

# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS**

### **BREAGE ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)

Cllr T Ackland

Cllr A Best

Cllr P Darby

Cllr P Greenough

Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet

Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

Cllr P Shrimpton

Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

9 Members of the Public

PCSO Ceri Sadler

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Fire Evacuation Procedure was read out by the Clerk.

#### **1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies

#### **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 Rashleigh declared a personal interest in item 11, Planning, PA10/06537 and said that she would not vote on this application.

##### **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 5 OCTOBER 2010**

The Clerk explained that she had received a phone call from the owners of the Sandbar re: item 21, CHRISTMAS MEAL, stating that the ownership would not be changing hands as reported in the minutes. The Clerk had issued an apology and had immediately blocked out the offending sentence on the minutes as soon as she had received the complaint. This sentence would be removed from the minutes. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7 September 2010, with the offending sentence deleted, be signed as a true and correct record.**

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **5. POLICE REPORT**

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

PCSO Sadler gave the following report:

'There have been two crimes reported to the Police in the month of October.

'The first is a theft of a petrol can from an insecure shed in Breage. This crime is still under investigation. The second is a crime of aggravated taking of a vehicle from Nancegollan. This has been detected; the offender was under the influence of alcohol.

'This compares to five crimes reported to us at the same time last year.

'There were no reported incidents to us in the Parish of Breage over the Halloween period. Hope you all have a pleasant and enjoyable bonfire night.'

Cllr Greenough asked that a copy of the report be sent to him for Neighbourhood Watch.

There were no questions for PCSO Sadler. The Chairman thanked her for attending and giving her report and she left the 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 7.07 to 7.23 p.m.

## 7. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman asked if Councillors wished to defer this item until the next meeting to give them time to consider. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the item, Election of a Vice Chairman, be deferred until the December meeting.

## 8. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTING A NEW MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To replace Mr Barry Nicholls

### a) Application received from Mr Trevor Coleman

The Chairman introduced Mr Coleman and thanked him for his application which the Clerk read out.

Mr Coleman was asked if he wished to add anything and Councillors were asked if they wished to ask any questions of Mr Coleman. The answer to both these questions was no. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that Mr Trevor Coleman be co-opted as a Breage Parish Councillor.** Cllr Coleman was congratulated on his co-option.

### b) Cllr Coleman completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, read it to the meeting and signed it. The Clerk countersigned the declaration. The Clerk explained that she would give Cllr Coleman the relevant paperwork after the meeting. Cllr Coleman was asked to join the other Councillors but was asked not to vote on any Planning matters at this meeting.

## 9. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

### a) Letter of resignation received from Graham Higginson

The Chairman explained that a letter of resignation had been received from Mr Higginson and an informal discussion had been held on 20 October to enable Councillors to discuss the resignation.

### b) To note informal discussion on 20 October 2010 and outcome re: item a)

**The Clerk read out the following report:**

'Cllr Higginson's resignation was discussed at an informal meeting on 20 October, 2010.

'Cllr Higginson, in his resignation letter, had expressed his inability to continue to be a Councillor because he felt that the planning training he had undertaken and his expertise were not being utilized and therefore his training had been a complete waste of his time and consequently he could no longer work with the Chairman.

'The Chairman explained that in his role as a Cornwall Ward Councillor he had been asked by a planning officer to visit a planning application site with him and that he had subsequently asked Cllr Greenough to attend as he had extensive knowledge of the actual application.

'Cllr Keeling added that he did not feel that the applicant would have coped if any more people had attended.

'Cllr Higginson believed that, as an elected Planning Councillor, he should have attended that meeting and expressed his concern at not being invited, to the Chairman after an Account's Team meeting.

'Cllr Keeling said that although there had been no necessity for Cllr Higginson to attend, in hindsight, he should have been informed of the meeting and said that he would apologize to him. He also added that, in the future, he would relay all such information regarding planning meetings to the Clerk enabling her to advise Councillors of any meetings. However, he said that it would sometimes be necessary for him to advise that no Councillors attend. Councillors agreed that this would be a sensible procedure to follow and felt that there was undoubtedly a need for Councillors to receive information that such meetings were taking place.

