BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)

Cllr T Ackland Cllr Mrs P Darby Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet

Cllr B Nicholls Cllr M Phillips Cllr Ms C Rashleigh Cllr P Shrimpton Cllr R Wyvern Batt

6 Members of the Public 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 Higginson for family reasons and Cllr Best who was working. The Police sent their apologies as they were holding PACT surgeries.

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

Cllr Greenough declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8b) Planning as he is the next-door-neighbour of the applicant. The Chairman reminded him that he should leave the room when the item was reached.

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

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2010

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 19 January 2010, with two amendments, be signed as a true and correct record. The amendments were: i) to include at the end of the Cornwall Councillor's report the following resolution: It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Mr Lavery, CEO Cornwall Council, informing him that Breage Parish Council found the behaviour of 'twitter gangs' at Cornwall Council meetings to be outrageous and ii) to amend Mrs Board's contribution to Public Participation. Mrs Board had previously reported to the Council and provided written amendment to what she had said during Public Participation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman said that thoughts and prayers were with the family and friends of Beth Delbridge, the young woman missing from Ashton since Monday last. He asked that the Clerk put details on the website asking people to contact the Police with any information.

5. POLICE REPORT

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

As there was no representative present, the Clerk read the following report:

'Please accept our apologies for not attending. We are holding our PACT surgeries today. This is something we are hoping to be able to do twice a year.

'There have been two crimes reported to the police in the month of January. These consist of a theft from a machine in a car park in Praa Sands and criminal damage to some property in Breage.

'Please could we make you aware of the Police Liaison meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 March, 2010. It is to be held in the Wesley hall, Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston. All are welcome and the discussion on "Local Policing in the Area" is being led by Inspector Caroline Coad.'

There were no questions. The Chairman reported that the Police PACT van had visited the Trevena Nurseries and he had attended

It was requested that a copy of the Police report be passed to Cllr Greenough for the Neighbourhood Watch committee.

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 7.07 to 7.20 p.m.

7. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

'A short month for me, with a week's family holiday and some downtime with a virus I picked up on the holiday flight. A public meeting with the people of Wadebridge on the 4th of February was well received and the subsequent recommendations resulted in a deferment of the decision to consider disposal of the Higher Trenant Council Offices. I chaired a council-wide meeting in the main council chamber on the Authorities Vision for the future use of the many buildings in its possession following the merger of the 7 councils into one. This was very emotive and though reassurances were given that consultation with ward members before any sale is contemplated would be undertaken; members were nonetheless concerned about the potential loss of viable and useful office accommodation. I have attended several meetings with the County Farms Service over the last couple of months. An enjoyable and interesting aspect of my work; the service provides starter and progression farms to enable "Family Farm" businesses to continue to be the foundation of Cornish agricultural production; and to positively encourage and ensure that new generations of young people will continue to enter agriculture and farm-based businesses. It is anticipated that the Council will remain a Small Holdings Authority and continue to invest in the land and property; incidentally the service makes on average about a 1/3rd of a million profits annually.

'Finally, the budget was debated on the 16^{th} of February and the Council's net revenue budget for 2010/2011 is set at £451.904m with a band D council tax of £1,244.41 (an increase of 2.9% on 2009/10) this now represents an increase of 67 pence per week for band D council tax payers.'

There were no questions for Cllr Keeling.

8. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA10/0080/F - Mr T Drage - Springfield, Trescowe, Germoe, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9RN

Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of detached domestic garage

The Clerk was asked to check that agricultural occupancy had been lifted. The application for a large development was discussed by Councillors and was felt to be out of keeping with the rest of the village. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved not to support the application citing the size, bulk, position and being out of keeping with the rest of an old village.

