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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 pm ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008**

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)
Cllr T Ackland
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet
Cllr G Higginson
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr R Pryor
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

5 Members of the public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hesketh-Jones and Nicholls, both having undergone surgery, County Councillor Robertson, who extended his best wishes and District Councillor Jenkin.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Keeling asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 11, Planning, that states, 'As a member of KDC Planning Committee I will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments. Cllr Pryor declared a personal interest in item 11, Planning PA08/00506/F, as Mr Reynolds and Cllr Pryor are Helston Town Councillors. Cllr Higginson declared a personal interest in item 26, To Consider Applications for Position of Handyman, as he is a neighbour of one of the applicants

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 4 March 2008

The Clerk had received an e-mail from County Councillor Robertson asking that the following amendments made to his report on page 17/07, Topics, paragraph 7: Remove line 1 and substitute with 'County Cllr Robertson told the meeting about his latest tour of the area's highways and how there is a long list'. Line 3 delete 'will' and substitute with 'may'. **Cllr Keeling proposed, Cllr Ackland seconded and it was resolved, with two absentions, (Councillors who had not attended the meeting), that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 4 March 2008, be signed as a true and correct record.**

4. MATTERS ARISING

Item 20, CRCC Projects - The Chairman reported that CRCC would be in touch this week to confirm if money is still available for website work.

5. POLICE REPORT

The Chairman reported that there would be no Police report as WPC Butcher was on holiday. PCSO Mark Mitchell will forward a report to the Chairman.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was taken here from 7.05 p.m. to 7.14 p.m.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Robertson had informed the Clerk that the Chairman's report would cover the same meetings, which had been mainly One Cornwall.

District Councillor Greenstreet had attended a Council meeting re: DEFRA, an urban drainage study, a homelessness Review Board, Planning training on telecommunications, LDF member training, and an Old People's forum. She had also attended a Scrutiny A meeting:- Kerrier are now employing temporary staff to fill

the increasing number of vacancies. The budget is working well. Local allotment sites now had waiting lists. There had been discussion on Gypsies, Travellers and dogs. She had attended the Civic dinner, representing the Chairman. She had met with the owner of Scotts Cottage who has written to Planning in the hope of obtaining a site meeting.

District Councillor Keeling gave the following report:

'An extremely busy month with a lot of emphasis on the One Cornwall Agenda. A work shop meeting in Bodmin by the Implementation Joint Scrutiny Committee proved very useful and this formulated a level playing field for this very diverse group of councillors who make up its membership. We are developing a work program that will challenge and inform the implementation executive. First on the agenda was the so-called "Branding Issue" at a meeting last Thursday. The issue was debated for nearly 2 hours and the recommendation was to leave any decisions about new branding to the new council, stick to the current CCC logo and bring the work in-house instead of external contractors.

'My work at Kerrier District Council continues unabated with planning committee and full council meetings and though the District Council is entering a period of merger and reconfiguration service delivery is expected to continue without interruption despite staff disruption'.

9. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

The Council agreed that this item be moved to the item before Correspondence and be listed there in future.

10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Carleen Neighbourhood Watch There had been a good meeting with the CPRO in attendance.

Breage Playing Field There had been a committee meeting last week. It was reported that all the money received for the play equipment had been spent. Cllr Rashleigh asked about rubbish bins. The Chairman told her that both he and the Clerk had made further enquiries about this. There are no bins available. The committee had asked if the grass could be cut shorter. Councillors felt that the contractor was best to judge and that a too lower cut was not good for the grass. They agreed that the Clerk could ask the contractor but that she should go by his judgement. Cllr Rashleigh asked if the hedge next to the double gate could be left to grow a bit higher as children had been seen climbing there. She reported that people were still climbing the fence in Vicarage Row. She felt that a barrier was needed in front of the main gate to discourage children from running into the road. The Committee would be clearing blackthorn from behind the shelter on Saturday. The Clerk reported that there had been complaints about the overgrown brambles from the Playing Field that were now growing into the lay-by on the A394. She had obtained quotes from Mr Beard: To trim back would cost £60.00 and to cut right back, £120.00. After discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and resolved by 7 votes to 1 that Mr Beard cut the overgrown brambles from the Playing Field growing into the lay-by on the A394 right back at a cost of £120.00.**

Carleen Village Hall There will be a flea market on Saturday and a coffee afternoon on Monday. The next quiz will be on 3 May. The work on the floor will not take place until the Summer. There will be a pantomime next year.