'The Chairman added that he very much valued Cllr Higginson's long service as a Parish Councillor, particularly the times when he had efficiently taken the Chairman's role in his absence.

'Discussion ensued over the correct construal of Cornwall Council's Planning Protocol.'

Cllr Keeling read out the letter he had written to Mr Higginson:

'Dear Graham,

'It is with deep regret that I have had to accept your resignation; and it is also deeply regrettable that we both could not have found the time to discuss, at length, some of the issues that have led to you leaving the council.

'Firstly, I must clear up the matter of the recent planning visit to the Godolphin Arms, to which I had requested the presence of Cllr Greenough. The case officer had asked me to meet with him to help address some of the concerns of the parish council. I wanted to ensure that the right issues were being considered by the case officer and agent; and by having Cllr Greenough present this was assured. The result of the meeting was that amended plans will be forwarded to the Parish Council for further comment in due course. The visit was organised by Cornwall Council Planning Control as part of their normal deliberations of planning applications. However, I can understand your position on this matter and,

having requested the presence of Cllr Greenough I should have, in hindsight, contacted you and given you the opportunity of attending together with

Cllr Greenstreet and Cllr Wyvern Batt; and for that I apologise.

'On the issue of planning matters considered by the Parish Council. The council had decided not have a formal Planning Committee, though could have re-visited the matter again to further debate on how it could improve its considerations of planning applications. Nevertheless, I would not have considered your planning training to have been wasted, if not only from the point of your personal development as a councillor. Your counsel on planning matters has always been well received and informed, ensuring that the council's views have taken account of material planning considerations as part of their wider deliberations. This alone has prevented many of the conflicts developing between Cornwall Council Planning Control and the Parish Council; that are typical of some other parish councils I have attended.

'Moreover, I have always had great faith in your ability to chair the meetings of the council in my absence; and it will be difficult to fill the experience gap created by your departure. I hope that you would consider, after a period of time and reflection, standing for election as a parish councillor in the future.

'Finally, may I together with the rest of the Parish Council take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work over the years which has, in no small way, helped to contribute towards making the council what it is today. Finally, we wish you and your family all the very best for the future.'

Cllr Greenough asked why the Parish Council had been bypassed in the case of the planning meeting at Godolphin pub arranged by the Planning Officer. He felt that this should only have happened if the Parish Council were in dispute with Cornwall Council and there was no resolution, i.e. it was agreed to disagree and he felt that the protocol list provided by Cornwall Council clearly shows this. He asked that the Officer be asked why the decision to bypass the Parish Council was taken. Cllr Wyvern Batt felt that this has happened in the past, particularly over the post office in Godolphin. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and resolved with one abstention that a letter be written to Cornwall Council asking why the decision to bypass Breage Parish Council had been taken in regard to the application for the Godolphin Arms.**

## 10. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

'A piece of work I was involved in last month was chairing and hosting public engagement events across Cornwall on the emergency budget; seeking the views of the public on those areas where reductions in service provision would be acceptable in the light of further financial cuts.

'Further to this, the Cornwall Council budget setting process during this extraordinary period of financial austerity is predicated on going forward early to save approx £5.6 million by implementing savings and alternative methods of service delivery by 1<sup>st</sup> January. It is anticipated that the budget will be passed through full council on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November and is based on a 0% council tax rise.

'Other meeting during October include full council, available on the Webcast via the council's website. I attended a retirement dinner for Chief Superintendent Elaine Marshall at County Hall. This followed a long and distinguished career which included the innovative "Newquay Safe" project. I continue to be heavily involved in corporate issues such as performance management and the development of shared services.

'I have only a short report this month due mainly to the emphasis on the emerging budget and the tremendous effort involved in this. However, if anybody is interested in the details of the indicative budget going forward I have a copy, albeit the pocket version, which I will make available in the parish rooms and am willing to go through it with councillors or members of the public.'

