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DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2011 AT 6.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)
Cllr A Best
Cllr T Coleman
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr P Shrimpton
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 5 May 2010

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Shrimpton and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2010 be signed as a true and correct record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for the year 2010/2011

The Chairman, Cllr Keeling, gave the following report for the year 2010/2011:

2010 is fast becoming a distant memory as we approach the end of another reporting year. With a change of government and stringent cuts in public spending the challenges ahead are going to task all of us to the limit in terms of the services we wish to continue and provide.

Parish councillors resolutely endeavoured to ensure the precept for 2011/12 was kept to the bare minimum to enable the effective operation of the council; and the increases have been kept to within 1% of the average Parish and Town Council precept increase across Cornwall of 3.77% at 4.44%. This is considerably lower than last year and the council is committed to keeping any future precepts to single figures or a zero rise. The council continues to make small grants to assist groups with their aspirations and maintenance, though we have reduced the amounts available to the bare minimum in line with concerns over the national and local financial situation.

As part of the activities undertaken by the Parish Council the "Adopted Beach" at Sidney Cove, Praa Sands was surveyed yet again in September, as part of our annual commitment to the Marine Conservation Society and the National and Europe wide survey to collect and record items hazardous to wildlife. Many kilograms of rubbish were picked up and a final sweep from west to east concluded the event with much more rubbish picked up.

I am pleased to report that the bus shelters at Ashton as been installed and has become part of the furniture. Grant funding for bus shelters has now dried up and it is envisaged that no further funding streams will be available for the distant future.

The annual Remembrance Day Parade in Breage went off well, with the exception of a sudden downpour at the eleventh hour. Nevertheless, it was an excellent service and the new tarmac path made access so much better for all participants. The Parish Councillors lay a wreath on war memorials in Godolphin and Breage villages, on behalf of parishioners and council.

Every year we seem to attract new councillors, though we are still two down at the moment. I am delighted to report that newly co-opted councillor Trevor Coleman is now part of our team. A keen walker, he is particularly interested in the local footpath network and has already been out and about with the Countryside Access Officer.

We continue to be involved in the future provision of local needs housing and it will be a case of providing housing that is only for people with a very strong local connection on rural exception sites, sympathetically located within our parishes and hamlets. The street lighting is being gradually brought up to standard so that in due course the Cornwall Council take over the running costs of providing this service.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of Breage Parish Council and our Parish Council Clerk for their hard work, loyalty, efforts and dedication to the Parish and our community. I would also like to thank those members of the general public who attend our meetings and help the council focus on important issues in and around the Parish.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2010/2011

Copies of the financial statement were available for the Public and Councillors had received copies of the financial statement and the internal auditor's report.

The Clerk gave the following report: Cllrs Keeling, Rashleigh, Greenough and Shrimpton, and I, as the Responsible Finance Officer, formed the Accounts' Team. Cllr Greenough was joined by Cllr Shrimpton on the Accounts' Team after Cllr Nicholls' resignation and he is thanked for volunteering for this position. Cllr Greenough has now also resigned and Cllr Best joined the Team for April 2011.

Payments and other accounts matters were checked by either Cllr Greenough or Cllr Shrimpton before being presented to the Council. The Council's Internal Auditor is Mr W E Wilkins.

Receipts for 2010/11 increased by £3,925.37 over the previous year. There were no grants this year whilst last year £3,862.62 was received. However, the Precept was increased by £7,000 and there were increases in Cemetery fees, VAT recovered, footpath payment from Cornwall Council and donations.

Payments decreased by £16,967.55. Grants of £500 each were made to community groups this year as follows: to Carleen Village Hall, to help towards their new fencing; to Carleen Church Community Centre, towards the cost of a new oven; to Breage Silver Band, towards an instrument; to Carleen Pantomime Group, towards an audio mixing deck & amplifier; to Ashton Community Association, towards running costs for the amenity area and to Breage Playing Field, towards planters/trees and stakes. St Breaca Church is paid a £20 annual grant towards the upkeep of the village clock. Parish Room costs were less as were administration costs, general running costs, (no bus shelter payment), and VAT payments.

There have been some budgeted Capital expenses this year. It was agreed by Council that the loft at the Parish Rooms should be insulated to save on heating costs. After this work commenced active woodworm was found in the loft beams and subsequent treatment had to be carried out. A laminator was purchased and a new entrance path was laid at the Parish Rooms as the previous one was very uneven and prone to deep flooding.

Part of the carried forward balance of £12,335.85 will be needed to help meet the 2011/12 payments. Outstanding reserve allocation is £3,240 and this is included in the carried forward figure. This comprises of £2,240 for Praa Sands, £880 for the Cemetery and £120 for Breage pump. Expected receipts for 2011/12 are £51,874 and expected payments £52,815, as listed in the budget figures.

After the accounts had been examined by an Accounts' Team Councillor, Cllr Shrimpton on 4 April 2011, they were passed to the Internal Auditor, Mr W Wilkins. The Annual Audit return was completed and signed by Mr Wilkins on 27 April 2011. He also approved and signed the accounts.

4. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS

The Chairman invited comments and questions from the public.

Mrs Board explained that she is disheartened over the amount of dogs' toilet on Praa Green. Some dog owners do pick up and bag it but it is then just thrown down where it was done. Notices are ignored. She explained that the other day there was a certain type of bag left and the next day another, identical bag in the same place. She felt that a dog bin would be worthwhile.

Mrs Board asked about Praa Green fencing. The Chairman confirmed that it was hoped that Steve Shotel would be doing something. The Chairman would ask the Dog Warden to check the Green.

Mrs Board continued that the rabbit holes are still there and dogs are still trying to go down them. The person renting the home where the dog got stuck down the rabbit hole has offered to fill the offending hole with stones. The Chairman said he would take a look at the hole.

Mrs Board thanked the Chairman for his input into the resurfacing of Byway 47. An excellent job that has lasted far better than ever before.

Mrs Anthony expressed her appreciation to all the Parish Councillors and to the Clerk for her help through the year. Cllr Rashleigh added her thanks to the Clerk for her work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.47 p.m.