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

b) TO CONSIDER OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL PA10/00173/O - Mr & Mrs Dyke – Chymleas, 17 Forth Vean, Godolphin Cross, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9RH Erection of a dwelling

Discussion was held. Neighbours had been spoken to and were happy with the proposed development. One Councillor expressed their dislike of building in and ruination of a garden and another that Forth Vean is overdeveloped. It was felt that this was an infilling of a site pre-determined for a dwelling. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved with two abstentions to support the application.

c) TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

There were none.

d) TO NOTE NOTICES OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA09/01158/F – Mr M Bows – Trenwheal House, Trenwheal, Leedstown, HAYLE, Cornwall TR27 6BP Conversion of outbuilding into dependent relatives' accommodation

<u>PA09/01390/F</u> – Mrs S Lawrenson – Trerowton, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9SL Raising roof of garage and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof

e) To discuss the short time limits for returning applications to Cornwall Council

Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern that time and again. The Clerk explained that she had been able on occasions to e-mail planning officers and obtain permission for late returns but that sometimes an additional meeting needed to be held. The chairman explained that there is an 8 week time limit and there are penalties should these limits not be met. Delivery grants could be lost. Cllr Greenough advised that when letters were sent to neighbours about planning applications a website address was given. He reminded Council that not everyone is computer literate and the hyperlink address given has under-scores that were being covered over by under-linings and made to look like gaps. He asked that the way in which information is given to the public be improved. It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Dick Cole, Chairman of the Planning Policy Panel to express the Parish Council's concern that applications were often received just before Parish Council meetings, comments for which had to

be returned prior to the next Parish Council meeting and asking if the matter could be raised with panel Members for consideration and to request that the way in which information is given to the public be improved.

f) Cornwall Motel

- i) To acknowledge receipt of Proposed development for foul drainage Cornwall Motel Receipt of the proposed development for foul drainage Cornwall Motel was acknowledged.
- ii) To discuss Parishioners' concerns over the Cornwall Motel development

Mr Harrison had copied a letter he had sent to Chantal McLellan re: the motel development to Councillors giving 11 comments as listed in Public Participation.

The Chairman reminded Council that it had requested that the application go to the full Planning Committee and that the real debate will happen there and that there would hopefully be a site meeting. Other Parishioners have also expressed concerns.

iii) To consider the architect's offer of help to formulate an approach to Cornwall Council re: Cornwall Motel housing ratio

Councillors were asked if they wished to meet with Mr Alton but it was felt that as he is under the control of Bronzemill he would be unable to do or say anything that Bronzemill did not want. They had felt mislead by Mr Alton since the initial meeting as he had denied what he had said at the meeting and had e-mailed to the Clerk. The Chairman explained that the Council's support for holiday use plus unfettered affordable would not be permitted and it was therefore unwise to progress this route. Everything will be decided by the Planning Committee after a site meeting where everyone who wished would have the opportunity to speak. The Clerk was asked to refuse Mr Alton's offer.

g) To comment on letters received regarding PA10/00014/LU Certificate of Lawfulness The Little Cottage, Sea Meads, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9TA

Councillors had no knowledge of this property and this is all the Council had been asked to provide. However the Clerk had received from residents and others many copies of letters addressed to Cornwall Council. Everything that the Clerk has received has been forwarded to Arthur Edwards the Planning Officer dealing with this application.

h) To discuss the expression of concern received regarding possible procedural errors item 7, PLANNING, 5 May 2009

Mr Menneer had read his expression of concern regarding possible procedural errors item 7, PLANNING, 5 May 2009 to the meeting during Public Participation. Additional comments were made to the expression of concern that had been received by the Clerk on 2 February 2010 and had been circulated to Members. The 5 concerns are listed in the minutes of the Public Participation.

Cllr Nicholls requested permission to speak. He felt that the letter that had been received from Mr & Mrs Menneer was a complaint with a veiled threat. He explained that he was not a Cornwall person but an incomer who had lived in Ashton for 25 years. He did not know the applicant and his decision had been made independently and objectively and that he had seconded the proposal made at the meeting on 5 May 2009. He stated that the Parish Council is only advisory and individual views on planning applications are given objectively. The Parish Council does not make decisions. He felt that an unfair complaint was being made against the Chairman and the Clerk and he said that procedures had been legally followed. He emphasised that each application is considered objectively and impartially. He reminded all Parishioners that the only way to be sure of a decent outlook is if ones home is already on a boundary fence. He believed that the timing was correct. Importantly, there had been a site meeting.

