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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)  
Cllr T Ackland  
Cllr Mrs P Darby  
Cllr P Greenough  
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet  
Cllr G Higginson  
Cllr B Nicholls  
Cllr M Phillips  
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

8 Members of the Public  
PSCO Ceri Sadler  
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**To note apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Wyvern Batt due to work commitment and the Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Cllr Hesketh-Jones. The Chairman said that he would raise this under Chairman's Announcements.

**2. 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**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 8, Planning, that states, 'As a reserve member of the Planning West Committee I will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments'.

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

There were none.

**3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2009**

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held 4 August 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.**

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that sadly Gordon Hesketh-Jones had submitted a resignation letter. He read out the letter that gave the reason for resignation as Mr Hesketh-Jones' ongoing health problems and his need to protect his health as best he could. The Chairman spoke of the huge amount of excellent work that Mr Hesketh-Jones had carried out for the Council, especially as a member of the Account's Team and expressed the whole Council's appreciation. The Chairman expressed his sadness at having to accept the resignation. Cllr Rashleigh requested that a card be purchased and a letter written to thank Gordon Hesketh-Jones for his invaluable work and to wish him well. The Chairman said that he would arrange for this to be done.

The Chairman reminded Councillors about the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch and encouraged them to attend on 19<sup>th</sup> September. He would try and organise free parking for helpers. He asked the Clerk to convene a meeting so that the day could be planned.

The Chairman asked how Councillors felt about prayers being said at the start of each meeting. Some of the Councils already do this and the Chairman wondered if Breage would like to do the same. He asked that Councillors let him or the Clerk know their views on this.

## 5. POLICE REPORT

### To receive and discuss any police report received and other police matters

PCSO Ceri Sadler gave the following report:

'There have been 7 crimes this August.

'This compares to 9 crimes this time last year.

'One of these crimes is an Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, where a male struck a member of the public with a dog's lead for damaging the sand dunes.

'There was also a Theft from a Motor Vehicle in the Millpool area.

'There was a Theft – non specific where a plant pot was stolen.

'There was Criminal Damage to Breage Church, where gravestones were damaged.

There was also a Theft – non specific from the church where a power saw was stolen from the contacted tradesman.

Police are following lines of enquiry relating to the church.

'The remaining crimes are both Criminal Damage. This was damage done to a local ticket machine and a window smashed at a local workshop'.

The Clerk commented that Breage villagers were very upset in the light of the recent damage to Breage Cemetery and she had been asked by a Parishioner if evening walk-round checks of the village could be carried out by Parishioners. It was understood that Parishioners could not start doing this on their own, if at all and the Parishioner was talking about an organised rota of volunteers. PCSO Sadler was aware of this matter as the Clerk had e-mailed PC Dave Vaughan. She explained that there would be concern over safety and if this was done then it should be by groups of people and not by individuals. They would be advised to take with them mobile phones, torches and fluorescent jackets and should not tackle any situations themselves but should ring for help. Cllr Ackland added that there is no Neighbourhood Watch group in Breage and felt that people carrying out these checks needed to be very careful.

PCSO Sadler was thanked for her report and she left to attend another meeting.

## 6. 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 7.12 to 7.17 p.m.

## 7. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cornwall Councillor Keeling gave the following report:

'I had a tour of the ward with Andy James, regional engineer, and highlighted issues of highway safety, un-adopted roads and flooding. I will follow this up with a tour with Tom Childs, the Maintenance Manager at Water-Ma-Trout depot, to sort out some day to day highway issues.

'I attended a couple of Standards Committee hearings, one at County Hall and another at St Austell. The meetings are held in private because of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business being transacted. Nevertheless, it is encouraging that potential breaches of the councillors' code of conduct are dealt with so professionally and equally, expedited as swiftly as possible.

'I was elected chairman of the Chairs and Vice-Chair Management Committee whose aim is to monitor and manage the council's scrutiny function; as well as providing effective challenge to cabinet members through formal questioning. This is working very well indeed at the moment.