Cllr Keeling also spoke about meeting the children of Germoe School and explained that 24 Breage School children had been present. They had asked him about many things, including: traffic speeding; lack of play areas, especially at Pengersick; if there could be a football area at Praa Sands; erosion at Praa Sands and difficult access to Rinsey beach. The Head teacher, Mrs Quinney, would be happy to be involved in Praa Sands projects. Cllr Keeling has been asked to become a Governor of the school.

Cllr Keeling encouraged Councillors to attend the children's meeting in the Council Chamber on 8 November. He asked of there were any questions.

Cllr Greenough said that affordable houses are needed at Germoe because without new children the school will die.

Cllr Best spoke about the budget cuts and trusted there would be no service cuts as he felt that too much Council Tax was already being paid.

Cllr Wyvern Batt felt that the Agency Staff problem should be sorted. Cllr Keeling said this was a problem inherited from the previous authority that should have been stamped on. Staff would be taking on the roles of agency staff and there would be efficiency cuts made within the service.

## 11. PLANNING

Cllr Keeling's statement: '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'. Cllr Keeling did not vote on any of the applications.

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

**PA10/06022 – Ms Hilary Dale – Innisfree, Prospect Row, Ashton, HELSTON**

Construction of annexe

**Councillors felt that support should be given to the neighbours as the annexe would be totally out of character with the other bungalows in the row. It was also felt to be overdevelopment of a small space. The removal of the Cornish hedge would cause extra parking problems for a road already burdened with cars. The next door neighbour has ownership of the footpath and the proposed annexe would overhang this footpath. It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved not to support the application giving the above list of reasons.**

**PA10/06198 - Mr S Rowlands – Welland, 1 Herland Park, Godolphin Cross, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9RJ**

Modification of legal obligation attached to 89/01073/F

The Planning Officer had forwarded more information as had been requested by Council and had informed council that a request will be made of the applicants to be more specific and evidence of the mortgage companies request should also be provided before a final judgement is made on this application.

The officer also advised that he had a number of similar proposals recently where the mortgage companies, of which there are currently only a couple that will lend on affordable local needs housing, are only willing to take on new customers if the wording of older agreements is modified to enable the mortgage company to sell the property to a non qualifying person if it has to repossess the property. It is not quite as straight forward as that, and the mortgage company does need to carry out a period of advertising but this is much shorter than the clauses in the agreement. If the mortgage company were to repossess and sell to a non qualifying person, the terms of the agreement would still remain in force and would be reflected if the new owners sell in the future.

It appears that the action was requested by the mortgage lender to be applied in the event of repossession.

Councillors were happy with this as long as the property remained an affordable home and that the extended geographical location was in Breage Parish or West Cornwall. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that Breage Parish Council will support the application as long as the house remains as an Affordable Home and as long as the geographical area is extended to within Breage Parish and then to within West Cornwall.**

**PA10/06469 – Mr & Mrs Robinson – Sunny Cottage, Rinsey Lane, Ashton, HELSTON**

Conservatory extension to dwelling

The Chairman advised that this application had been withdrawn.

**PA10/05843- Mr R Gunson for Spectrum - Trelawney House, Polladras, Breage, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9NT**

Continued use of premises without compliance with Condition 1 of Decision Notice Number PA99/00949/F dated 29 February 2000 and PA07/01029/F dated 29 July 2008

Following concerns expressed by Councillors at the previous meeting, the Clerk had obtained the following information:

'Spectrum are a well established company providing services to people with learning disabilities in Cornwall and Devon. They have some particular specialisms in working with people who have very complex support requirements and need support in relation to Autism and related conditions. They have over 20 homes in Cornwall and of the people they serve (approximately 90) a significant number come from out of the County.'

