given the penalties for failing to declare interests; I have grave concerns about operating without sensible and robust ethical governance arrangements in place.

'At Parish Council level the clerks could find themselves acting as Monitoring and Investigating Officers for any breaches of the code; that is if the Parish Council adopts a code.

‘Furthermore, the Bill requires that a relevant authority is required to promote and maintain high standards of public life but gives very little “Teeth” to an authority to maintain this standard.

‘Additionally, there are no such powers to deal with members who bully, are rude, disclose confidential information or bring their office or authority into disrepute. I think that this matter needs to be thought out properly and a clearly publicized National model of standards expected in all aspects of behaviour by persons involved in local government at all levels; and should be at the heart of any system of governance.

‘Traffic Issues.

‘I continue to address the very real issue of speeding and road safety in the area, with a visit to Townshend following the awful accident there recently. I had an opportunity to talk to local people over lunch in the village hall and will be taking their very valid comments to the Regional Highways Manager this month. I am working on the placement of semi-permanent speed visors in Leedstown, Townshend and strategically on the A394. The speed limit signs need to be realigned with the expansion of villages and the anomaly of 30mph to 40mph then 30mph between Ashton and Breage will be resolved following a Road Traffic Order(RTO).

‘There are more and more pot holes appearing on our roads and I have noticed them on the A394 and yesterday I drove over one on the road to Godolphin from Balwest (near Granny Polly Lane). There is a **POTHOLE HOTLINE: 0300 1234222** and I have reports that once reported work is carried out to repair them directly or even faster. Please try the service and get back to me with any comments.’

9. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA10/07567 – Mr Steve Whittingham – Riverside Bungalow, Noonvares Lane, Townshend, HAYLE TR27 6AS

Demolition of mundic block bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling with double garage

Although this application had been invalidated by the planning officer and Councillors had been advised that there are some errors within the submitted plans, the planning officer was happy for Councillors to consider the application.

The application may be re-registered and Council may be re-consulted.

Comments were made that the building needs replacement and that it should be knocked down and a new one built.

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

Cllr Keeling and Coleman left the meeting at this point and did not vote on the following application.

PA11/01094 - Mr R Spall - 2 Fore Street, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RN

Two storey extension, porch extension and alterations to dwelling

It was noted that parking space was to be provided at the rear of the building. It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved by the Councillors present to support the application.

b) TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2011

PA11/00839 – A Michaelis - Little Cottage, Sea Meads, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9TA

Construction of replacement dwelling

Council had previously seen a pre-planning application. The only concern was heavy-construction machinery being used near the edge of the property. Cllr Coleman had looked into the applicants previous work and said that it is obvious that he knows all about erosion problems. Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern over the closeness to the coastal path.

The Clerk had received an expression of concern from a neighbour in regard to the size of the proposed development and that the development would be nearer to the edge than the current property. The applicant had arranged a meeting with two of the neighbours to discuss and look into such matters.

A feeling of support for the application was expressed. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Best and resolved with one abstention to support the application.**

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

PA10/05608 - Mr R Walker - Breakers, Penwerris Rise, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall

Construction of dwelling & associated works

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

Extension to dwelling

PA11/00152 - Pengersick Castle, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall

Various tree works

PA10/07267 - Mr Andrew Banner - Godolphin House & Gardens, East Range, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall

Retention and completion of works for the re-slating of East Range and removal of 2 extensions

PA10/08392 - Mr & Mrs Robinson - Sunny Cottage, Rinsey Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Construction of conservatory

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

Construction of garage

PA10/08562 - Mrs A Nye - Trevurvas Wollas, Trevurvas Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Extension to dwelling and alterations to utility room

PA10/08234 - Mr I Richmond - Holly Cottage, Prospect Row, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Construction of 1st floor extension

d) TO RECEIVE LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA10/08559 - Mrs A Nye - Trevurvas Wollas, Trevurvas Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Listed Building Consent for the extension to dwelling and alterations to utility room

