

# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS** **BREAGE ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)  
Cllr T Ackland  
Cllr Mrs J Anthony  
Cllr A J Best  
Cllr Mrs T Board  
Cllr S Caddick  
Cllr T Coleman  
Cllr Mrs P Darby  
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet  
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh  
Cllr P Shrimpton

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)  
PCSO Ceri Sadler  
11 Members of the Public

The Chairman wished everyone a good evening and welcomed them saying how good it is to see Members of the public at the Parish Council meetings.

### **1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wyvern Batt who had friends arriving from Argentina.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare personal and prejudicial interest (including details thereof)**

Cllr Mrs T Board's permanent declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000: My beneficial interest in Breage Parish Council owned land registered V.G.621 Praa Green, is that my adjoining property has gate access.

#### **a) in respect of any items on this agenda**

Cllr Keeling declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13, Planning, PA12/00737 as he is the next door neighbour of the applicant.

#### **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**

Members are asked to note that if they own homes in the Parish, these should be listed on the forms

There was a reminder issued by the Democratic Support Officer for members to give consideration as to whether their Register of Interest forms are fully up to date.

### **4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6 MARCH 2012**

**It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 6 March 2012 be signed as a true and correct record.**

### **5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Wyvern Batt for standing in for him and taking the Chair at the February meeting.

### **6. POLICE REPORT**

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

PCSO Sadler read out the following report:

'There have been four crimes reported to the Police for the month of March.

'There was a Theft and two Burglaries in Praa Sands. One Burglary was of a Television and at the other nothing was taken.

'The Theft was of a mobile phone that was allegedly in a handbag on the beach.

'The other Burglary was in Godolphin Cross where a lot of garden machinery was taken. I urge everyone, if possible, to mark your belongings in some way that would make them distinguishable. Also, if a record of all serial numbers could be kept that would be useful for future reference.

'All the above are still ongoing in investigation pending any other information coming to light.

'There were six crimes reported at the same time last year.

'Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you see anything suspicious in your Parish.'

The Chairman spoke about dry gorse fires that had been reported to Tatia Churchill.

The Chairman asked if the Councillors had any questions for PCSO Sadler.

Cllr Ackland asked about the reference to the case against the Communications Act 2003 in the previous report and whether it referred to Face book.

PCSO Sadler said that it could be malicious text messages or communications on Face book or anything similar. These are traceable.

Cllr Best asked what the differences were between Burglary and Theft.

PCSO Sadler explained that Burglary is when someone has entered a property and Theft is when something has been taken.

Cllr Anthony asked if there were separate statistics for various areas, to compare with the previous year. She was concerned as Praa Sands appear to have had Crimes committed there almost every week.

PCSO Sadler agreed that Praa Sands has been hard hit of late but many of the Crimes resulted from insecure or rotten doors. She said that no comparable separated statics were available, only the monthly Parish ones that she provided.

PCSO Sadler said that people should not feel that they had to wait until the next meeting to contact her. They could get in touch with her through the Clerk.

Cllr Board asked for a reminder of the non-emergency telephone number.

PC Sadler replied that it is 101.

The Chairman asked if the Public had any questions for PCSO Sadler.

Mr Rayment asked if she had any knowledge of peculiar letters that were arriving. He had received a letter saying that a William Rayment had died in China leaving an estate and to make contact if he would like half of it.

PCSO warned people not to open these e-mails or send replies. She said that she would call round to see Mr Rayment.

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Listeners should note that decisions cannot be made on items not on the agenda.**

Public participation was held here from 7.09 to 7.27 p.m.

## 8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

A short month for me, after taking a week's holiday in Norway with old friends. Additionally, I spent 2 days in Birmingham with Sandwell Borough Council discussing their partnership arrangements with BT; and 2 days in Cumbria with the NHS to observe their partnership with a large computer services company. This is part Cornwall Council's lead into a possible strategic partnership with the private sector to provide a different and more efficient ways of providing services.

Full council last week saw the rather delicate matter of prayers at council meetings being debated. This follows a judgement against Bideford Town Council which raised questions about the lawfulness of the practise. The secretary of state for communities and local government subsequently took steps to "fast track" the bringing into force of the general power of competence for local authorities; with the stated aim of providing Councils with the freedom of choice on holding prayers during their meetings. The subsequent debate resulted in the council reverting to the practice of holding prayers during Full Council meetings. I openly voted in favour of this resolution and would do so again.

Another matter was the Stadium for Cornwall and the issue of who finances the project following the fallout from recent press reports. It was made clear that no public money will be used to fund the Stadium and any requests for financial support would be subject to intensive debate by full council.