11. PLANNING:

a) APPLICATIONS

PA08/00306/F – Mr & Mrs Coles – Bojowan, Chy an Dour Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall

Erections of extensions and alterations to dwelling

Councillors had visited this property and there were no objections to the application. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00320/F – Mr & Mrs Dann – Meadowlands, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

Erection of an extension to dwelling

Cllr Darby had visited this property. Councillors were pleased that polytunnels/greenhouses would be removed. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00457/F – Mr & Mrs J M Laity, An Garth, Higher Kenneggy, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall

Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling

No problems were seen with this application. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00449/F – Mr & Mrs Iliffe – Raisemere Cottage, Trenwheal, Leedstown, Cornwall

Erection of extension to dwelling

Councillors had visited this property and felt that the work covered by the application could only be an improvement. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00506/F – Mr K Reynolds – Greenvale, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, TR13 9RJ

Erection of two wind turbines and retention of six free-standing solar panels

Whilst all the Councillors agreed that the principle of renewable energy should be supported they had concerns over the proposed development. As this is a residential area it was felt that the size of the venture, being on a commercial scale would be totally inappropriate. The noise and the visual aspects are of great concern to near neighbours and they have expressed these concerns to the Council. Some Councillors have

visited the property and photographs were available. What is there already was felt to be out of keeping with the area and it was thought that further additions would only add to this problem

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and resolved by 7 votes and one abstention that the Council does not support this application at this time, stating that whilst the Councillors support the principal of renewable energy they have grave concerns over the proposed development, expressed in the following listing of 5 main issues:

1. Visual amenity
2. Noise
3. Potential business use – should be for personal use
4. Neighbourliness
5. Over development

PA08/00294/TPO - **The National Trust - Godolphin Estate, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall**
TR13 9RE

Lopping and topping of twelve Oak and felling of one Sycamore tree

The Council felt that this application was in order. The Chairman had looked at it in detail. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00542/F – **Mr N W Pascoe – Higher View, 7 Pellor Fields, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall**

Erection of a replacement two-storey extension and a conservatory extension to dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

b) NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

PA07/010168/F – **Mr & Mrs R Jones – Barn Owl, Rosemaber Farm, Rosemaber, Breage, Cornwall**
TR13 9NE

Conversion of a barn from hostel/boarding use to permanent dwelling

PA07/00159F – **Mr & Mrs R Jones – The Barn, Rosemaber Farm, Rosemaber, Breage, Cornwall**

TR13 9NE

Conversion of barn from hostel/boarding use to permanent dwelling

Cllr Ackland felt that dwelling use should have been applied for in the first instance for the above two applications and the final application on this list.

PA07/02047/F – **Mr & Mrs K Last – Honeydew, Granny Polly Lane, Godolphin, HELSTON, Cornwall**

TR13 9TJ

Erection of extension to workshop/store

PA07/01808/F – **Mr A Stevens – Sunnyvale Farm, Higher Kenneggy, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall**

TR20 9AU

Conversion of garage/store to dwelling

c) APPEAL

EN06/00081 – **Mrs Julie Debra Bennetts – Chy an Besow, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON**

Change of use of the Land from agriculture to that of stationing of two caravans for residential purposes, with associated hard core access track and a septic tank

Informal hearing on 21 May 2008 at 10.00 a.m., the Conference Room, Council Offices, Camborne

12. FOOTPATHS

A final payment of £204.16 has been authorised by County

The Chairman spoke about the new LMP system. Mr Sander's contract needed to be examined to see if the Council could renew it or whether it would have to go to tender. He had contacted Mr Fletcher who had advised that the amount of money available for Breage footpaths would be approximately £3,106.80. He said that he would arrange a meeting with Mr Sanders, Tom Fletcher and Colin Bayes before the next Council meeting. Cllr Rashleigh asked if there would be any money for signs. Cllr Darby advised that County provides what is known as 'furniture'.

Cllr Higginson commended the PPIP work throughout the Parish adding that the new stiles and signs look fantastic. The Chairman said that there is still work to be done.