10. FINANCE**a) To resolve to approve payment of £39.00, fee for Cllr Shrimpton's attendance at CALC conference/AGM**

Cllr Shrimpton was thanked for attending the conference. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved to approve payment of the fee for Cllr Shrimpton's attendance at CALC conference/AGM.

b) To resolve to approve March payments

Cllr Shrimpton confirmed that he had checked the payments.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
	West Cornwall Timber		Woodworm treatment loft			
92	Treatment	102883	area	£425.00		£425.00
93	Colin Macleod	102884	Completion loft insulation	£40.00		£40.00
94	Cornwall Association of Local Councils		Delegate fee Annual Conference	£32.50	£6.50	£39.00
95	BT	dd	Internet 3 months	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
96	R W Beard	102888	1 cut cemetery/B&G greens/field	£180.00		£180.00
				£722.50	£15.50	£738.00
		102885	Salary February			
	Mrs C L Macleod	102886	PAYE	£118.60		£118.60
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	102886	Employer's NI	£83.42		£83.42
				£202.02		£202.02
	Mrs C L Macleod	102889	Travel 23.5 mls @ 53p parking	£12.45		£12.45
				£0.50		£0.50
				£12.95		£12.95
	Mrs C L Macleod	102890	Petty Cash reimbursement	£31.44	-£0.23	£31.21
	R Treloar	102891	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
				£993.91	£15.27	£1,009.18

It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the payments as listed above be passed for payment.

c) To acknowledge receipts

The following receipts were acknowledged: Cemetery fees £175; Admin £1.50 plus a further £2.00

d) Clerk to provide Bank balances

e) The Clerk apologised because she had been unable to obtain the balances on line. She will try again tomorrow and will send the information through to Councillors and include it on the minutes.

Balances as at 28 February 2011- Current adjusted to include unrepresented cheques and direct debits: £5,510.15;

Tracker: £18,550.53; Petty cash: £68.79.

11. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Darby reported that the potholes in Troon Row have been filled.

Cllrs Coleman and Darby, together with Colin Bayes have worked out the correct footpath information for the new information boards. This will consist of 2 walks to the east and west, one shorter and one longer – follow the red arrows. Not all the route will be right-of-way paths. There will be some parts making use of tracks, etc. to enable the walks to be circular. The three went on the west side walk on a very windy, wet and muddy day. Colin Bayes will now link up with Haulfryns and keep the Parish council in the loop. Cllr Darby said that it had been hoped to erect the signs for Easter but it would probably now be just after.

An e-mail had been received from a gentleman whose wife had recently died at a young age. They had regularly visited and stayed in the Parish. One of their favourite walks was from Porthleven past the mines at Trewavas and he asks if it would be possible to lay a memorial stone on the path. Cllr Darby has contacted Colin Bayes about this. The path is in Breage Parish but it is the coastal path and comes under the jurisdiction of Cornwall Council.

There is an LMP claim to make. The money remaining amounts to £268.40 but Cllr Darby informed Council that Colin Bayes has said that he will ensure full payment for the signpost work done by Breage's contractor. **It was proposed by Cllr Darby, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the Clerk make a claim for the full LMP payment.**

12. HIGHWAYS

a) Correspondence received re: Nameplate Pellor Road Breage

Cllr Shrimpton explained that the Clerk had received correspondence from Cornwall Council about the re-siting of the Pellor Road nameplate at present outside the old fire station in Breage. It had been suggested that the plate be re-sited at the cross road between Water Lane and the minor road to Breage. The Clerk had contacted Cllr Shrimpton about this as he lives in Pellor Road. He contacted Mr McPherson saying that if situated there it would have little meaning to visitors, deliveries etc. Cllr Shrimpton felt that it would be more effective to place it in the area of the 30 mph / de restriction signs situated on the northern point of the road to/from Carleen into/out of Breage as this would assist people coming into the village from that point. A reply is awaited from Mr McPherson. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that Cllr Shrimpton be given delegated power to agree the siting of the Pellor Road sign with Mr McPherson.**

b) Report of damage to verge next to St Breaca Close

Cllr Rashleigh reported that Highways vehicles, a truck and a tractor/digger with a scoop had recently been scraping debris from the edges of the road past St Breaca Close in Breage. Later the tractor/digger was seen parked on the verge leading from St Breaca Close. The verge was checked and found to have wide tyre ruts in it. About two years ago this happened before, when Rok vehicles had parked there whilst working at St Breaca Close and after prolonged dialogue with the Rok aftercare team leader was eventually dug up, repaired and reseeded by Rok. This work was completed in March last year to the relief of residents and the Parish Council. Cllr Rashleigh found it most disappointing to find that after all the hard work to get the area back to normal it has now been spoiled again.