I have spent most of today reviewing the service area for Affordable Strategic and Private Sector Housing in terms of is the service delivering value for money. Notwithstanding the 23,000 people registered on the housing register and the lack of affordable housing; one area the group looked at is meeting the housing needs of vulnerable groups. Many groups live in insecure and temporary housing including those living in Park Homes. There are plans to prioritise Green Cornwall funding to improving the insulation of a substantial number of Park Homes where owners, including many older people, are living in fuel poverty. Cornwall Council will also lobby central government to ensure that Park Homes have access to green deal initiatives to enable more Park Homes to be improved. Another issue is the number of long term empty properties which represent a wasteful use of housing resources. As a matter of necessity priority will be given to dwellings which could be brought into use as affordable housing through new powers and bidding to the HCA empty homes programme. It is worth noting that there are 3,500 Park Homes and 3,700 long term empty properties!!!

Locally.

I attended a meeting at Crowntown Pub between Motocross riders and local residents at Polcrebo Downs. Though rather heated, the discussions resulted in the owner of the site closing the track in the interests of the people who live close by. This had attracted a lot of media interest and though the situation is now better for residents I have pledged to help the motorcyclists find a suitable site to pursue their sport.

I went along to support the International Mining Games at King Edward Mine on Saturday. This is the first time in the event's history, Cornwall will be host to the games and will see hundreds of mining students descending from the likes of Australia, USA, Europe and Indonesia. The games are a test of student's ability to use the old techniques frequently overtaken by modern methods including: gold panning, hand steeling, track laying and jackleg drilling. All a bit like engineering Olympics!

I attended Helston College to an event where youngsters could ask the decision makers (Councillors) what could be done to improve services and opportunities for them in the future. I was tasked with looking at Transport and pledged to help improve the Sunday supported service and investigate fare reductions for under 18s.

Cllr Keeling asked for questions.

Concern was expressed that facilities for younger people are being lost and not replaced. Cllr Keeling said that he has been pushing Democratic Services at Cornwall Council about apprenticeships in computing as many young people have computer skills and also clerical apprenticeships. He has been told that it is being thought about.

Cllr Rashleigh said that she had tried the numbers given to ring about the Community Bus and had got no response.

Cllr Keeling could not explain this. There was still hope that the 3 hour gap in services at Praa Sands would be filled. It looked as though the 302 would replace the 2B in May.

Cllr Anthony added that it may be better to keep the 11.28 service.

Cllr Keeling said that he was keen to see the gap filled and that he would continue to contact Mr Truscott about it.

## 9. PLANNING

Cllr Keeling's statement: 'As a member of the Planning West Committee I will not vote on Planning Applications and will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments'.

Cllr Best said that he would abstain from voting as he had not had time to look at the plans.

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

#### **PA12/00458 - Mr Jonny Hewett (WCR Ltd) - Penbro Farm, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall**

Installation of a 55kW micro wind turbine on a 25m monopole tubular tower

The Chairman said the MOD were not happy about the application as it was in the line of flight.

Cllr Anthony referred to previous history, listing statements and the pre-application that did not proceed in its original format.

She felt the turbine would have a negative landscape and visual impact in spite of the possible contribution to renewable energy.

Neighbours would be affected both visually and by noise of a 34 metre wind turbine.

The Affordable Housing project at St Breaca Close would be in line of impact and very close, probably unbearable close to the turbine.

Cllr Anthony asked why it had not been referred to the Public Space Unit as the solar panel application had been.

Cllr Rashleigh said that the measurement was just the height of the pole the actual fan would be on top of that.

**It was proposed by Cllr Anthony, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application not be supported.**

#### **PA12/02135 - Mr Andrew Gibbons - Wingletang, Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9ST**

Removal of roof to construct first floor accommodation, demolition of garage and erection of extensions

Cllr Board commented that the building was being brought up to a compatible standard of neighbouring properties.

Trewartha and Treweloe Road are mostly old buildings, with Ocean View being the only new one. She felt that the height of 21 – 22.593m was not significant. She questioned the parking asking if Is there now a right for residents of Treweloe Road to enter Trewartha Road, as apparently, in the past, this has not been permitted?

Concern was expressed about access and whether the staircase was inside or out.

Voting Councillors of Breage Parish Council resolved with one abstention to support the application.

**It was proposed by Cllr Board, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application be supported but that the Council's concerns about access, the staircase and parking be raised.**

Cllr Keeling left the room at this point.

#### **PA12/00737 – Mr Russell Spall – 2 Fore Street, Ashton, HELSTON TR13 9RN**

Erection of replacement outbuilding

Cllr Rashleigh felt that a good job had been done on the rest of the property and was pleased that Cornish materials were to be used. She felt it was an excellent idea. It was stated that Cllr Keeling as a next door neighbour had no objections.