13. CEMETERY

Cllr Pryor wondered if concrete posts would be better than wooden ones for the proposed fence in the Cemetery. They obviously last longer and panels are able to be raised out of them for weather-coating or if they need renewal. The Chairman suggested that Cllrs Higginson, Pryor, Greenstreet and he get together and asked Cllr Higginson to convene a meeting.

14. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Rashleigh expressed her concern that the drain near Willavean had not been attended to.

15. STREETLIGHTING

Repairs have been completed on 010BA and 082BA.

16. PRAA SANDS/GREEN

- a) Ferreter – Over 100 rabbits.
- b) Rabbit holes – The Clerk reported that Mr Beard had filled some of the rabbit holes.
- c) Bus shelter – The Chairman explained that the proposed shelter would be near the Trewartha Road sign and it would be a cantilever shelter with no sides so that people could pass through with prams, etc. but bus passengers would still have protection from the wind. He was hoping to soon receive confirmation that the application would be accepted.

17. TREW GREEN

There would be a meeting on 10 April.

18. ONE CORNWALL MEETINGS

A printed report from Cllr Hesketh-Jones had been circulated to Councillors. The Chairman stressed the importance of attending these meetings and said that it would be excellent if other Councillors attended some of the meeting. It is well worth attending as it has a bearing on what Councillors will have to do.

Cllr Greenstreet said that Cllr Hesketh-Jones had done a very good job and that a vote of thanks should be moved. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be made for Cllr Hesketh-Jones sterling efforts to bring information to the Council.**

19. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Ventaxia had now been fitted in the toilet ceiling.
- b) Simon Phillips had been totally elusive over the matter of the chippings next to Breage House and the Clerk had been unable to contact him. This is a Planning condition and the Clerk was advised to make a complaint to Kerrier.
- c) Young Offenders – the Clerk had been asked if there were any more jobs the Young Offenders could do. It was asked if they could remove the glass from Breage bus shelter window. The Clerk thought that this would probably not be permitted.
- d) The Clerk asked for numbers of those who would be attending the Carleen Community Centre Open Day. It was agreed to meet at the Centre at 1 p.m.
- e) The Clerk had purchased a wall safe for the office and Cllr Hesketh-Jones had kindly fitted it to the wall.
- f) The Clerk asked about the cupboards required for the Council room, saying that as they were to keep the lawnmower, Hoover and painting equipment, etc. in, would a filing cabinet be necessary? Cllr Higginson offered to make some enquiries.
- g) Parishioners at Praa Sands were concerned that they do not have a representative from Praa Sands on the Council. As there are still two vacancies it was felt by Council that someone from Praa Sands should could volunteer. The Clerk added that Mr Simmons had been asked if he would stand.
- h) The Clerk reported that she is finishing the year's accounts to get them to Cllr Hesketh-Jones for a pre-audit and then to the Internal Auditor, once appointed.
- i) The Clerk asked if she should arrange for the fire alarm system to be installed. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that it should be installed after 1 April. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the Clerk contact Trelawney Security Systems and arrange for the agreed alarm system to be installed.**

9. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Ackland reported that 2 street lights were out, BA 52 and one near Carleen bus shelter. He had also noticed that a panel had been kicked out of the telephone kiosk in Carleen.

Cllr Rashleigh asked the Chairman about the railing for the steps in the Amenity Area, Ashton. He replied that the materials have been obtained for the work to be done. She also reported that the verge Sethnoe/Way/St Breaca Close is a mess and that needs levelling and reseeding.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Land Registry – Voluntary First Registration of title. A campaign to encourage Parish Councils to voluntarily register their land holdings. Leaflet to read and phone number to ring. The Local Register Development Manager will be happy to attend a meeting.

CRCC - Parish Plan Survey. Letter of thanks for completing the survey.