The Clerk had contacted Highways to see if a repair is possible and to see if they would refrain from parking heavy vehicles on the verge. She had not yet received a reply. Cllr Keeling reminded council that the verge does belong to Cornwall Council.

13. STREET LIGHTING

a) To decide action to take over Streetlight sprayed with silver paint Godolphin

The Clerk has been given the number of the light and has identified that it is a Cornwall Council light. She has passed the information to Cornwall Council.

14. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

To consider possibility/price of a memorial: flat stone length of grave sunk into grass

As kerb stones are no longer permitted past row 17 in the Cemetery a request has been received for permission for a flat stone the length and width of a grave to be sunk into the ground on a grave so that it does not interfere with grass cutting equipment. The gentleman who has requested this has seen such stones in another cemetery and was very impressed with how they looked. Cllr Shrimpton reported that he had yesterday inspected the Cemetery with the Clerk and had considered the layout and mix and was favourable for the request. **It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that permission for flat stones, the length and width of the graves, that are sunk below the grass level should be permitted in Breage Parish Cemetery and that a cost for such stones be agreed at the April meeting of the Council when Cemetery fees are to be reviewed.**

15. PRAA SANDS

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

Council felt that it appears that Cornwall Council is trying to devolve services to Parish Councils and stated that Breage Parish Council could in no way afford to take on the responsibility of Public Conveniences. The Clerk had been given a very loose running cost figure of £15,618 based on Kerrier's figures 08/09.

However, it was also agreed that Praa Sands needs the conveniences and that it is imperative that they be kept. The Council suggested without prejudice that Cornwall Council might consider a business plan between themselves, the businesses at Praa Sands and possibly the Parish Council. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that the suggestion without prejudice, that Cornwall Council might consider a business plan between themselves, the businesses at Praa Sands and possibly the Parish Council, be put to Cornwall Council.**

16. CORNWALL COUNCIL WASTE COLLECTION CONSULTATION

To consider the above

The Chairman had spoken to Julian German and it is envisaged that 2 options, numbered 2 and 8, (from the original 12 discussed by Cabinet), will be sent to every household in Cornwall with their Council Tax bills to enable householders to choose which option they prefer. This consultation will close at the end of May and there will be a Cabinet decision in July to be initiated in May 2012. Councillors were happy that everyone was to be consulted and agreed that the matter be taken no further at this time.

17. AFFORDABLE HOMES

To discuss the way forward

Cllr Greenough explained that the Parish Council had that evening been in consultation with Jody Jeffrey and Mark Broomhead from Cornwall Council to look at the way forward for the preferred sites. Approximate house numbers had now been outlined and these would be forwarded to landowners and social landlords who would be asked to provide their suggested proposals for their sites to accommodate the approximate numbers. These suggested proposals would then be presented at public meetings in Praa Sands Community Centre and Carleen and Breage Village Halls so that public opinion may be expressed.

18. CALC

a) CONFERENCE/AGM

To receive report from Cllr Shrimpton

Cllr Shrimpton attended the CALC Conference/AGM on 19 February and elected to speak 'in general terms':

There were 70 local Councillors and Clerks present and 2 visiting speakers.

1. Sarah Newton, the Truro/Falmouth MP spoke very well about her understanding of localism and the Big Society. She appeared to understand that one of the big concerns on the issue of moving powers and rights to the community is cost.
2. Claire Mullin, a Parliamentary Outreach Officer gave a presentation on Influencing Parliament and Policy. This was quite a detailed presentation on

- Make up of Parliament
- What parliament does
- The Government
- Houses of Commons and Lords
- The work of an MP
- How a bill becomes Law

It was interesting and informative but questionable on the need for this actual presentation.