Council agreed that there has always been a building there. The new outbuilding was felt to be an asset and an improvement.

**It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Coleman and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application be supported**

**PA12/02534 – Mr & Mrs Kevin Thomas – Little Rosewarne, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall**

Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new garage/office/studio/playroom

Mr Thomas confirmed that his wife had spoken to Cornwall Council Planning last Monday. He stated that this was a different building to his previous application.

**It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application be supported.**

**PA12/01804 – Mr & Mrs D Clarke – Seawinds House, Higher Row, Ashton, HELSTON TR13 9RY**

Construction of dwelling and associated works

Cllr Coleman said that he had originally been concerned about the size of the dwelling. It was agreed that the garden is a large area.

**It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application be supported.**

**b) TO CONSIDER RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL****PA12/02121 – Mr & Mrs Phil Briggs – The Gap, Fowlfield Row, Breage, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9PQ**

Proposed first floor bathroom extension and alterations

**It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved by voting Councillors with one abstention that the application be supported**

**c) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON 30 MARCH 2012**

There were none.

**d) CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATION APPROVED AT LAST MEETING****PA12/00273 - Mr & Mrs S Dunk - Trevurvas Farm, Trevurvas Lane, Ashton, HELSTON (Slightly changed)**

Listed Building Consent for the erection of extension

**e) TO RECEIVE CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL****f) PA11/10479 – Mr & Mrs Stephen Dunk – Trevurvas Farm, Trevurvas, Ashton, HELSTON, TR13 9TY**

Erection of extension

**g) LANDSCAPE CHARACTER BEST PRACTICE GUIDE**

(i) Report on Seminar held on 19 March 2012

Cllrs Anthony had attended the seminar and had produced a report of which all Councillors had received a copy.

**LAUNCH OF CORNWALL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER BEST****PRACTICE GUIDE 19 MARCH 2012**

What is it?

- It's a guide that has been developed by the Public Space Team (landscape) of Cornwall Council that aims to ensure that development is sensitive to the very special and unique landscape of Cornwall and that development protects, preserves and hopefully enhances the landscape.
- The Guide was adopted by Cornwall Council in June 2011 and the landscape unit are working to get it included as a supplementary planning document for Cornwall under the new planning system.
- It's clear that both the Public Space Team and the AONB Partnership are very concerned about the new planning regulations (or lack of them) and the loss of the PPSs' and what effect the relaxation of planning could have on our landscape and they are very keen for Parish and Town Councils to be aware of, and hopefully use this guide.
- The Guide is for use by applicants, the planners and Parish & Town Councils to assess whether development proposals would have any adverse impact on the landscape.
- From the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Landscape Character Study, 40 separate Landscape Character Areas have been created each with their own description of the landscape character of that area and the description covers many aspects, including key landscape characteristics, geology, topography and drainage, biodiversity, land use, settlement pattern, historic features, distinctive features and many more.

How does it work?

- By using the Guide the potential impact on the landscape of a development proposal can be assessed.
- By referring to the Landscape Character Area description for the area a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment can be completed and by using the Site Assessment Record the overall sensitivity (i.e. the landscape's ability to accept change) can be assessed.
- This process can be used for any scale of development.

I was impressed because it provides an accepted and recognised criteria against which visual and other impacts can be assessed and I think it will be a very useful tool in the planning process - particularly as Cornwall Council has adopted and endorsed it. As well as applicants and planning using it, I think that as a Parish Council if we were to use this when necessary it would add weight to any comments we make on planning applications that come before us.

(ii) Discussion on possible use of information

Cllr Anthony added that The Landscape Unit are happy to carry out training for Parish and Town Councils and that she would like to propose that the Parish Council take up this offer and perhaps we could, via Cllr Keeling, ask the other Parish Councils in his Ward whether they would be interested in joining together for this this? Cllr Best felt that training would be a good idea. Apparently training would be a.m. for Councillors and p.m. for Developers and

Planners. It was proposed by Cllr Best , seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the offer by the Landscape Unit to carry out training for Parish and Town Councils be taken up and that via Cllr Keeling the other Parish Councils in his ward be asked whether they would be interested in joining in.

#### h) LOCAL COUNCIL PLANNING FORUM

To elect Cllr Anthony as Breage Parish Council's representative at the above forum on 25 April 2012

It was proposed by Cllr Best seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that Cllr Anthony be elected as Breage Parish Council's representative at the Local Council Planning Forum on 25 April 2012.