Councillors still felt that it was Spectrum's intention to remove the elderly people and re-home them in other places. They were not at all happy with this situation. They had no doubt that Spectrum is a good and reputable company but felt that perhaps money and profit were being put before the care of these elderly folk and they regretted the decision to close and replace. They appreciated that the autistic and learning difficulty folk also needed a home but felt that a move would be more traumatic for the elderly than for them. There were also local concerns about the application. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough and seconded by Cllr Shrimpton that the application be supported. There were two votes for this motion. A second motion was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenough and resolved with six votes for and two against, that Breage Parish Council should express great regret and concern over Spectrum's decision to move and replace the present elderly residents and therefore object to the change of use. Councillors wish to ask Spectrum if they would inform the Council of the proposed place to which the present elderly residents will be moved. It is believed by the Council that this move will be traumatic for the residents. It should also be stated that much local concern has been expressed by neighbouring residents.**

**PA10/06537 – Mr & Mrs J M Laity – An Garth, Higher Kenneggy, Rosudgeon, Cornwall**

Construction of a sun lounge extension

**It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Best and resolved with one abstention to support this application.**

### **b) TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2010**

**PA10/04583 – Mr & Mrs Blowers – The Godolphin Arms, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QY**

Amended change of use and conversion of outbuilding to form 2 holiday lets and relocation of public house toilets

Cllr Greenough advised that the amendments to this application were as requested. The proposed windows that would have overlooked a neighbour's property had been replaced by light tubes; the holiday lets were now tied to the pub; the car park would now be entered via Forth Vein and the former entrance would be used as a garden for the cottages, leaving the original garden still able to be used as a pub garden. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt**

and unanimously resolved to support the application as the amendments fully address the Parish Council's previous concerns and the Council hopes the pub will benefit from the proposed alterations and continue to be viable.

PA10/06484 – Mr & Mrs Blowers – The Godolphin Arms, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QY

Listed Building Consent for the change of use and conversion of outbuilding to form 2 holiday lets and relocation of public house toilets

Council were pleased that the Listed Building status had now been recognised. It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

c) Motion to resolve to contact Planning Committee over the problem of Planning histories not being complete

It has now happened on several occasions that planning histories have been incomplete and Parishioners as well as Councillors have been most concerned about this. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that the Planning Committee be asked to comment on and find a solution to the problem of incomplete planning histories accompanying Planning Applications sent to the Parish Council for comment.

d) Motion to resolve to contact Planning Committee over the problem of agreement of conclusion between planning officers and applicants being reached before applications are discussed by the Parish Council

Parishioners have expressed concern that it is often felt that agreement of conclusion has already been reached between planning officers and applicants before applications are discussed by the Parish Council. Councillors felt that more dialogue and transparency were needed. It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Planning Committee be requested to comment on the problem that it is often felt by Parishioners that agreement of conclusion has already been reached between planning officers and applicants before applications are discussed by the Parish Council.

## 12. FINANCE

a) To approve and sign 6 month Financial statement

The statement had been checked by Cllr Shrimpton. It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the 6 month financial statement be signed as approved. The Chairman signed the statement.

b) To approve November payments

Cllr Shrimpton had checked the payments.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
61	BT	dd	Telephone	£58.85	£10.29	£69.14
62	Viking Direct	102841	Inks/stationery	£116.87	£20.45	£137.32
63	EDF Energy	dd	Electricity Streetlights	£703.03	£123.03	£826.06
64	R W Beard	102842	2 cuts Cemetery/Field/B&G greens	£360.00		£360.00
				<b>£1,238.75</b>	<b>£153.77</b>	<b>£1,392.52</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102839	Clerk's Salary October			
	PO Ltd HMRC	102840	PAYE	£179.80		£179.80
	PO Ltd HMRC	102840	Employer's NI	£123.22		£123.22
				<b>£303.02</b>		<b>£303.02</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102843	Travel 28.5 mls @ 53p	£15.10		£15.10
			Parking	£0.50		£0.50
				<b>£15.60</b>		<b>£15.60</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102844	Petty Cash reimbursement	£2.75		£2.75
	R Treloar	102845	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
				<b>£1,585.12</b>	<b>£153.77</b>	<b>£1,738.89</b>

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

c) To acknowledge receipts

Admin £6.50; Cemetery fees £252

The Clerk apologised that on some of the agendas the previous month's receipts were shown. The above receipts were acknowledged.

d) Clerk to provide Bank balances

Current account: £8,444.44; Tracker account: £20,698.49; Petty cash: £97.25.