Cllr Keeling stated that he was neither a Kerrier Councillor nor a Cornwall Councillor at the time and that he was not a close friend of Mr Polglase, merely an acquaintance. It was Council's habit to declare interest in acquaintances. If it had been a close friendship it would have been declared as a prejudicial interest and Cllr Keeling have withdrawn while the application was discussed. He had been a Kerrier Councillor for 8 years and there were some three-and-a-half thousand people that he knew through this connection He stated that Mrs Menneer had presented a very good case at the 5 May 2009 meeting and that the Parish Council at the time had supported the objections regarding sound and sight and had requested a site meeting.

At this point the Chairman asked the other three Councillors who had declared personal interest to verify the extent of their friendships with Mr Polglase.

Cllr Wyvern Batt said that Mr Polglase was an acquaintance. She had been to look at the site at the time and had spoken to neighbours who had no objections.

Cllr Ackland had been in Cornwall for 44 years and knows a lot of people. He stated that he declares a personal interest if he knows people as an acquaintance. He stated that Councillors do their best here and give honest opinions.

Cllr Phillips said that he is the local organiser for Christian Aid and Mrs Polglase had been a collector for 7 years. He met her once a year to pass over the necessary envelopes etc. Mrs Polglase, because of this matter had now withdrawn from being a Christian Aid collector. Cllr Phillips also occasionally passed by Mrs Polglase from time to time when they were walking their dogs.

Because of the concern expressed by Mr & Mrs Menneer about noise emitted by the wind turbine now that it is in place, the Council offered to invite members of the Environmental Health/Enforcement teams to a site meeting with Mr Polglase and his neighbours. Mr Menneer asked for time to speak with Mr Polglase and to consider the offer.

The Chairman told Mr & Mrs Menneer that they would receive a reply to their expression of concern.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk reply accordingly to Mr & Mrs Menneer's expression of concern regarding possible procedural errors item 7, Planning, 5 May 2009.

- 9. FINANCE
- a) To consider payment for NALC 2010 Standing Orders see payment list c)
 - It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that NALC 2010 Standing Orders be purchased.
- b) To consider deferred payments for Bus shelter and Graveyard path see payment list c). Cheques will not be released until work is completed and approved
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that cheque payments for deferred payments for Bus shelter and Graveyard path be authorised and that cheques will not be released until work is completed and approved.
- d) To approve March payments

Cllr Nicholls confirmed that he had checked the payments.

no.	Name	cheque		Net	VAT	Total
100	SEC Ltd	102721	Routine maint Streetlights	£453.03	£67.95	£520.98
101	CALC	102724	Conference/AGM fee	£30.00	£5.25	£35.25
102	Bus Shelters Ltd	102725	Bus shelter Ashton Path War Memorial	£1,927.62	£337.33	£2,264.95
103	Theobald	102726	graveyard	£2,970.00	£445.50	£3,415.50
104	ВТ	102727	Internet	£45.00	£7.87	£52.87
105	CALC	102728	2010 Standing Orders	£35.00		£35.00
				£5,460.65	£863.90	£6,324.55
	Mrs C L Macleod	102722	Clerk's Salary February			
	Mrs C L Macleod PO Ltd HMRC	102722 102723	Clerk's Salary February PAYE	£88.00		£88.00
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£5,664.43 £865.62 £6,530.05

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

e) To acknowledge receipts

The following receipts were acknowledged: Cemetery fees £120; Donation £4.50; Bus shelter grant £1,927.62; VAT £1,078.72.

f) Clerk to provide Bank balances

Bank balances as at 28 February 2010: Current: £620.68; Tracker £12,353.30; Petty Cash £82.32.