### 10. FINANCE

#### a) To resolve to approve payments up to 31 March 2012

Cllr Shrimpton confirmed that he had checked all the payments. The Clerk explained that invoice 102 had been added, as shown below, with the agreement of the Accounts Team as it was payment for the year ending 31 March 2012.

No.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
96	EDF	dd	Electricity parish Rooms One cut Cemetery/B&G	<b>£298.92</b>	<b>£59.78</b>	<b>£358.70</b>
97	R W Beard	103041	greens/field	<b>£180.00</b>		<b>£180.00</b>
98	South West Water	dd	Water Parish Rooms	<b>£18.72</b>		<b>£18.72</b>
99	South West Water	dd	Water Cemetery	<b>£11.47</b>		<b>£11.47</b>
74	South West Water	dd	Payment not taken - double invoice	<b>-£12.06</b>		<b>-£12.06</b>
100	e-on	dd	Electricity Streetlights February	<b>£234.20</b>	<b>£46.84</b>	<b>£281.04</b>
101	e-on	dd	Electricity Streetlights March	<b>£234.20</b>	<b>£46.84</b>	<b>£281.04</b>
102	SSE Contracting Ltd	103048	Non-routine repairs Streetlights	<b>£80.50</b>	<b>£16.10</b>	<b>£96.60</b>
				<b>£1,045.95</b>	<b>£169.56</b>	<b>£1,215.51</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103039	Salary March			
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	103040	PAYE	£238.60		£238.60
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	103040	Employer's NI	£102.54		£102.54
				<b>£341.14</b>		<b>£341.14</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103042	Travel 10 mls@53p	<b>£5.30</b>		<b>£5.30</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103043	Petty cash reimbursement	<b>£50.70</b>		<b>£50.70</b>
	D R Treloar	103044	Caretaker honorarium	<b>£24.00</b>		<b>£24.00</b>
				<b>£1,467.09</b>	<b>£169.56</b>	<b>£1,636.65</b>

#### b) To resolve to approve April payments

The Clerk explained that the vat shown on the insurance on the agenda was incorrect. There should be no vat as shown below.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
1	Cornwall Council	103045	Rates 2012/2013 Cemetery	<b>£80.08</b>		<b>£80.08</b>
2	Cornwall Council	103046	Rates 2012/2013 Parish Rooms	<b>£306.00</b>		<b>£306.00</b>
3	Came & Company	103047	Insurance BPC	<b>£1,010.04</b>		<b>£1,010.04</b>
				<b>£1,396.12</b>		<b>£1,396.12</b>

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the above payments a) and b) be passed for payment.

#### c) To acknowledge receipts

Cemetery fees £110; Admin £297.50; Interest £2.74.

These were acknowledged.

#### d) Clerk to provide Bank balances

As at 31 March 2012: Current account reconciled £1,606.14; Tracker account £17,030.34; Petty cash £49.30.

Total, including Petty cash reimbursement and vat claim of £1,549.29 not yet received, £20,285.77.

### 11. FOOTPATHS

#### 2012/2013 contract charges received - to be acknowledged

Councillors had all had sight of the new charges. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the new charges for footpath cutting be acknowledged.

**12. HIGHWAYS**

Temporary Road Closure Pentreath Lane, Praa Sands 16-20 April 2012, 0730 to 1800 hours

Cllr Board expressed concern that this closure had gone over the stated time and said that there had been no notification about a closure on a previous occasion last year. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Cllr Keeling chase the matter.**

**13. STREET LIGHTING****14. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**

- a) The Chairman will be speaking to Vicar Penny about the Closed Churchyards to see if any improvements can be made.
- b) The Clerk advised that there had been a funeral for Nora Harmer from Fowlfield Row held in the Cemetery today.
- c) Cllr Rashleigh raised the matter of the damage to the closed graveyard wall next to Coulthard Drive, Breage. She said that it is quickly deteriorating. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter again but Cllr Keeling advised that there is no funding for such repairs.

**15. PRAA SANDS**

- a) Cllr Keeling said that dog walking had been discussed in the past and it had been decided that no change should be made to the 7p.m. – 7 a.m. dog walking permit.
- b) Cllr Keeling said that he had some dates for the erosion meeting and had to confirm with Steve Schotel. It was hoped to divert walkers away from the marron grass. A small amount of money has been set aside. Colleges are interested in the project. He hoped that once matters had been finalised he could hand over to Cllrs Board and Anthony.
- c) Cllr Board reported that there had been another party on the Green with a fire in the same area by the new bench. She had picked up and cleared the mess and had also done the same at the Basketball area. She reported that Alexanders are growing on the path from Pengersick Lane to the Green and that the edges of the Green by the bungalows had still to be cut. She asked if Mr Beard could be reminded.