### 13. FOOTPATHS

a) Rocky Lane Bridleway 83 – Colin Bayes reply

The Clerk gave Colin Bayes' reply that he had driven through Rocky Lane and although it was tight for vehicles it was all right as a Bridleway. There is some building material dumped at the Trescowe end and Colin Bayes has informed Environmental Health who should arrange for it to be tidied.

b) Ashton footpath between Stakesby and Innisfree, Ashton – to receive information about possible adoption  
Mr Bradford had asked that the Parish Council be informed that he has started the process of adoption of the footpath between Stakesby and Innisfree, Ashton. However, it has now been discovered that Mrs Quinlan is the actual owner – see Public Participation.

c) A footpath meeting had been held re: Keneggy Beach ladder structure. Cllr Darby provided pictures of a very precarious ladder system. The cliff is crumbling and there are cracks and fissures that make the system unsafe. Cornwall Council has decided to close the ladder system. It is possible to get to the beach over rocks at the far end but folk doing this would need to be aware of the tides. The metal work will be removed and some of it will be recycled.

d) The way markers have been put in the correct places for paths 58 and 25.

e) The path, Crowan 43, at the Crowan/Breage border is overgrown. Crowan have paid to have it cleared in the past but it will be transferred to the Breage list. There is still £268.40 left to spend on footpaths. The cost to cut 43 will be £150. **It was proposed by Cllr Darby, seconded by Cllr Keeling that the path, previously known as Crowan 43 be cut.**

### 14. HIGHWAYS

**To further discuss the siting of the Pellor Road street signs**

The Clerk advised that Dr Chilton had contacted her saying that he has looked at old maps of the area and agrees that on these Pellor Road begins from the Higher Road turning and not from Breage House as Cornwall Council's map shows. He is going back to the Council about this and will advise that the maps that local people have referred to do not agree with the map that Cornwall Council is using. He asks that the Parish Council awaits the decision on this, after which the moving of the sign next to the old fire station can then be discussed if necessary. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the Parish Council awaits the decision from Cornwall Council on Pellor Road, after which the moving of the sign next to the old fire station can then be discussed if necessary.**

### 15. STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Ackland told the meeting that he has asked for an update by SEC so that the most needed repairs can be carried out. There is £3,900 available for this. Council discussed the turning off of streetlights after midnight. It was not known if the Breage lights are on the correct system for this to be a possibility.

### 16. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

a) **To elect a Cemetery Councillor to replace Mark Phillips**

Cllr Best volunteered to be the Cemetery Councillor. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that Cllr Best be elected Cemetery Councillor.**

b) **Godolphin Cemetery – Report from Cllr Greenstreet re: trees**

Cllr Greenstreet reported that she had checked the graveyard area opposite Godolphin School and that she thought it highly unlikely that it would be used by people to watch the children. The trees are large but there are a bunch of bushes near the end of the Vicarage. The watching of children was not actually happening but was a presumption that it could. Cllr Greenstreet was asked to keep an eye on the bushes in the area and to report back to Council.

### 17. BUS SHELTERS

a) **Godolphin bus shelter – cleaner retired.**

Cllr Greenstreet had reported that Mr Hosking feels he is too old and too tired to do the shelter cleaning and is due for another heart operation.

b) **To resolve that Mr Laity include Godolphin bus shelter in his cleaning duties**

**It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that Mr Laity be asked to include Godolphin bus shelter in his shelter cleaning duties.**

### 18. PRAA SANDS

The Chairman is to meet with Steve Shotel to discuss the broken fence at Praa Green. The Chairman would like to follow up on the children's suggestion for a football area in place of the basketball area. (see Cornwall Councillor's report).

### 19. GODOLPHIN WATER SHUTE

Report from Cllr Greenough

The shute is now working beautifully thanks to the Handyman, Steve Babbage and his brother Ken. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that a letter of thanks be written to Mr Babbage and that the Handyman take on the duty of clearing the shute as and when necessary.**

**20. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

- a) RNAS Culdrose – Lieutenant Commander R Suckling will lay a wreath at Godolphin
  - b) Cllr Greenough agreed to lay a wreath at Godolphin on behalf of Parish Council
- The Clerk advised that the Breage wreath would be available at Breage Church and the Godolphin one at the memorial on the day.