'As chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee the members will be looking next week at: a framework to enable us to examine and scrutinise the budget setting process for 2010/2011 and beyond, also communications and the operation of the Concessionary Fares Scheme.

'One of the burning issues at the Cabinet meeting this month was that of Community Network Panels and the suspension of the first round of Network Panel Meetings scheduled for early September. There is a view that the new administration needs more time to review the formal aspect of the Community Networks. I would like to just get on with it and see how we get on.

'On Finance.

'The gross budget is £1.2 Billion with a net budget of £438M made up of council tax £234M and the formula grant of £204M. We have for this quarter an overspend of £8.8M and our reserves are £105M. One Cornwall savings achieved so far are about 62% of the target £15.6M.

'Locally.

'Praa Sands was problematic this month with closure of the toilets due to an electric fault and many hundreds of people still on the beach and the shocking prospect of the problem continuing into the weekend with even more people using the beach. The problem was eventually solved; but portaloos parked on the car park provided a convenient temporary solution. I would like to publicly thank Mr Coward for his help in this matter.

'There was also a lot of noise emanating from the Praa Sands beach area the following weekend; the results of a temporary event notice for a gathering near the ramp down to the beach. Fortunately the noise stopped at 10pm on the dot. I had complaints and asked the licensing officer to try to inform me of future events.

Along with Councillor Rashleigh and our clerk, I have been trying to get to the bottom of why Breage is suffering a blackout at the moment. The County Lights have been out of operation for several weeks and action is needed to resolve the problem soon. I worked for Roy Treloar earlier in the Post Office and he is still having electric problems. The clerk has some more information later'.

## 8. PLANNING

### a) **TO RECEIVE PLANNING TRAINING REPORT from Cllr Higginson**

Cllr Higginson will be attending this at a later date. Cllr Nicholls asked for it to be noted that although he had spoken against a Planning sub-committee at the last meeting this had no reflection on Cllr Higginson's Planning responsibilities.

### b) **TO CONSIDER ASSISTING PRAA SANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman explained that should the Council wish to it could help this community group by permitting the group to submit a planning application through the Parish Council. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that Breage Parish Council are prepared to assist Praa Sands & District Community Centre in the issue of their planning application submission.**

### c) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

**PA09/01060/F – Mr J Skelton – Pine Cottage, Godolphin Bridge, Townshend, HAYLE TR13 6AR**

Erection of a domestic garage and equipment store

The Chairman explained that this was an amended design, slightly smaller than the original application. It was noted that Council had approved the original application and **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

**To consider applications received after the publication of the agenda up to 12 noon on Friday 28 August 2009**

**PA09/01099/F – Mr T Bennetts – Land at Chy an Besow, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NQ**

Retention of access track

Councillors expressed concern at where the track emerges on the bend of the road and felt this to be a dangerous exit.

Otherwise, there were no objections. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the application be supported but asked for Council's concern to be expressed regarding the area where the track emerges as it was felt to be a dangerous exit.**

### d) **To discuss proof of 10 years continuous existence**

#### **Certificate of Lawfulness**

**PA09/01011/LU – Miss C Williams – The Caravan Adjacent to Shenick, Lower Keneggy Lane, Germoe, PENZANCE, Cornwall**

Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of land for the stationing of a residential caravan

This is not seeking permission for planning but is seeking to prove that it has existed continuously for at least 10 years

The Chairman reported that Cllr Wyvern Batt had informed the Clerk that Mr John Laity of Keneggy has knowledge that the caravan has been used for over 10 years. Councillors had no other information.

### e) **TO NOTE NOTICES OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

**PA09/00655/F - Mr T Young – Trewellas Cottage, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NP**

Conversion of outbuildings to form two units for holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank

**PA09/00508/F – Mr S Polglase, Wheal Breage, Great Work, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9TH**

Erection of one wind turbine

**PA09/00806/F – Mr & Mrs Cox – Higher Redallon, Pengwedna, Nancegollan, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 0AZ**

Erection of replacement dwelling and installation of septic tank

**PA09/00764/F – Mr I Stovell – Robins, Rinsey Croft, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9TW**

Erection of an extension to existing dwelling and erection of a replacement workshed

The Chairman informed Councillors that although Council had not approved this application the application does accord with Planning policy.