**16. OLYMPIC TORCH**

- a) Breage and Ashton have each been allocated 660 metres of bunting  
Cllr Coleman will arrange for collection of this.
- b) Report on meeting at County Hall on 28 March 2012  
Cllrs Keeling and Coleman had attended the meeting and said that more was said about what couldn't be done than what could. The times and road closures are to be announced and talks are going on about the Police, Health and Safety issues and Disabled care. The convoy will be huge – some 18 to 20 vehicles representing each of the sponsors. Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern about the amount of additional work for the Clerk.  
Cllr Ackland asked where the bunting would be hung. It was explained that nothing could be up too high and nothing across the roads. Cllr Anthony spoke about ice cream torches.  
Cllr Coleman said that if it was liked or not it was a once in a lifetime event.  
The Clerk said that Roy Treloar had agreed to help with Breage bunting but more volunteers would be welcome.
- c) Official Torch merchandise for sale  
It was agreed that no merchandise should be purchased.
- d) Torchbearers for Ashton and Breage have been named and Councillors have received a list. The Clerk will put this on the website.
- e) Road details have been received but are still marked 'confidential'.
- f) Cllr Keeling expressed thanks to Cllr Coleman for the help he is giving the Clerk.

**17. BUS SHELTERS**

Mrs Izatt had provided a list of signatures of people wanting the shelter to be at and Cllr Board had provided a list of numbers of residents in the area wanting a bus shelter at the entrance to Pengersick Estate and the Parish Council had resolved that this should be the place for the shelter at the last meeting. Funding has been confirmed as available so Cllr Keeling will ask Highways to inspect the area by the seat to see if this is suitable.

**18. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

- a) Community Grant received towards purchase of Jubilee mugs – Letter of thanks sent  
The Clerk said that thanks had been sent to Cllr Keeling through Cath Empson and the Council confirmed their thanks.
- b) Cllr Board asked about the payment to Germoe Parish Council for the fuel for the Jubilee beacon. The Clerk had still not been able to receive a figure. Cllr Keeling said that he would chase this.

**19. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Clerk asked that the Affordable Housing report be sent to her as soon as possible as she needed to circulate the report this month.

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that the Clerk be delegated to finalise the Annual Report and distribute it.**

**20. PARISH ROOMS**

To consider any replies re. suggested sale of Parish Rooms  
Some response had been received from Praa Sands Community Centre but not from others. It was agreed to wait until everyone had reported back. It was emphasised that the Parish Rooms belong to the people of the Parish.

**21. DEFIBRILLATOR****To consider purchase of defibrillator**

Information had been received from St John Ambulance regarding the placing of a defibrillator in the Parish. Costings were given for purchase and training. It was suggested that St John give a tone and he would ask her what she thought about it. Cllr Keeling said that he would ask his daughter as she is an Emergency Department nurse. Cllr Shrimpton agreed to look into what was involved and if it is a viable suggestion for the Parish. Where to have the machine and who should be trained and other such matters would need to be discussed. It was agreed that a discussion be included on the next agenda

**22. TROON ROW BREAGE**

Letter from residents concerning poor state of road  
The Clerk read out the letter from the residents and showed the photographs that had been provided.  
The Chairman would be meeting with Colin Chapman and would ask if there is an opportunity to fill the holes again.

**23. CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY ANNUAL FORUM**

Report on the Forum held on 17 March 2012  
Cllrs Anthony and Board had attended the forum and both had produced reports.  
Cllr Anthony's report:

Representative from: AONB Partnership Peter Mansfield – Chairman  
Colette Holden – Manager  
Cornwall Wildlife Trust Cheryl Marriott  
Cornwall Council Matthew Brown –Planning  
Delivery Manager

**INTRODUCED CORNWALL AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011-2016**

- Web based document that we need to have a copy of
- Basically consists of Policy and Guiding Principles and Local Guiding Principles for each AONB area.
- AONB Partnership are very concerned about the new planning regulations and loss of PPSs and are very keen to get those who will be doing Neighbourhood. Plans to get the AONB principles established in those plans. They are also very concerned about 'cumulative impact'.
  - AONB Partnership believe that their Management Plan could also act as a better practice guide for non-AONB areas.
  - AONBs are equivalent in protection terms to National Parks.
  - AONB Partnership's core funding: 75% DEFRA 25% CORNWALL COUNCIL
  - Why is AONB protection important for Cornwall? 25% of our GDP is tourism and people come here for the landscape, plus the health benefits of those of us who live here in this wonderful environment.