**21. BREAGE PUMP**

To report on Information received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Gordon Hesketh-Jones  
The Clerk had contacted Kelly from Heritage Lottery who had provided copies of the original enquiry and had advised that a new and updated enquiry be made through the website as costs will probably have increased. Mr Hesketh-Jones had contacted the Clerk with more information. Cllr Shrimpton offered to look at making a new enquiry.

**22. GRASS CUTTING ASHTON & CARLEEN**

To receive responses from enquiries  
The Clerk reported that both Ashton and Carleen would be very pleased and grateful if the Parish Council could help towards grass cutting costs. She had asked Mr Beard for a quotation for this but had not yet received it.

**23. BREAGE PLAYING FIELD****Motion to resolve that the repair of the dangerous Cornish hedge in Breage Playing Field be undertaken**

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the area was at present covered in brambles and could not be viewed. It was agreed that Cllrs Shrimpton and Rashleigh look at the playing field wall problem and bring back evidence.

**24. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Report on informal meeting  
The Clerk reported that The Parish Council had met informally with Mark Broomhead, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Delivery Team and Jody Jeffrey, Affordable Housing Officer, Planning Delivery Team, West 2 sub-area on Wednesday 20 October 2010 to review community consultation feedback handed in after the public consultations at Praa Sands and Carleen in June 2010. It was a very informative meeting and another step towards the much needed provision of Affordable Housing in Breage Parish. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the Affordable Housing report on the meeting of 20 October 2010 be noted.**

**25. ADOPTION OF NAME BADGES****Motion to resolve that Councillors wear name badges at Council meeting**

Cllr Greenough felt that name badges need not be compulsory but should be available. He felt they were a great help at the Praa Sands Haulfryn site meeting. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that name badges be adopted by Breage Parish Council.**

**26. FISHERIES LOCAL ACTION GROUP (FLAG).**

To nominate a potential representative who must be able to fulfil the following criteria :

- a) represent an area which has an established fishing community within 1 mile of the coastline
- b) be able to attend regular meetings in Truro (potentially one per month)
- c) have an interest in looking at bids from local communities for funding to meet the aims of the fund.

No-one wished to be a representative. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that there would be no nomination of a representative from Breage Parish Council for FLAG.**

**27. RISK ASSESSMENT 2010**

Report on meeting held on 28 October 2010  
It was agreed to defer this item to the December meeting when the minutes would be available.

**28. CORNWALL FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

To consider completion of the 2010/13 Community Safety Plan questionnaire – due by 5 January 2011

Cllr Rashleigh volunteered to complete the questionnaire.

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that Cllr Rashleigh be delegated to complete the 2010/13 Community Safety Plan questionnaire from Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service.**

**29. PUBLICITY CODE - LOCAL COUNCILS**

To consider completion of questionnaire – due by 10 November 2010

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that Breage Parish Council do not participate in the completion of the questionnaire publicity code - local councils.**

### 30. CHRISTMAS MEAL

Cllr Wyvern Batt has obtained a Christmas menu from the Sandbar for the meal on 8 December. Councillors are asked to please let the Clerk know if they will be attending alone or with a partner and to give their choice of menu. At least 6 people will need to attend.

### 31. REPORT FROM CLERK

a)The Clerk reported that the Brother fax/printer/copier/scanner has given up the ghost. It just displays a message – unable to clean 46. She had contacted Brother to see how much it would cost for repair and had also looked on-line for solutions. Many people have had this problem and there are free solutions for machines with buttons but this one is a newer machine and is touch screen. It appears to have happened because all 4 ink cartridges ran out and were replaced together. This saturates the ink absorber box and a new one needs to be bought and installed. Apparently these should be available from dealers but would probably cost more for a visit and repair than it would for a new machine.