Cllr Higginson spoke about the difficult access to view Planning Applications on the Cornwall Council website. He had made a complaint that was due to be responded to within 11 days and meanwhile would give the Clerk the information on how to access the site so that it may be circulated to other Councillors and listed in these minutes as shown below:

- 1) type in Cornwall County council
- 2) go to business
- 3) go to planning
- 4) go to on-line planning register
- 5) go to please select and
- 6) click on west 2 former Kerrier
- 7) You then get to the old Kerrier planning page but with C.C.C. logo
- 8) then go to application search and you are in

**9. FINANCE**

a) **To discuss the possibility of purchase of Charles Arnold-Baker's final publication , the 8th Local Council Administration**  
Includes many updates. Charles A-B recently died. Currently using 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Cost £53.60, this includes a 20% (CALC member) discount. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk purchase a copy of Charles Arnold-Baker's final publication the 8th Local Council Administration.**

b) **To approve September payments**

Cllr Nicholls reported that he had checked the payments.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
48	RTS(Garden Services) Ltd	102643	Whipper's Lane x 2 + bench area PSands Invoices 9+10 Paths 13/1,39/2,39/3,82/1 21/2,21/4, 10xgates/stiles,15/1,63/1, 12/1,62/1,61/3,60/1,53/1,53/2,17/3	£115.00		£115.00
49	Shaw & Sons Ltd	102649	PC Guide book	£14.50		£14.50
50	T F Laity	102650	painting Germoe X-roads bus shelter	£25.00		£25.00
51	R W Beard	102651	2 cuts Cemetery/B&G Greens/Amenity Remove barrier P Sands	£340.00		£340.00
52	Audit Commission	102652	Annual Audit fee	£400.00	£60.00	£460.00
53	BT	102653	Broadband	£45.00	£6.75	£51.75
54	RTS(Garden Services) Ltd	102654	Invoice 11 Paths 22/2.46/1,76/1,3/1, 14/1,16/4,51/1,52/1,81/1,36/1,37/1,35/1, 26/1,27/1,37/3,78/1,34/1,77/1	£575.76	£86.36	£662.12
				<b>£1,902.26</b>	<b>£203.66</b>	<b>£2,105.92</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102647	Clerk's Salary August			
	PO Ltd HMRC	102648	PAYE	£97.00		£97.00
	PO Ltd HMRC	102648	Employer's NI	£70.21		£70.21
				<b>£167.21</b>		<b>£167.21</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102655	Travel 57ml @ 53p Parking	£9.80		£9.80
				£0.50		£0.50
				<b>£10.30</b>		<b>£10.30</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102656	Petty Cash reimbursement	<b>£42.25</b>	<b>£2.87</b>	<b>£45.12</b>
	R Treloar	102657	Caretaker Honorarium	<b>£25.00</b>		<b>£25.00</b>
				<b>£2,147.02</b>	<b>£206.53</b>	<b>£2,353.55</b>

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

c) **To acknowledge receipts**

Receipts of £71 for burial fees were acknowledged.

d) Clerk to provide Bank balances

Current account £2,467.72; Tracker account £6,367.01; Petty Cash £2.98.

**10. FOOTPATHS**

a) **To sign claim for LMP repayment £1,249.04**

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that the Claim form for £1,249.04 LMP payment be signed.** The Chairman and Clerk signed the form.

b) **The Chairman reported that he had visited the owner of the stile on footpath 14 and that he was delighted for Cornwall Council to remove the stile. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that the Chairman inform Colin Bayes of the owner's decision re the stile on footpath 14 and that the stile be removed at Cornwall Council's expense.** The Chairman asked the Clerk to send the owners details to Colin Bayes.

c) The Chairman spoke about footpath 63 at the top of Ashton Amenity area and asked that the Clerk request that the Contractor not be so enthusiastic with the cutting of the sides of this path as it runs along the top of a hedge and low sides could be dangerous.

d) The Chairman advised that there had been no update on Bridleway 71. A meeting was being spoken about and the reason why the problems had happened in the first place had been asked.

e) Cllr Darby reported that the footpaths had all been cut and that there was a little money still available for additional work.