This was followed by the Annual General Meeting of Cornwall Association of Local Councils and presentation of Quality Status awards. I had not realised that I was a voting member. I did not know what the Parish Council thought about matters. There had been little discussion of the agenda.

There followed 3 workshops and we had time to visit two of them.

Sadly, one of them, Disability Planning and Access was cancelled at the last minute. This one was my particular interest and I was very disappointed.

Another workshop was Environmental Crime and Dog Fouling. Environmental Crime was discussed for about five minutes and the rest of the time was concentrated on Dog Fouling, Dog Control Order and Fixed Penalty Notices. There is only one person who could issued FPNs and that is the Clerk.

The third workshop was Management of Village Halls.

I attended the replacement session which became a New Legislation Briefing, given by Sarah Mason. A lot went over my head as it was in 'speak'. It was a tight schedule and there appeared to be too much in it. The subject issues that I picked up from this were:

1. Decentralisation and Localism Bill
2. Data Transparency – Recommended Code of Practice
3. Audit Regulations
4. Employment Law

Matters from these issues that will affect the Parish Council:

1. A Code of Conduct – There will need to be a Monitoring Officer and Investigation Office
2. Transparency - Described as a publishing nightmare. Queries may not come from local people but from people from anywhere.
3. As an Employer the Parish Council will have to offer openings to a pension scheme.

I managed to network a little.

The final session was: A Safeguarding Toolkit

This related to children and vulnerable people. I have left a message with the Localism Team to clarify some points to see if the Parish Council needs to fit in to this because of children in the Playing Field.

In summary:

It was an informative day. I was not sure of my role in the CALC conference. I recommend that the agenda is fully discussed before someone attends next year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Shrimpton for attending and for his report. He said that the benefit of such occasions is meeting with others and talking to them. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved to receive Cllr Shrimpton's report.**

b) CONSULTATION ON PUBLICATION OF DATA

To provide Council's views on the intended proposals

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that Breage Parish Council is happy with its handling of publication of data and that he has no views to provide.

c) CONSULTATION THE PUBLIC FOREST ESTATE

To provide answers to the consultation questionnaire

As Government has now suspended the sale of public forests this matter was not discussed.

19. FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

a) To receive information on availability, times and cost of training

Fire Crest hold training days on the last Wednesday of each month at their Pool premises, Redruth. The cost would be £85 per person plus VAT. It is a day's training from 10.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The training will be certificated.

b) To decide if Clerk and Fire Councillors should attend this training

As there is funding for this in the training budget, **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Shrimpton and Wyvern Batt as Fire Councillor and Deputy and the Clerk attend a Fire Extinguisher Training session with Fire Crest.**

20. ANNUAL REPORT

To discuss distribution of Annual Report

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the distribution of the Annual Report should be the same as the previous year: on the website, in the Post Offices and Church.

21. CORNWALL COUNCIL

Planning Future Cornwall Core Strategy – options consultation paper comments by 28 April

Councillors were asked by the Chairman to ensure that they read the two booklets and to come to the next meeting with comments.

22. REPORT FROM CLERK

a) The woodworm treatment was carried out on Wednesday 9th February. The Clerk had had to vacate for a while. The smell was not too bad after completion though quite strong in the toilet room as there is a vent through to the loft area.

b) The loft insulation was completed on Thursday 10th February. The woodworm treatment smell was very strong in the office once the loft hatch was opened. All the available insulation was installed. The heater wiring was lifted to the top of the insulation so that it does not overheat.

c) It has been too wet to install the new outside light but this will hopefully be done by the end of this week.

d) Re: the 'Cornish Identity - Good for Business' Conference on Saturday. No Councillors had been able to attend but Sarah Tresidder did and kindly reported back to the Clerk. Councillors have received a copy of Sarah's report and if anyone would like a copy they are available.