10. FOOTPATHS

Report on meeting held on 24 February 2010

This was felt by Cllr Darby to have been a productive meeting that had been attended by Colin Bayes, the Countryside Officer and Bob Sanders the Contractor, Cllr Keeling and Darby and Mrs Board. Many issues were raised and a list provided for Colin Bayes. The Clerk was provided with a copy of the list by Cllr Darby and the issues raised are listed below:

- 22 The mud problem at Lower Scotts
- 21/3 feed bags on path, barbed wire on stile and flooding near bridge
- 39 Wet and slippery stones/rocks
- 28/4 confusion on the correct route of the path
- 59/1 Bridge erected by County 2-3 years ago but stepping stones in the stream would be useful
- 58 Opposite 25 very steep drop down into the field. Is it possible to use the gate and track?
- 47 Potholes in the byway (Greenways)
- 13 Pot holes in the byway (Troon Row)
- 9 Hendra Lane to Rinsey gate obstruction
- 4 Trailer parked at Breage end and barbed wire on the Porthleven Road end

Mr Bayes was also asked if any help could be given with pipes for unofficial path between 18 and 46.

Cllr Darby confirmed that all but £20.91 of the LMP allowance had been claimed.

She said that the Contractor had done a very good job. As there are 82 footpaths she hoped walkers would let the Parish Council know if they came across any problems while walking the footpaths.

Cllr Darby was thanked for producing the report. It was proposed by Cllr Darby, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the above report be received.

11. HIGHWAYS

To discuss a reported dangerous access/exit at Willavean Higher Road, Breage

It was reported that a female driver of a vehicle from Willavean, Breage is leaving the driveway without looking at the footway until at the kerb and appears to be unaware of pedestrians on that footway. Pedestrians have reported near misses. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO about this.

12. STREET LIGHTING

There was nothing to report.

13. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

Progress of path in War Memorial Graveyard

Cllr Phillips reported that the awaited signed paperwork from the Diocese had arrived that day and permission had been given by the Bishop for the work on the path to commence. The Clerk will contact Theobalds.

14. PRAA SANDS

a) To discuss Emergency vehicles' access Praa Green after problems with recent fire

Concern had been expressed at the difficulty the Emergency vehicle encountered whilst trying to reach the area to deal with the recent fire in the marram grass. The Chairman reported that Mrs Board had made some reasonable suggestions and that he would meet with Mrs Board to discuss this.

b) To discuss the possibility of re-erecting the fence in front of the marram grass in order to offer protection to the grass

Again, Mrs Board had made comments about this. The matter was felt by the Council to be a Cornwall Council concern and that solid posts are needed. The Chairman agreed to keep raising the matter at Cornwall Council level until something was done.

- c) To discuss the actual removal of the bund at the triangle Praa Green as was agreed at the July 2009 meeting The Chairman agreed that the wrong bund had been removed and had since been replaced. He felt that removal of the bund might encourage encroachment onto the Green although access is needed. He agreed to look into this matter, saying that he believed the bund had been erected in the year of the eclipse, to prevent intrusion. Mrs Board had informed Council of this in her letter.
- d) To discuss Parishioner's concern re: the provision of digging out of road and laying of scalpings in Greenways, Praa Sands, (previously carried out annually by Cornwall County Council but not done in 2009 by Cornwall Council)

 The surface of Byway 47 is in a sad state and getting worse. The clerk has received complaints from parishioners about this. The Clerk has contacted Colin Bayes who in turn has advised that this appears to be a lack of funding matter at present. He however, has passed the matter on to others. The Chairman has contacted Graham Hicks at Cornwall Council.

15. TREWELL GREEN

Vanessa Davies has passed the matter to Steve Crummay. The paperwork is at present with Linda Holloway. Vanessa Davies has done as much as she is able to do and the Chairman therefore will try to speak with Steve Crummay and Linda Holloway.