**It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the Clerk purchase a new fax/printer/copier/scanner.**

b)The Clerk had written to Andrew George MP asking for explanation of the amendments sent with his letter but had not yet received a reply.

c) Mr Beard had been contacted and asked that Praa Green be cut back to the edges to remove the scrub that is harbouring rabbits. He has said he will do this and fill the rabbit holes.

d)The A394 lay-by, opposite Vicarage Row has been cut.

e)The Clerk had written to Mr Jones thanking him for his help with the siting of the pipe on the unofficial footpath.

f)Cllr Rashleigh has arranged for someone from the Cornwall Records Office to collect the paperwork that needs to be housed with them.

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

#### Godolphin

Cllr Greenough thanked Cllr Keeling for the grant received by Godolphin. There had been a Neighbourhood Watch meeting. The Harvest Home at the pub had been very good and had raised just over £1,000 towards Godolphin Christmas lights. A Shelterbox had been purchased with part of the proceeds, the second purchased this year.

#### Breage Playing Field

Cllr Greenough had audited the Playing Field Accounts and found the book keeping satisfactory.

#### Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that redecoration work had started at the hall last week. The Flea Market is on 6<sup>th</sup> and on 13<sup>th</sup> there is an evening talk on underground photography. The Quiz night is on 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that there were still no signs at Herland Park. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the matter of the Herland Parc signs be raised again with Cornwall Council.**

No-one has collected the Trewithick Road sign from Cllr Rashleigh.

The path between Willavean and the Nursery, A394, Breage was damaged by large machinery when the verges were cleared and the asphalt has been left with holes in it. The path is very overgrown and needs clearing. Cllr Rashleigh has informed Cornwall Highways.

Cllr Greenstreet reported that it is her turn to clean the telephone box at Godolphin and that the Forth Veian sign is now tied up with string.

Cllr Best reported that the person living in the caravan, a matter reported at a previous meeting causing distress to a Parishioner, is leaving.

Cllr Keeling spoke about concerns raised about the work and the removal of part of the Cornish hedge at Grenville House in Ashton and said that the land owner had the right to do the work that was being carried out.

### 33. CORRESPONDENCE

CALC – The Week Issue 15

LAIS – further updates

CRCC – Young People Take over the Council Chamber

SW Water – 1-5 November work on water pipes

Howard Bradford – Copy of letter to CC re; demolition of hedge at Grenville House, Ashton

Helston & Lizard – Monthly report

Rural Intelligence Foundation –Rural insight survey

CC – Are any Emergency Community plans in place?

LAIS – Council Tax referendums Announcement

CC – Warm me up – advice for householders on the Warm front grant  
Rural Services Network – survey the Big Society

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

CC – Further update on Council Tax and associated issues

NALC – Parish polls

NALC – Issue 16 listing:

1. Does anyone wish to attend the CAB Cornwall AGM on 23 November, 7 p.m. Kingsley Conference Centre, off the A30, Fraddon? They are keen to see parish and town councillors there.
2. Does anyone wish to attend the Code of Conduct Training?
3. Does anyone wish to attend the CALC Annual Conference and AGM? A Councillor has always attended – Mark Phillips and before him, Gordon Hesketh-Jones.

Andrew George – Casebook surgeries

CC – Temporary Road closure Millpool Goldsithney

West Cornwall Community Wheels – Website Launch event – Helston, The Crown Inn, Crowntown, between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

CC- West sub-area Planning Committee Agenda 9 November 2010-11-18 CC – CCTV consultation

#### **34. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

There were none.

#### **35. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – PRECEPT MEETING TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.00 P.M.; ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.00 P.M**

This was confirmed.

#### **36. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

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

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and they left the building.

#### **37. CLERK'S ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS**

**Motion to resolve that payment be made for Clerk's attendance at funerals**

Cllr Shrimpton suggested that a review of the Clerk's job description be carried out. Cllr Shrimpton was asked to clarify the job description and report back to Council.

#### **38. RESIGNATION OF CLLR PHILLIPS**

Further discussion

The Chairman had spoken with Mark Phillips who wants to part on good terms and does not wish for further action to be taken. The Chairman will write to Mr Phillips and to the Parishioner who had raised the matter.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.**

# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 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.