**SPLIT INTO WORKSHOPS FOR PRACTICAL EXERCISE**

Jan Anthony - Neighbourhood Planning in AONB - mock N/H planning committee

- This exercise just proved to me that this is fraught with dangers and problems, such as: vested interests, free for all, deciding what are/are not priorities and how to make it representative of the community.

At the Q & A at the end most of the questions and concerns were about planning, and as usual at the moment the answers just were not there!

AONB Partnership stressed that because they are a very small unit they can only get involved with larger development applications and therefore it's up to US to use this Management Plan.

Cllr Tanis Board's Report:

The morning meeting was extended beyond the allocated time. Thus the p.m. workshops were curtailed. A pity as they were severely reduced by half. I had chosen 'Looking after your Landscape': Collette Holden: Cornwall AONB Unit AONB Partnership Manager.

On tables were large drawings outline of the area: I had specified Praa Sands. Cornwall AONB Map 134. 08 South Coast Western St Michael's Mount – Lizard. There was only myself and a visitor.

Collette itemised:

1. Land cover, e.g. farming, grassland.
2. Land use: agriculture/recreation.
3. Wildlife/ habitats, e.g. choughs/heathland.
4. Historic pattern – archaeology, e.g. Cornish hedges and standing stones.
5. Landscape features, e.g. engine houses.
6. Future land uses, e.g. energy generation/carbon storage/flood control.
7. Transport and rights of way, e.g. footpaths, roads.
8. Settlement, e.g. direction/size of growth and design of local buildings.

The idea was to structure 'things' under these headings.

Through my past activities: clearing paths and stiles, leading walks in the whole Parish I had in my mind's eye an overall picture.

A. What's wrong now?

The Parish: farmers, residents, businesses: have greatly made changes over the landscape for over 110 years according to the structures of Planning (my History) and latterly, Breage Parish Council comment input to applications – some 40 years. Councillors: local: know their areas and have a watchful eye.

PRAA SANDS

This village: only became part of the landscape with sale of plots of land on the Barton of Pengersick 1917-1920 – building began: all: Helston RDC. Consents forward through Rural District Councils to now County. From large dwellings, spacious gardens to dwellings: additions – gardens: dwellings mainly parked on the hillside – but occupants had 'breath-taking views'.

Caravan sites (two) on good agricultural ground now amalgamated into one.

The frontage: the OPEN LAND adjacent to the beach.

As you know: both well patronised by residents and visitors.

I spoke with Collette, put appropriate sticker notes on the sites, coloured the area.

The impact: The VIEW of this frontage land.

The Motoway Barrier Fencing along the boundary : Putting Green: castle Drive and division across the land: Putting Green VG 621 Praa Green and proliferation of signs.

B. So what will the area look like in 10 years time?

Fencing -The removal of the fencing and many of the signs, replaced by low close together posts between Putting Green Praa Sands VG 621. The Barrier fence conformed to height but I recall AONB approached at the time to no avail.

There was no time for feedback.

The meeting put faces to names – to notch up the importance of the AONB the Officers to, by their presentations, indicate the importance of their role in the way forward to help control development and preserve the AONB's concept. Looking at Cornwall Map of Areas my sentiment is to draw a line this side of the Tamar.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Anthony and Board for their input and for attending the forum.

## 24. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk reported that some time ago she had notification from a resident of Prospect Close, Ashton, regarding an old disused well at the rear of the properties in Prospect Close covered by sharp granite steps that are causing a dangerous exit for them. The land it is on was owned by Kerrier. Cornwall Council is saying that it is not owned by them and ask that if it was a public pump should it not be under the control of the Parish Council? Cornwall Council has been out to the granite steps about a year ago and marked the bolts that stick out from the granite steps with yellow spray paint as if something was to be done. The Clerk was asked to determine ownership.
- b) The Clerk has written to Mr Lea, re. Haulfryn, after checking with Legal. There has been no reply.
- c) The Village Halls have been written to as instructed.
- d) The Clerk had written to First Devon and Cornwall as instructed. No reply received.
- e) Community Energy Plus – a project to help alleviate fuel poverty that may be of benefit to some in the parish. The Clerk has been asked to inform the Parish Council. A poster was also received.
- f) NatWest Bank has contacted the Clerk several times asking her to speak to the Parish Council with regard to a 1.15% fixed rate deposit that is being offered. This has partial withdrawals/no withdrawals for first year/95 days notice of withdrawal options. The Clerk asked if the Council wished to look at it and the Council gave a resounding 'No' answer.
- g) The Clerk had written to Alec Robertson about the Council's mobile home suggestion and had received a reply which she read out. The Leader had read the e-mail with interest and had asked Mark Kaczmarek to look at the issue that Breage Parish Council raised.
- h) The final site layout for St Breaca Close has been received from Devon and Cornwall Housing. This has been forwarded to Councillors. Contracts should apparently be exchanged this month and a planning application submitted as soon as the exchange has taken place.
- i) Black Forge Art are producing commemorative steel plaques for villages/towns where the Olympic Torch will be passing through. The cheapest of these is £295. Council felt this was too costly.
- j) Broadband Superfast has started to become available for parts of the Germoe telephone exchange area. This is parts of Rosudgeon and Ashton. Parishioners will be able to upgrade and should check with their providers. Cllr Best asked why there was discrimination over areas. This apparently depends on whether there is glass fibre optics or copper connections. Cllr Ackland agreed that not everyone will be able to be connected but there would be a much faster speed.