16. HOUSING NEEDS MEETING

To receive report on the meeting held on 23 February 2010

The Council had met with Jody Jeffrey, Affordable Housing Officer Cornwall Council and Mark Broomhead Senior Planning Officer, Planning Delivery Team West 2 sub-area. Expressions of interest had been received and Cllr Greenough explained that the response had been better than expected. Steps will now be taken to contact potential site owners to establish their proposals, to obtain a brief from each site and to find if any of the sites meet the criteria required. The Parish Council will meet again with Mark Broomhead and Jody Jeffrey, after which a public consultation evening will be held once sites have been explored. If Councillors or Parishioners are aware of any other sites that may be available they are asked to contact the Clerk with this information.

The Chairman spoke about Cornwall Council's new initiative for tackling long term empty properties. The Clerk explained that a letter had been received – see correspondence - Councillors and Parishioners are asked to report properties that have been empty for 6 months+ and are attracting anti-social behaviour, harbouring criminal activities or are causing a nuisance in their area.

17. BREAGE CONSERVATION AREA

To discuss whether Councillors are happy with the final Appraisals and Management Strategies

It was agreed that this is a wish list rather than an action list. Cllr Rashleigh asked why 6 houses from Pellor Fields are included in the extended Conservation Area but the remainder of Pellor Fields' houses are not. It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the fact that 6 houses from Pellor Fields are included in the extended Conservation Area but the remainder of Pellor Fields' houses had not be raised with the Conservation Officer.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the final Appraisals and Management Strategies re: The Breage Conservation Area be approved and that it is an excellent document.

18. ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT GODOLPHIN CROSS

To report on progress

The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the signed contract received.

Cllr Greenough asked for confirmation that BT would be responsible for the cost of electricity provided to the kiosk. The Clerk confirmed that this is so. Cllrs Greenstreet and Greenough are to meet at the kiosk with a reporter from the Cornishman for a photograph to be taken as an article is being written about the adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the receipt of the contract of adoption by Breage Parish Council of the Godolphin telephone kiosk be noted.

19. COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL

To receive Councillor's report on recent meeting

Cllr Shrimpton reported that it would be best to make a full report after the next meeting when everything should be set up and running. In the meantime Councillors had been provided with the revised draft structure and notes from the CN panel meeting.

It was disappointing that out of 19 Councils only 8 were represented. The next meeting will be on 21 April 2010 and main priorities appear to be, at the moment, on the back burner.

Cllr Phillips had felt that there was a great deal of negativity at the meeting. Many of those present were Clerks, not Councillors.

Cllr Keeling had attended the meeting as a Ward Cornwall Councillor. By the number attending he questioned if Councils wanted this facility and felt that it should not be assumed that they do. He reminded Council that service providers could be held to account if Councils are not happy with a service.

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the Community Network Panel report be received.

20. DOG ORDERS

- a) To receive The Fouling of land By Dogs (Cornwall) Order 01/201 and The Dogs On Leads By Direction (Cornwall) Order 01/2010, notices and maps.
- b) To consider a request to include dog ban for Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh asked if a request could be made to include a dog ban for Breage Playing Field. It was agreed that this was a reasonable request and normal for a children's playing field.

It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that a dog ban be requested for Breage Playing Field

21. WEST CORNWALL LOCAL ACTION GROUP

To consider the nomination of a member to serve as a representative or as a substitute on the West Cornwall Local Action Group.

This is the delivery arm of the West Cornwall Local Development Strategy which has received £1.8M funding. There was no interest shown in this position.

22. CALC CONFERENCE AND AGM

To receive Councillor's report

Cllr Phillips had attended the CALC Conference and AGM and had experienced an interesting, well run day that he had enjoyed.

There had been over 100 companies present at the Conference with goods for sale. There had been a long presentation on Waste Management. The possibility of fortnightly home collections was being reviewed as was recycling. The St Day incinerator question was awaiting reply from the Government. There was a long discussion on Cornwall in Bloom. It was felt to be good that people were doing something to cheer their villages.

The new Model Standing Orders 2010 needed to be looked at and Councils were advised to check that their Standing Orders are correct.