## 11. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Higginson reported that Carleen/Trew verges and hedges had been cut but that an atrocious job had been done. Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern over the drain after the last bungalow in Trewithick Road. There had been sand piled in the road for a long while and this was causing flooding in the road when it rained. She remarked that the ditch here had not been cleaned out. She reported that the hedge in Pellor Road had still not been properly cut.

## 12. CEMETERY

The Chairman reported that vandalism had occurred in the Cemetery and the War Memorial graveyard during the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> August. Many granite memorials had been overturned and flower pots separated and thrown about. This had been reported to the Police who were making enquiries. The Chairman asked to meet with Cllr Phillips to talk about new fencing for the Memorial Garden.

## 13. PRAA SANDS

a) To discuss the renewal of bye laws notice at Praa Sands car park

There had been a report regarding a bonfire on the beach near Praa Green. The Chairman had been down to check and had seen a gazebo, a pile of wood on a sand dune and. This area is still part of the Green. At 9 p.m. there was no sign of any people and it looked tidy but when checking later in the week the Chairman had found ashes and everything that had been used buried in the sand. The Clerk reported that there is a bye law prohibiting fires and that there is a notice at the car park. However, the notice is very faded. **Cllr Keeling proposed that the present bye-law sign be replaced with a brighter, more visible sign at the car parking area, this was seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved.**

b) The Chairman reported that the 3 granite benches were now in place at Praa Green. He commented on the flattened fence and said that he would contact the AONB conservation officer to see if the fencing was actually still needed.

## 14. BOUNDARY REVIEW

To consult and pass comment on Boundary Committee alternative proposals re: Crowan

The Chairman referred to the map that Councillors had received from the Boundary Commission showing an alternative boundary line. He spoke about Breage, Germoe and Sithney remaining a rural area and said that Crowan were happier with this boundary than with the previous suggestion. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to the Boundary Commission giving the following information: the electoral division comprising Breage, Germoe and Sithney would be the preferred option of Breage Parish Council and stating that this option unites Crowan Parish Council into one electoral division whilst retaining the sovereignty of 3 rural parishes.**

## 15. PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTION

An election for a Parish Councillor had been requested by 10 or more Parishioners and will be held on 8 October 2009.

Nominations are to be lodged with the Returning Officer by 11 September 2009. The Clerk and Chairman felt that if more than one nomination should be received, making an election necessary, it would be better to have no polling cards as these would cost an additional £800 on top of the £1,100 expected expenses. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that there would be no polling cards for the election on 8<sup>th</sup> October and that the election and the fact that there would be no polling cards be advertised on the website, on notices round the Parish, in the media and on Radio Cornwall.** Cornwall Council will publish a list of candidates and polling stations in due course.

## 16. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The following action plan had been circulated to all Councillors:

August 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Action Plan for Housing Survey to be complete
September 1st	Breage Parish Council Meeting - Confirmation/alterations to the Action Plan
September 7th.	All amendments and simplifications to the survey form to be completed. A specimen covering explanatory letter is to be written and made available to councillors for comment
September 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Amended and simplified survey form to Jody Jeffrey at Cornwall Council for acceptance and copying
September 21st.	Press releases asking for volunteers to deliver forms throughout Breage Parish
September 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Survey Forms returned from Cornwall Council
October 5 <sup>th</sup> . - 12 <sup>th</sup> .	Survey Forms distributed to volunteers for delivery to households
October 6th.	Breage Parish Council Meeting - Survey forms distributed to Councillors.
October 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Press Release - Detailing information on the reasons for the survey, procedures/help etc
October 12 <sup>th</sup> .- 18 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Distribute Survey Forms</b>
November 3rd.	Breage Parish Council Meeting
November 9 <sup>th</sup> .	Survey Forms to Cornwall Council for evaluation. (4-6 weeks)
December 1st.	Breage Parish Council Meeting
December 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Meet with Cornwall Council to discuss the results of the evaluation and decide the best ways to present the results.
January 2010.	Publish results of Housing Survey.