Councillors were very grateful to Sarah for providing the information. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Sarah Tresidder.**

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

Cllr Greenough reported that a Neighbourhood Watch session would be held on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Godolphin Fete would be held on 23 July 2011 in the grounds of Godolphin House.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there will be a Flea Market on Saturday and a Quiz on 19th March. On 20th March there is a Band Concert and a Carne to Cove production of The Lion Tamer on 26th March.

Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the Basketball post has been treated and Steve Babbage is to remove the broken planter. The Committee is in the process of ordering matting.

Knotweed problem – It had been suggested to Jane Ratcliffe by Adam Chell, Cornwall Council that the grounds maintenance person, if they have the necessary skills and qualifications undertake the spraying of the Knotweed. Adam Chell would be happy to advise. The Field Committee would be happy to help fund as it feels that the structure of the field is in jeopardy. The Clerk was asked to look into this.

Cllr Rashleigh had attended a Planning training event. The speakers were poor but the information was very good.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that Troon Row repairs have been carried out but a wall of mud has been left. This has been reported to Colin Bayes.

Cllr Greenstreet had also attended the Planning Training and agreed with Cllr Rashleigh's comments. She had contacted Cornwall Council to obtain copies of the literature.

She expressed concern that the amount of stones at the rear of Godolphin Cemetery is increasing. It was felt that the land was held by the owners of the Old Vicarage. The Chairman agreed to meet with Cllr Greenstreet to look at the area.

Cllr Coleman had reported potholes and they were filled the next day.

The Chairman has a pothole line and will pass the details on to the Clerk.

Cllr Coleman expressed concern over a car parked on the pavement in Fore Street. The Chairman advised that it is necessary to obtain the registration number and report the matter to PCSO Ceri Sadler.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

CALC – The Week Issue 26 that includes: Briefing on Localism/Code of recommended practice on data transparency/
Abolition of the default retirement age/The public forest estate
EDF – Upgrading of account – manage on-line
Big Picture Promotions – Royal Wedding cups for children in the Parish
CC – Planning Future Cornwall Core Strategy – options consultation paper comments by 28 April
Andrew George MP – Casework surgeries
Mrs Board – Public Toilets Praa Sands
Thanks were expressed for Mrs Board's input.
CC – West Sub-Area Planning Committee Agenda 22 February 2011
CALC – The Week Issue 27 that includes: CALC Conference/ Bulk waste/Forestry Commission/Scambuster/HMRC guidance
CALC – LAIS briefing on Revision and consolidation of the Accounts and Audit Regulations
CC – Town & Parish Council Newsletter Edition 20
CC – Library opening hours
Adam Killeya – Census Day
Helston & Lizard Community Network – Relay for Life 9/10 July Mullion School
The Chairman would like to get a team together to do this relay. It was agreed to be a good idea.
To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published
Audit Commission – The future of local audit: issues for consideration
CC Planning Policy – Housing growth by Parish 1991 – 2010
Clerks and Councils Direct March 2011-03-17 Fields in Trust – Protection of Playing Fields. Prince William initiated.
Fairtrade Tasting – Thursday 10 March, 7.00 p.m. at Helston Methodist Church
Community Network Panel meeting – Wednesday 16 March in the Music Block, Helston Community College, 7-9 p.m.
Subject - Local Needs Housing
Audit Commission – Appointment of Auditor – Jackie Bellard. There were no objections to this. New contact details.
CC – Waste service recycling banks at supermarkets. Sainsbury is no longer continuing with recycling provision on its premises. The Clerk was asked to make the Parish Council's displeasure over this known to Cornwall council and to Sainsbury.

25. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Relay Mullion School

26. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

This was confirmed.

27. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough 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

28. REVIEW OF INSURANCE POLICY

To discuss and consider quotes for renewal of insurance policy

Two quotes had been received from Zurich Insurance and from Aviva via came and Company Parish Council Insurance.

Came and Company had been recommended by other Parish Councils and by CALC.

Both firms cover was very similar but if a three-year cover were taken Zurich's quote for 2011/2012 was £1,441.51 and Aviva/Came and Company's quote was £1,012.57.

Aviva/Came and Company were felt to be of very good value and any worries could be brought to their attention during the three years. Council also felt that it should be prudent with the public's money.