There was a discussion about allotments and the SW Society gave information relating to interesting limits to sizes, etc. At the AGM information that CALC's fees were rising 5% before VAT was received.

Cllr Phillips was thanked for attending and representing the Council.

Regarding the fee price increase, it was felt that CALC is an insurance policy should things go wrong.

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the CALC Conference and AGM report be received.

23. VISIT TO COUNTY HALL

Buffet reception has been arranged for Wednesday 10 March at 7.00 p.m.

10 people with 1 possible addition will be attending the reception at County Hall. The Chairman advised that Councillors should leave home at 6.00 p.m. Car sharing was arranged.

24. LICENSING ACT 2003

To consider the request that Breage Parish Council lobby Government to change the Licensing Act 2003 legislation so that Parish/Town Councils may be included in the process and able to comment in their own right.

The request from Mrs Anthony was supported by Councillors 100%. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk lobby Government on behalf of Breage Parish Council, by letter to Andrew George MP, to change the Licensing Act 2003 legislation so that Parish/Town Councils may be included in the process and able to comment in their own right. Copies to be sent the Chief Executive Officer, the legal department and the Licensing Officer, Mr Mears, at Cornwall Council.

25. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk reported that the Parish Rooms' notice board needs re-varnishing and asked for permission for the Handyman to do this? It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the Handyman varnish the Parish Rooms notice board.
- b) The Clerk, together with Cllr Rashleigh had met with Jonathan Radford-Gaby re: ruts in verge, St Breaca Close yesterday. The person who had been dealing with it has left the company. Mr Radford-Gaby agreed to the work being carried out as soon as possible.
- c) Julian Payne re: Praa Sands and the Shoreline Management Plan is unable to fit a meeting in with the Public Exhibitions but will arrange one at Praa Sands in April or May once dates have been agreed. Mr Payne and the County Engineer, Martin Clemo will be attending and maybe a technical consultant and the Regional Coastal Engagement Officer Nick Reed. The Chairman will invite Julian German, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change.
- d) The Clerk has written re: War Memorial graveyard hedge but had received no reply.
- e) The Clerk had submitted the next part of her training schedule, Procedures and had received the following comments: 'An excellent submission. I award this module and look forward to the remainder.'
- f) The Clerk had sent a thank you re: the cutting of the grass in the closed graveyards as it was done so carefully this time.
- g) The Clerk had written re: the poor state of the new footpath at the new gate area, Pengersick Lane and had also reported a complaint about vehicles coming from there leaving lots of mud on the road. She had been told by Cornwall Council to contact the farmer about the mud on the road.
- h) The Clerk had received several queries as to the digging opposite here, next to the pub. She queried this with Cornwall Council and has been advised that Mr Brazier has been granted a Caravan Club licence for 5 caravans for periods not exceeding 28 days and that the land is being prepared for this site. The development required by the conditions of a site licence is classed as permitted development in accordance with the General Permitted Development Order of 2008 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 5 Class B this allows for fencing, hardcore, water, waste disposal any requirements necessary for the site and conditions of the license.
- i) The Cornish hedge at Trevena Cross is to be inspected.
- j) The bus shelter at Ashton is due to be installed in the week commencing 22 March 2010.
- k) Precept has been confirmed for 2010/11 @ £45,000.
- I) Breage Green will be repaired by the Handyman who has confirmed that the cost will be small

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

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there would be a Flea Market on Saturday, a Carne Cove production, The Locksmith's Wife, the following Saturday and a Cornish evening on 30 March with Martin Matthew and Roger Hosking.

Cllr Greenough reported that the glass was broken in the left hand Godolphin notice board. It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the glass be cleared and Perspex inserted by the Handyman.

It was also reported that the light was out in the telephone kiosk. BT to be informed.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the crack in the closed graveyard wall adjacent to Coulthard Drive has grown. The Chairman would advise Andy Mears.