Cllr Greenough spoke about the Survey sheet, saying that it had been simplified and a letter to go out with the survey had been written. The survey, subject to any alterations requested by Councillors would be photocopied by Jody Jefferies, Cornwall Council. The forms would be ready for distribution to volunteers from 5<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Greenough and the Clerk had contacted other Councils who had completed such surveys. Collection boxes would be placed in Breage and Praa Sands Post Offices and at the Godolphin Methodist Church on Post Office days. Completed surveys could also be left at the Parish Rooms or posted. It was felt that the Council, because of the cost, should not enclose stamped addressed envelopes. Councillors were asked to volunteer to sit in the Parish Rooms for a couple of hours when they could to help people who might experience difficulty completing the survey forms. They were asked to let the Clerk know days and times they could be available. There were approval of the action plan and **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the report from Cllr Greenough re: the progress of the Housing Survey be received and the action plan be adopted.** It was agreed that many volunteers would be needed to distribute the forms. Cllr Higginson expressed concern over recent Government information that stated that one primary school a week is closing as people cannot afford housing in the areas of these schools. The Chairman said that there is a facility at County that allows a question to be asked about local small village schools and what is going to happen to them. He has asked this question and it will be will looked into in the Autumn.

#### 17. TROON ROW

Cllr Rashleigh re-iterated that when it rained water collected in Troon Row some 2 to 3 inches deep. The Clerk had written about this to Cornwall Council on 12 February 2009.

Cllr Rashleigh was concerned that no posts had been fitted at the green verge at the end of Troon Row. Cars in this area had damaged the drain that was blocking and causing a build up of water at the door of the first house. This had also been reported to Cornwall Council by the Clerk in the same letter of 12 February.

The Chairman stated that he had met with a resident of Troon Row who had told him that the Row belongs to farmers. It is therefore an unadopted road and it was felt that not many of the residents would wish to pay to have the road repaired.

The Chairman would speak with Tom Childs to see if there is any concrete available. Re: the parking on the verge, he would contact someone about the possibility of fitting posts on the verge. He asked the Clerk to e-mail copies of the previous correspondence to him.

#### 18. STREETLIGHTS

To receive information regarding the possibility of an additional light in Sethnoe Way

Some residents in Sethnoe were experiencing difficulty negotiating their way home in the evenings because it is so dark in the Sethnoe Way are, with no street lights. The Clerk and Chairman had contacted Tracey Carter at Cornwall Council about the possibility of using a light from Coulthard Drive to be situated in Sethnoe Way. They had enquired about the cost of this and of providing a new light in Sethnoe Way. The Clerk read out a reply from Tracey Carter:

*'Unfortunately we would be unable to relocate any existing street lights this distance as although we would be lighting an additional area, we would be taking light away from another.*

*Therefore, it may be possible to install an additional light in the position shown on your plan. As explained we do not currently have any budget available for new lighting but I can add it to our outstanding list to be considered in the future.*

*However, I wonder if you could let me know some background as to where the request has come from. I have been to the site and it seemed that there would not be a huge benefit from putting an additional light here. In addition, we generally install lights as part of a system along a road rather than a solitary isolated light as this can cause patchy lighting which can actually have a detrimental effect, particularly by a bend in the road as in this instance'.*

Council felt that this had been a simple request and were disappointed that Cornwall Council could not comply with it. The Clerk was asked to contact Tracey Carter to ask how much it would cost for the Parish Council to ask for a site meeting with an engineer and to obtain the cost for the Parish Council to have a light erected.