Mrs Board spoke re: Item 14. Highways. Byway 47 – Greenways, Praa Sands saying that Cormac had started work last week and are still on the job. She expressed thanks to Cllr Keeling and said that the motorists would be pleased.

Item 16. Praa Sands – Messrs Beard are working together on the boundary Praa Green, clearing the brambles, rose, etc. by the properties. This will hopefully alarm the rabbits out of their complacency.

Item 19. Godolphin Water Shute, Horse Pool, etc. Mrs Board has offered her research and file, Water History of Breage and Germoe, that includes the shute, other wells and pumps in the Parishes and their problems. If the Parish Councillors are interested she would be pleased to assist them, saying that she may have extra to that which has been obtained.

Mrs Quinlan spoke on item 11, Planning, PA10/06022, Innisfree, Ashton, saying that the drawing of the annexe, as viewed from the road, looks large but the actual building would be overpowering to her as a neighbour. The boundary on the plans is shown as her hedge but it is in fact the wall on the other side of the footpath. The footpath is on Mrs Quinlan's property and therefore belongs to her. The proposed building would overlap the footpath and should be set back from the boundary. She has spoken to the planning officer and will confirm her ownership in writing.

Mr Bradford spoke in support of Mrs Quinlan and felt that the proposed annexe would be an ugly lump, half as big again as the existing property, in the row of existing bungalows that are 1970s style, gable ended, detached with flat roofed garages. It would be completely out of keeping and if everyone in the row carried out such extensions the homes would be almost joined and look like a terrace. If Mrs Quinlan's property had been in the same line, gable end to gable end it would perhaps have been easier for her but her property is at right angles to Innisfree and this would leave her lounge area, that has a ceiling to floor window, facing a 2 metre wall and concrete tiles. Mr Bradford felt the proposed annexe was so huge that it would be overdevelopment. He also said that Prospect Row is always packed with cars but part of the hedge was to be removed that would mean street parking would be lost. He hoped that the property would not end up as a 5 bedrooomed unit or 2 separate units or even holiday lets, in the same way that Ms Dale's present home is used. Mr Bradford asked for the Parish Council's help by not supporting the application.

Mrs Anthony spoke about the proposed development at Sea Acres, Praa Sands. She had already spoken about this application at the 5 October meeting. She continued as follows:

'Since that meeting we have discovered that one of the proposed plots – Plot 2, which is the proposed plot that would most abut our boundary wall and overlook/overshadow all of our living accommodation – is proposed to be 25% larger than the existing house (Sea Acres) making the mass larger than any house in the locality and therefore overbearing, misplaced and totally out of keeping with the surroundings.

'The planning officer dealing with the application visited the site for the first time the day after the Parish Council meeting of 5 October and was visibly surprised at the size of Sea Acres and the close proximity of the proposed plot 2 to our home. She confirmed to us that she had given pre-application advice that the proposal was her preferred option and that this was given without a site visit. We are now deeply concerned that this application has been pre-determined before the consultations took place and without the planning officer knowing the full implications or effect on neighbours.

'We are very conscious of Cornwall Council's desire to have the planning officers sign off applications under delegated authority but in the circumstances of this application we believe that this is unacceptable and so we repeat our request to the Parish Council that, should the planning officer recommend approval, our Ward Councillor, John Keeling, calls this on to go before the Planning Committee in order that this application is openly and objectively determined, taking account of all the facts.'

Mr Rayment spoke about the possibility of the 40 m.p.h. speed limit between Ashton and Breage being reduced to 30 m.p.h. He stated that there is no enforcement. The Chairman interrupted saying that there is to be a meeting at Carleen on 16 November that would address Highway matters and encouraged Mr Rayment to attend. He explained that it was hoped to obtain a speed visor to be used in all the Parishes in his Ward.

Mr Rayment said that there are parking restrictions where he lives from 1 June to 30 September and there is no enforcement of this. He supports the prevention of garden grabbing, building within gardens, and expressed concern over late planning applications, suggesting that a policy be raised stating that unless applications are received a week before the Parish Council meetings they won't be considered.

He was also not happy about planning history cards not showing all the information and mentioned two recent applications where the cards had previous applications omitted.