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

### Breage Playing Field

- a) Confirmation that field is formally part of the QE II Fields Challenge
- b) The Clerk has received written confirmation that Breage Playing field is now formally part of the QE II Fields Challenge.
- c) Plaque received – Positioning to be agreed  
The plaque was displayed by the Clerk. Cllr Rashleigh said that the plaque would be best sited not on the gate but inside the field wall on a post. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the plaque be sited inside the Breage Playing Field wall by the Handyman. He was to be asked to contact Cllr Rashleigh for the exact position for the post and plaque.**
- d) Committee has applied to Woodland Trust for free trees to replace lost originals  
The Clerk confirmed that she had received an e-mail from the Secretary about this but it would not be known until October if the application is successful.
- e) Have received a Field Day Folder  
A huge Field Day folder has been received packed full of ideas for A Field Day in connection with the Jubilee celebration. Cllr Rashleigh confirmed that there would be no activity in the field as a Street party would be held outside Breage Village Hall.  
Lower Polladras – it was reported that there has been so much ploughing that the ditches are full and needed to be sorted. This needs to be reported.  
Carleen Village Hall - Cllr Darby reported that there will be a Carne Cove production of The Ogden Sisters on 14 April at 8 p.m. Quiz Night will be held on 21 April at 7.30 p.m.  
Cllr Coleman reported that a £900 grant had been received for provision of two football goals on the field.  
In regard to the Germoe Beacon on Tregonning Hill, Mr Lidicott would also be having a beacon at signal House.  
Cllr Caddick had attended the Public meeting regarding the proposed new Urgent Care Centre st West Cornwall Hospital. He called for support for this. A 24 hour GP cover would be provided. The CAT scan is used 24 hours a day. Evening X rays would involve a trip to Treliske as would serious conditions: chest pains, strokes, head injuries, abdominal pains and severely ill children. The ambulance driver would decide on which hospital.  
Cllr Caddick felt that the Community should be told about this proposed Centre and encouraged to support and back the proposal.  
Cllr Anthony spoke about the proposed erosion meeting. She felt that Cllrs Darby and Coleman should be included as they are the footpath Councillors and a footpath would be key to discussion.  
Cllr Board reported that when the hedge was trimmed in Pengersick lane the road was not cleared of debris and the drains were now covered again.

## 26. CORRESPONDENCE

- Four Lanes Project Group – Appeal
- RNIB – Used and new postage stamps wanted
- Helston Railway Preservation Society – Invitation to Commemoration of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Helston railway opening – Can anyone attend? Wednesday 9 May 10 a.m. - **The Clerk asked if anyone wished to attend this as she was unable to. Cllr Coleman said that he would attend and the ticket was passed to him.**
- West Cornwall Outdoor Adventure Activities – for Easter Holidays
- CC -West Sub Area Planning Committee Agenda 4 April 2012
- CC – Changes in invoicing process
- CC – Olympic Torch Relay Briefing and list of schools
- Inter-Link – Monthly newsletter
- CC – Olympic Torch Relay newsletter 10
- CALC – The Week issue 8
- rsn online – newsletter 13 March 2012
- CC – Olympic Torch Relay newsletter 11o
- CALC – The Week issue 9
- CC - Olympic Torch Route and Torchbearers
- rsn online –newsletter 19 March 2012
- Steve Shaw – Update Leighton-cum-Sizewell Town Council
- First – Service Changes
- Defra – Revised Bathing Directive
- CALC – The Week issue 10
- rsn online- newsletter 26 March 2012
- Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Recruitment 2012. - **Cllr Caddick expressed interest in this.**
- CC – Leader's message to members 23 March 2012
- Julie Girling MEP – newsletter
- CC – Screening and Scoping Opinions
- CC – Delivery of Olympic Torch Relay

CC – Free Parking 19 May

Defra – Revised Bathing water Directive

CC – Training Programme – **The Clerk asked that anyone interested in this please contact her.**

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

Breage C of E School – Reducing Breage’s carbon footprint

CC – Your Guide to Winter Wellbeing

CC – Safety matters fuel

Came & Company – newsletter

rsn online – newsletter 2 April 2012

NALC – VAT

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

Defibrillator.