#### 19. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk reported that the wooden benches were removed by an auction firm, Tremayne Auctions, Pendeen Centre Village Hall, for sale on 29<sup>th</sup> August. When the benches were lifted there was live woodworm in the one that was nearest to the windows. The Clerk has treated the other wooden chairs in the room as there are holes in them, although no dust could be seen.
- b) The glass has been replaced in the bus shelter at Carleen. It cost £50.63 and one hour's labour.
- c) The Notice Board at Carleen has been extended. The materials cost £80.33 and fifteen hours labour.
- d) The Clerk reported that Linda Holloway is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss Bridleway 71.
- e) There have been lots of calls re: the streetlights being out in Higher Road and Shute Hill. Western Power had confirmed with the Clerk that they are dealing with this but it seems that further contact needs to be made.
- f) The Clerk supplied a list of additional insurance costs for updates on the policy. These will be discussed at the October meeting.
- g) There had been no reply to the letters to Cornwall Council re: hedge cutting.
- h) No date had yet been set for the budget/Precept meeting. Few letters requesting grants had been received.
- i) The Clerk had requested that Mr Beard cut the areas round the Basketball court at Praa Sands and the lay-by opposite Vicarage Row, Breage.

- j) The Clerk had written to Cdr Ovens at Culdrose to arrange for another officer to lay a wreath at Godolphin on Remembrance Sunday as Lt Cdr Rogers who has done this for many years has left the area.
- k) The Clerk advised Council that there is £500 left in the donations pot should they wish to award small donations.
- l) There is still no confirmation of the bank signatories.
- m) The Clerk had written confirming the Council's approval of 2 new monuments in the Cemetery.
- n) The bracket holding one of the fire extinguishers has fallen from the wall again. The Clerk asked for permission for the Handyman to re-fix it. And this permission was given.
- o) The Handyman had not yet provided a price for the gravel option outside the Parish Rooms.

## 20. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Rashleigh reported a smashed bollard in Trewithick Road. The Pellor Fields' road signs had been erected but Trewithick Road's sign had not been replaced. The Clerk had reported this. Cllr Rashleigh felt that the trees in the closed graveyard next to Breage House in Breage had not been cut down sympathetically. She reported that the corner of the graveyard wall is breaking away at an alarming rate. She asked whether there was any news re: Breage House drains but the Clerk had no further information. At 10.30 on Sunday morning Cllr Rashleigh had received a telephone call supposedly from the Ministry of Transport asking to speak to a person of a certain age. She reported this to Crimestoppers and Ceri Sadler came to see her and took details. Cllr Higginson felt that Neighbourhood Watch should have been informed about this. He said that here had also been a break in to the pub about which Neighbourhood Watch had not been informed. Cllr Greenstreet reported that the Herland Road sign had been squashed into a hedge. She asked if Cllr Keeling could find any money for new Cemetery gates at Godolphin.

Breage Playing Field – To receive information from meeting re: Risk Assessment

The Chairman reported that the Playing Field Committee were reluctant to take responsibility for making the necessary checks on the playground equipment. A suggestion that the Handyman carry out these checks had been supported and the Clerk had confirmed with Mr Babbage that he would be willing to do this in January, July and October. A brief and check list would need to be supplied to the Handyman and the Clerk said that she would contact ROSPA to obtain a booklet setting out the prescribed criteria. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that Breage Playing Field equipment inspections be carried out adopting the following protocol:**

- i) **Annual ROSPA inspection in April**
- ii) **Parish Council Handyman to carry out robust equipment inspections annually during January, July and October to a prescribed criteria list, to be agreed by the Chairman and the Clerk.**
- iii) **The contractor and members of the Field Committee are duty bound to report obvious hazards and defects to the Parish Clerk without delay. This includes reports of repairs carried out.**
- iv) **A notice, suitably placed, requesting members of the public to contact, by any means possible, (e-mail, telephone, in person), the Clerk, Councillors or members of the Field Committee informing them of any observed defects or hazards.**
- v) **Breage Parish Council keep a register of inspections and reports.**
- vi) **An annual report to be submitted to the Council on the condition of the play equipment and general condition of the field following the January inspection each year.**

Neighbourhood Watch Carleen

Cllr Higginson reported that the Neighbourhood Watch group had met that day. The next meeting would be on 3 October 2009 in Carleen Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There would be a PACT stand manned by Police and a Neighbourhood Watch stand manned by volunteers. Cllr Higginson would get in touch with all other groups in the Parish inviting them to attend and relevant notices would be put up in the Parish. Anyone who would like to attend the monthly meetings would be welcome.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there would be a Flea Market on Saturday and a Quiz Night on 19 September.