SCOPE – Request for people to help with house-to-house collection between 7 and 27 April 2008

Town and Parish Standard – March 2008

Cornwall Waste Action Resolve Kernow – Presentation and Workshops on how to establish community projects - Thursday 10 April, The Shire House, Bodmin, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Supporting Community Groups: Children and Young People matters – free event. 28 April at Berlewen Building, Pool or 30 April at Trethorne Leisure, Launceston from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Interlink Cornwall – Themed Inter-Link meetings. Free buffet lunch. Penwith and Kerrier on 15 April, Penzance Astro Park, 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2008

Matthew Taylor MP - Independent Review into Rural Economies and Affordable Rural Housing – survey conducted a year ago. Findings of the survey are in a report written for the Campaign for Affordable Homes in Cornwall. Would be glad of feedback

Sarah Mason CALC – No truth in the rumour/information that unless a Council are 100% elected they will never be able to consider providing services in the Unitary Authority.

SLCC – Regional One Day Conference – The Holiday Inn, Plymouth, Wednesday 14 May 2008 10.00 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. – an opportunity to keep up to date for Councillors and Clerks. £45 each, 3 delegates £115.

Additional

One Cornwall – Newsletter Issue 7

Cornwall Electoral Review Meeting – Kerrier 4 April, 7.00 p.m.

21. FINANCE

a) Audit Commission – Appointment of Alun Williams as external auditor to Breage Parish Council

b) Accounts for payment

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
Payments up to 31 March 2008						
112	Southern Electric Contracting	102394	Routine maintenance - Streetlighting	£547.98	£95.90	£643.88
113	Mrs C L Macleod (B&Q)	102395	Wallsafe	£25.51	£4.47	£29.98
114	R W Beard	102396	One cut Cemetery/B&G greens/ Amenity Field	£160.00		£160.00
115	EDF Energy	DD	Electricity Parish Rooms	£272.03	£47.61	£319.64
116	SEC Lighting Services	102397	Repairs on 010BA and 082BA	£780.39	£136.57	£916.96
117	Mrs C L Macleod - Tiscali	102398	Internet	£12.76	£2.23	£14.99
TOTALS				£1,798.67	£286.78	£2,085.45
	PO Ltd HMRev&Customs	102399	Employer's NI	£12.83		£12.83
			Employee's National Insurance	£11.02		£11.02
			PAYE	£9.90		£9.90
				£33.75		£33.75
	Mrs C L Macleod	102400	Travelling 23.5mls @ 53p per mile Parking	£12.46		£12.46
				£1.40		£1.40
				£13.86		£13.86
		102401	Petty Cash reimbursement March	£86.29	£1.62	£87.91
	C Howard	102402	Caretaker Honorarium	£20.00		£20.00
TOTAL Payments for 31/3/2008				£1,952.57	£288.40	£2,240.97
Payments April 2008						
no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
1	Kerrier District Council	102404	Rates Parish Rooms	£286.44		£286.44
2	Kerrier District Council	102405	Rates Cemetery	£56.83		£56.83
TOTALS				£343.27		£343.27
TOTAL Payments April 2008				£343.27		£343.27
c) Receipts £690.00 Burial/Memorial fees; £204.16 LMP						
d) Bank balance £19,949.25. Petty cash £12.09.						

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

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Rashleigh asked if the Young Offenders Team could paint the toilet walls.

23. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Standing Orders, (the Clerk was asked to obtain a copy from CALC)/Risk Assessment/Code of Conduct & everything else that is needed. Complaints procedure?

24. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6 May at 6.30 pm followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting

25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that 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.

The remaining members of the public left the meeting at this point.

25. TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR POSITION OF HANDYMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that Mr Steven Babbage be appointed as Handyman to the Council for a period of one year with immediate effect. This to be reviewed after twelve months.

27. TO APPOINT INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was proposed Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that Mr Wib Wilkins be appointed as Internal Auditor to Breage Parish Council.

28. TO CONSIDER ESTIMATE FOR WORK ON DAMP WALL PARISH ROOM

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that Mr Babbage, the new Handyman be asked to remove all the affected plaster from the damp wall in the Parish Room to enable further investigation of the wall and further decisions about the required work to be made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008

At 7.05 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.

Parishioners, who had concerns over item 11, Planning - PA08/00506/F – **Mr K Reynolds – Greenvale, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, TR13 9RJ** - Erection of two wind turbines and retention of six free-standing solar panels, were present from Godolphin. They expressed their concerns to the Councillors. The Parishioners stated that they were not opposed to renewable energy but this appears to be an industrial unit in a residential area. It was felt that a precedent would be set under the guise of environmental renewable energy.

Public Participation ended at 7.14 p.m.