It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the three-year agreement with Aviva/Care and Company Parish Council Insurance be accepted.

29. CEMETERY INTERMENT RECORDS APRIL 2007

The Clerk shared her discovery of some errors in the ledger records that she will correct as facts become available.

30. CORNWALL MOTEL

To consider Mr Alton's request for a meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that the Parish Council should not meet with Mr Alton but that he should be referred to Cornwall Council as Planning Permission has been conditionally approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

At 7.11 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 Sharp was concerned about information regarding Affordable Housing that had not yet been put on the Cornwall Council website despite assurances from Jody Jeffrey that it would be. Mr Sharp was told that at the meeting tonight the Parish Council had been told that it would be on the website this week. There is to be a full public consultation very soon. Mrs Board commented: *'This meeting is the third in a row that there is addition to the advertised agenda: Planning. I refer to applications submitted to the Clerk after the agenda is published but before noon on the Friday before the meeting.'*

'At the meeting could there be a reference between item 4 and 5?

'Public may be unaware but have interest and might like to comment.'

'This month: PA10/0014/LU Little Cottage, Sea Meads, Praa Sands. I have had a quick look.'

'The existing site layout plan and proposed site layout plan – the scale does not correspond exactly between them.'

'The proposal: to demolish existing dwelling, to erect new dwelling further south than the existing footings excepting the north-east extension.'

'Nearer the cliff edge: lovely views, facing south: idyllic.'

'A pity about EROSION; the time: when on the edge: and that appears open to question: WHEN?'

'Obviously is a considered risk.'

'The north boundary wall by the highway is near collapse: the long gap at base by the road: widens.'

'A pity: holiday accommodation and not a home.'

The Chairman thanked Mrs Board for her comments and for her other letter – see correspondence.

Mrs Anthony wished to update the Parish Council on planning application PA10/05577 (Sea Acres, Praa Sands).

'You may recall that at the Parish Council meeting on 7 December 2010 the Parish Council continued to oppose this application.'

'The architect who was present at the meeting said that he was prepared to discuss our concerns. Since that meeting, the issues we have with the proposals with regard to our privacy and visual amenity, and possible solutions have been put to the architect and he has come back with amended plans. The amendment in effect re-sites Plot 2 approximately 7½ metres to the east – which is an improvement, and we have indicated that on the basis of the revised plans we are prepared to remove our objection, BUT SUBJECT to there also being conditions imposed to protect our privacy and visual amenity – i.e. to exclude overlooking windows and to ensure that extensions and/or outbuildings cannot be sited at the rear which would nullify the benefit of the amended plan re-siting Plot 2 to the east.'

'As the revised scheme has not yet been put to the Parish Council, but is likely to be received soon and may require a response before the next meeting, I will write to the Parish Council outlining the situation and the conditions that we believe are necessary for the proposal to be acceptable and again ask for your continued support.'

'Thank you.'

The Chairman thanked Mrs Anthony for her comments and said that this was a sensible way of doing it.

Mr Rayment wished to raise 3 matters:

1. The waste bins that he reported had still not been replaced. The Clerk has reported this.
2. Mr Rayment wished to support Mrs Board's reference to late applications. He had seen the Sea Meads application but far too late to make any sensible comment. He felt that if applications were not received at least a week before the Parish Council meetings they should not be considered. He was concerned about the flat roof on the property. It was explained that this would be covered in grass.
3. Affordable Housing. There are a lot of second homes that are not occupied. Mr Rayment felt that there should be a 200% Council Tax charge on such properties .

Ms Young had come to support her partner's planning application: PA11/01094.

Cllr Keeling, as a next-door neighbour to Ms Young and also to the house in this application, said that he was delighted to see someone doing something with it as it had been empty for a long time. The proposed extension matches the one on the house the other side of it and Mr Keeling felt that the roof alterations would improve his own property.

Cllr Coleman agreed that the house needs to be brought back into use.

Ms Young assured Council that there would be a parking space at the rear of the property.

Public Participation ended at 7.20 p.m.