Cllr Ackland added that the Village Show would be held in the Village hall on 12 September.

Cllr Keeling would be holding his surgery on 5 September.

Breage Allotment Group

Cllr Phillips reported that there had been two meetings and Tasha Michell from Cornwall Council was grant searching. It is a very positive group. Sadly there was still an access problem with the proposed field. The Chairman recommended getting in touch with Charlotte Chadwick at the Helston One Stop Shop as she was excellent at sourcing grants.

## 21. CORRESPONDENCE

Cornish Mining – Summer 2009 magazine

Community Green Spaces – Seminar Saturday 5 September 2009, 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Eden Project. A series of talks, discussions and practical activities that explore the benefits of community owned and managed green spaces.

Cornwall Council – Community Network Panels update

SLCC – Cemetery Management Course Monday 7 September at Bodmin Town Council. £95 for Clerks, Chairmen and Councillors

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that Cllr Phillips and the Clerk should attend this course.**

CC - West Sub Area Planning Committee agenda & minutes

CALC – Certificate in Local Council Administration 2 day intensive course Falmouth 14 and 21 October, Bodmin 4 and 30 October £150

CC – Draft Protocol for local Councils Planning Applications

Councillors expressed concern over this letter as there had been no consultation. They felt that they needed reassurance and explanation. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the Clerk reply to the letter offering a response outlining their concerns regarding ‘possible resolutions’ in terms of:**

- a) **Further clarification of how ‘conflict resolve’ will work, and in particular the single point of contact, time limit of 5 days and suggested ‘informal’ site visit.**
- b) **How this draft protocol will impact on the requirement for the whole council to meet and discuss all aspects of planning applications in public.**

NALC – Policy & Parliamentary Consultation – Responses by 18 September 2009

It was suggested by the Chairman that Councillors look at this report and send their own responses by 18 September 2009.

Andrew George MP – List of Village and Town visits

Cornwall Air Ambulance –donation request

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that an s137 donation of £50 be made to Cornwall Air Ambulance.

**To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published**

CALC – Meeting 29 September 2009

Cllr Phillips agreed to attend this meeting.

Mr R Pascoe- Asking if the Council would have any objection to him regaining access to land at Wheal Vor, Breage.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council could not give permission to do this as it is not a land authority. However, he suggested that Cllrs Ackland and Darby take the paperwork and photographs, look into it and report back to the Clerk.

**22. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

The following items were received for the next agenda: Remembrance Day - 137 payment/ Cornwall Council wreath.

**23. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 6 OCTOBER 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**

The date and time of the next meeting were confirmed and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.**

# **BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

At 7.12 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 Best expressed his concern at the state of the storm drains that were full of trimmings and he felt that care of these areas was a shambles. He stated that the verges need strimming and the ditches need clearing.

Mr Darby was concerned that there was no mention of Trewell Green on the agenda. The Chairman explained that until replies are received there was nothing to report. Mr Darby felt that CALC and Open Spaces could offer viewpoints regarding stewardship of the Green.

Mrs Overton asked about the site meeting re: Bridleway 71 and asked if the Clerk had heard from Carol Harwood. The Clerk had not.

Mrs Kerslake was very disappointed that the grass verge in Ashton had only been cut round the phone box and no further. The Chairman said that Andy James had agreed to flail and cut back the area and that he would contact Tom Childs about it. Mrs Kerslake asked about the possibility of a lay-by at Ashton as people on the Main Road had nowhere to park and usually finished up parking on the pavements. The Chairman said that this matter had been looked into but as yet there is no budget for this work and it may be 3 to 4 years before anything could be considered.

Public Participation ended at 7.17 p.m.