**28. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1 May 2012 at 6.30 p.m. in the PARISH ROOMS followed by ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18 p.m.**

# **BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE PRECEPT/BUDGET PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.**

At 7.09 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 Bradley made comment on how well the field, near Breage School behind Mr Rosevear's property, was looking compared with how it used to look. The Chairman advised that the footpath diversion was still to be finalised.

Mr Rayment wished to report on the following matters:

The drains alongside Pengersick Castle and the barn need clearing and warned that if the drains block there will be flooding.

Wingletang, Planning item 9: There had been a previous application that was turned down on appeal. It was stated at that time that a geological survey should have been done and two trenches, about 3ft deep were dug. The existing wall is cracked and another storey is to be added with this new application.

The Wingletang application refers to two new parking places in Trewartha Road but there is room for 2 cars and turning on the existing drive. Trewartha Road is narrow and has had considerable problems in the past with parked cars. There are yellow lines but the June to September ban was not enforced last year.

Regarding the drawing for Wingletang, Mr Rayment felt that it was not clear where the staircase is exterior or interior and he felt that this needed clarification.

Mr Thomas was here because he had a new planning application on the agenda

Ms Le Borde is a dog walker and has been in Praa Sands for 4 years. She referred to the dog ban on the beaches which is in place from Easter to October. She felt that during May and June the beach was empty and that dog restrictions from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. were not fair as other beaches had half and half arrangements. She felt that dog walkers are the principal users and that the Cafe and Pub get their revenue.

The Chairman explained that the 7 to 7 restriction had been had fought for. An enforcement officer would need to be in place to ensure that any further arrangements would be adhered to. The only one authorised to do this is the Clerk and she really did not have the time. It could mean that someone would need to be employed. The Chairman asked for Ms Le Borde's phone number so that he could contact her.

Ms Le Borde asked about the co-operatives for heating oil purchase that are in place in Breage and Ashton. Cllr Coleman explained that only 3 people are needed to start a co-operative and this could be started by contact with Console Oils.

Mr Smith, who is awaiting the results of a Certificate of Lawfulness regarding his caravan in Trewithick Road, Breage, spoke with distress over a certain member of the Parish that had been knocking on doors describing Mr Smith as a gypsy with a windmill behind the school and objecting to him. He knows this because the person had knocked at his friend's door. Mr Smith said that he does not approve of such behaviour and that he does not want to fall out with anyone.

There is also rubbish being thrown over onto his property. The original caravan has been replaced by the bus because it was old and run down. The field has been tidied. He has cut down the overgrown areas. He explained that he is a qualified Agriculturalist and Horticulturalist. He said that the ground has been described as a quarry. He wished to explain that the mound of earth round the bus is only 4 foot high and this slopes down to another 4½ foot drop which is the same as in the school car park.

The Chairman offered to meet and speak with Mr Smith.

Mr Bott, Architect, spoke on item 9a) Planning, on the March agenda, Amended. He had addressed the Parish Council's and Neighbour's concerns regarding Parking, the Septic Tank and Neighbourliness and had produced a revised layout that he had forwarded to the Clerk, the Planning Officer and Neighbours. This readjusts the band to allow rear access, retains a car space at Lowenna. There are 3 existing spaces on the eastern side. The additional space for the existing house has been re-sited. The sewage plant has been re-sited. He now felt there to be adequate places for the existing properties and the barn conversion, which is self-contained. The wall and fence are separate. He felt that this would improve Neighbourliness. There would be a new septic tank. Mr Pickett introduced himself as the Designer but made no further comment.

Mr Beard a neighbour living in Lankidden spoke in regard to the application described by Mr Bott saying that this has been dragging ion since last May. He felt that lies were being told. He had been told prior to the last meeting that the minimum regulatory distance away from a building for a septic tank was 7 metres. This tank would be a metre away right next to a very unstable wall. He had also asked Phil Rossiter about the distance and had been again informed that it is 7 metres. Mr Bott had been to his house to put forward his solution. Mr Beard had asked about ground out the front for his own septic tank but was told by Mr Bott that this was impossible as it was not 7 metres away. This is causing great tension for neighbours. Mr Beard felt that If a family with one child moves into the property the tank would need to be enlarged and this would cause problems.

Cllr Keeling spoke on item 9, Planning, PA12/00737. He confirmed that he is a next-door-neighbour and said that he has no problems with the application.

Public Participation ended at 7.27 p.m.