Cllr Rashleigh said there are still no signs for Herland Parc, Godolphin. The Clerk confirmed that this is on Cornwall Council's list. She questioned the repairing of pot holes Troon Row, Breage. The Chairman advised that this is in hand. The black and white posts at Troon Row have still not been put in the correct positions.

Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the goal post had been ordered and this will be placed slightly nearer to the swing as the present area gets very flooded.

To discuss Inspection Report

Councillors had received copies of the report. There was no report of anything dangerous or urgent on the report and therefore no action to take. The RoSPA inspection would be carried out in April and the Clerk asked that the new goal be in place before that.

Cllr Ackland reported that the Carleen Pantomime was very successful. He thanked Cllr Keeling for his work as producer and Eileen Keeling who also did an excellent job as prompt and stand-in when John was unable to attend. A lot of local children from Breage and around took part thus involving the Community. Cllr Keeling said that he had thoroughly enjoyed the performance and long may they continue.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

Marie Curie Cancer Care – Great Daffodil Walk Sunday 11 April 2010, 10.30 a.m. National Trust's Cotehele Estate, St Dominick, Saltash.

Marie Curie Cancer Care - What's on

Marie Curie Cancer Care – Donation Request

Cornwall Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People – request for Parish Councillors to serve as Trustees Cornwall CC

CC -Town & Parish Newsletter – 11 NSPCC - become a campaign partner

Spinal Injuries Association – permission to advertise Fish and Chip Supper Friday 21 May 2010 on website

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Greenough and resolved with one abstention that permission be given for the Spinal Injuries Association to advertise Fish and Chip Supper Friday 21 May 2010 on the Council's website.

CC – West sub-area Planning Committee – minutes and agenda

Cllr Wyvern Batt gave her apologies and left at this point.

To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published

John Lambe Associates – re: Haulfryn

Patersons Licensing Law – Conferences

Open Spaces - Member Survey 2010

Open Spaces - Spring 2010 Vol 29 No 7 booklet

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority - Meeting Wesley Hall, HELSTON on Wednesday 17 March at 7.30 p.m.

Cornwall Council - Cornwall matter

Cornwall Council – Tackling long term empty properties

Councillors and Parishioners are asked to report properties that have been empty for 6 months + and are attracting antisocial behaviour, harbouring criminal activities or are causing a nuisance in their area.

28. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Slurry at crossroads Polladras.

29. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6 April 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

At 7.07 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 Harrison, the owner of the land to the south of the Cornwall Motel had previously provided a list of concerns re: the proposals for the Motel site:

- 1. 'A high density small housing estate is totally out of place in this agricultural environment.
- 2. The height of the development is presumably relying on the September 2004 permission for the erection of a second storey and a pitched roof on the ONE residence at the lower end (West) of the site. One such building would barely be acceptable but to allow this to be used as the overall roof site level for 2-storey houses, built on a ridge, will create a new horizon thus despoiling the character of the countryside. It also appears that the elevation view shows roof levels increasing from West to East.
- 3. This application is essentially as previous applications PA07/01435/FM & PA08/0066642/FM. Both of which have been refused permission.
- 4. The application frequently refers to the existing situation, as if the business has continued up to the extent of previous permissions. In fact there has been no business for at least 3 years, when it consisted of a single storey residence, restaurant used by some motel guess and 12 motel units. Any comparisons of existing use and future use are purely hypothetical and invalid.
- 5. Since being purchased by Bronzemill Ltd. the site has been neglected and vandalised...The present deplorable state should be no reason to support any applications for redevelopment.
- 6. The change of use from overnight motel to holiday housing will result in more children and pets on a site bordering a dangerous main road and fields of livestock.
- 7. The main road (A394) has a far higher traffic density than in 1967 when the original approval was given. Traffic travelling West is particularly dangerous as this is the first section of clear road after Ashton. The speed of vehicles is frequently at 60 m.p.h. and the entrance is obscured (particularly to left-hand drive tourists) by the trees on the adjoining property.
- 8. There will be more on/off site movements. The Connect report only relates to peak periods so is not comparable.
- 9. The planning submission suggests it will create "well paid and rewarding employment". What? Cleaners and gardeners?
- 10. The application says there are no trees on site. The West end of the site has a well established stand of trees not shown on the site plan. Any permission should demand these trees remain.
- 11. Developments such as this severely prejudice any claim to be an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.'

Mr Harrison spoke in regard to item 8fii). He and a number of neighbours have received letters from Cornwall Council asking for their views. He felt that the present application was essentially the same as the previous two, as stated in 3, above. He felt that the present plan was for a high density, 2-storey housing estate. He asked that the Parish Council be consistent and not support this or any other application. He referred to the pre-planning meeting when he felt that Council appeared to be bartering in return for support. Mr Harrison added that whoever occupies the properties will not reduce the impact of the site. Work, shops, welfare, sports and leisure are all unavailable at this site. He finds the way in which this application has developed from the initial request beyond the acceptable limit.

The Chairman advised that a full site visit has been requested so that everyone will be able to have their say. Mrs Board advised that she had sent a letter to Councillors re: item 14, Praa Sands, a), b), c) and d). In regard to item d) she stated that Byway 47 has not been repaired annually but usually after complaints. Regarding Little Cottage, Praa Sands she felt it important to contact Mr Edwards, Planning Officer to confirm whether the room in question had been in use for 4-10 years.

Mr Menneer spoke in regard to item 8h) - To discuss the expression of concern received regarding possible procedural errors item 7, Planning, 5 May 2009. He stated that he did not doubt the honesty or integrity of the Council and he thanked Council for all it does. His was an expression of concern, a clarification statement and he hoped to avoid a complaint. He spoke of the spirit of the Code of Conduct and LGA 2000, (this gives three conditions that need to be met before a prejudicial interest needs to be declared), saying that one of these conditions is that 'a member of the public who knows the facts would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest'. Mr & Mrs Menneer had written to the Clerk, listing their concerns and Councillors had received copies of this letter and Mrs Menneer senior's correspondence.

The listed concerns were presented by Mr Menneer:

- 1. As a friend of the applicant should Mr Keeling have been chairing the discussion and proposing approval? Should 3 other friends of the applicant have voted on this matter? In considering this you should know that:
- a) The applicant was a signatory on Mr Keeling's County Council nomination paper for the June 2009 election. Nominations closed in early May.
- b) Mr Robertson as a friend of the applicant, declared a personal and prejudicial interest at County Level. Mr Keeling did not feel the need to do so at Parish level, possibly correctly.
- 2. Was the Planning Department made aware that several committee members had declared an interest as friends? If not why not?

- 3. Contemporaneous notes made at the meeting do not mention declarations of interest having been made at the meeting. An interested observer does not recall declarations of interest. Both could, of course, be mistaken/incorrect. As the whole matter should need to be brought up at committee anyway, perhaps members [declarers of interest or not] could confirm the issue either way? Alternatively or in addition, you may be able to release the contemporaneous notes from which you drew up the minutes? This is not intended to be an accusation of any sort, but the genuine desire of two parishioners to put this matter to rest.
- 4. The Planning Department did not post the official site notices until 28 April. This only allowed one week for concerned parties to see the notices and act before the Parish Council meeting on 5 May. Surely this was not a reasonable period of time? Did the Parish Council point this out to the Planning Department, emphasising the adverse effect on local input? If not, why not?
- 5. In April 2008 the Parish Council strongly rejected an application by Councillor Reynolds for two small wind turbines [and solar panels], in a much less conspicuous position. Only a year later PA09/00508/F for a much larger and noisier turbine in a conspicuous position was strongly approved. This seems to be inconsistent. Would it be possible to know why the two applications were treated so differently?'

With reference to no. 2, Mr Menneer acknowledged that Mrs Menneer's input at the 5 May 2009 meeting had been graciously praised but added that she had not heard Councillors' interests declared during the meeting. The procedural errors were referred to by Mr Menneer as inadvertent.

Public participation ended at 7.20 p.m.