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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 pm ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008**

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)
Cllr T Ackland
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr G Hesketh-Jones
Cllr G Higginson
Cllr B Nicholls
Cllr R Pryor
Cllr C Rashleigh
Cllr R Wyvern Batt

County Cllr A Robertson

8 Members of the public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Greenstreet who was in Liverpool attending a meeting as delegate for the WI.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Keeling asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 9, Planning, that states, 'As a member of KDC Planning Committee I will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments. Cllr Pryor declared a personal interest in item 5, Planning PA08/00924/F, as the applicant is a fellow Helston Town Councillor.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 6 May 2008

Cllr Keeling proposed, Cllr Pryor seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6 May 2008, with two amendments, be signed as a true and correct record.

The amendments were: Page 36/0, item 10 Reports from Outside Bodies, Carleen Village Hall - the date of the Flea Market should read 7 June not 1 June. Page 39/08, item 24 Members' Reports to the Council, line 12 – remove 'inform County Highways', insert 'find out who owns the field'.

4. POLICE REPORT

As WPC Anne Butcher had not yet arrived this item was deferred.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was taken here from 7.05 p.m. to 7.13 p.m.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Robertson provided the Clerk with a written report and spoke briefly about Breage matters. He had contacted Highways about the blocked drain at Pengersick, Praa Sands. It was planned to make channels in front of the drain. The footway at Trevena is now under construction and should be finished in 2 to 3 weeks. The signs at Breage Playing Field should be in place before the summer holidays.

The report, minus meetings attended, is printed below. Details of the meetings may be obtained from the Clerk.
'TOPICS

'One Cornwall – The Boundary Committee are currently assessing whether or not they can progress the Implementation Executive's proposal, for a Unitary Council of 130 members, in the time they have available. They have also commenced a further 6-week period of consultation to help assess the case for an increase on the existing number of County Councillors. If they decide that there is insufficient time or that the requirement

for a bigger Council has not been proven, the 2009 elections for the new County Council will be based on the existing 82 Electoral Divisions.

'Post Office Closure – The Community Scrutiny Committee held an Inquiry Day on Wednesday 22 May.

Cornwall has been grouped with Dorset for the purposes of the closures exercise and the target number of lost offices is 65 for both Counties combined. It is not clear how many of the 65 will fall in Cornwall but, if spread evenly by Parliamentary Constituency, we can expect between 30 and 40 Countywide – out of our present total of 213. Those Sub Post Masters/Mistresses whose offices have been earmarked for closure will have been informed in person by Friday 23 May. They are required to keep this information secret until the official announcements in July, under pain of loss of their compensation payments (28 months' salary). Following the official release of information there will be a 7 week further consultation period but this will only be concerned with verification of the objective data (e.g. topographic, demographics, transport availability, etc.). Any reversal of a decision to close one office will result in the closure of another as the target number of 65 (2,500 nationally) has been set by Parliament.

'The community Committee will hold a meeting in June to draw up recommendations to mitigate the impact on our rural areas and to examine what support can be offered to rural businesses to help to achieve rural sustainability.

'Newquay Airport – Despite growing concern over the effect of increased fuel prices on aviation and lobbying by anti-aviation environmentalists, the County Council remains committed to the development of this important transport link and the successful acquisition of a Civil Aviation Authority licence by 1 December 2008.

Locally

Praa Green Flooding

New Footway Trevena Cross

Play Warning Signs – Higher Road'

Cllr Rashleigh expressed her concern over Post Office closures and wondered how the retired and disabled would manage. County Cllr Robertson assured her that there had been lots of walking round the areas before decisions were made although he agreed that there may be some anomalies. The closures that will shortly be listed will only be about half the eventual total.

District Councillor Keeling gave the following report:

'I had several meetings of note this month; including the planning committee where Hope Farm, Trew and conversion of Scott's Cottage to a holiday let was eventually approved. One Cornwall issues: Meeting of the Implementation Executive at Penzance, where a resolution was made where by the CEO, in consultation with the Chairman and vice-Chairman of the Implementation Executive and the Chairman of the One Cornwall Joint Scrutiny Committee, be given delegated authority to take urgent decisions. Another meeting of the Implementation Executive on senior appointment last week gave the green light to press ahead with appointments to CEO, 5 corporate directors and Heads of Service, which will be essential to the smooth functioning of the new council. There is general consternation among councillors all over Cornwall about the Boundary Committee for England's statement; and they have serious concerns about the methodology employed by the IE in calculating the future unitary council size of 130 members and a further 90-member proposal by Cllr David Whalley.

'This will probably mean that it is very unlikely that the Electoral Commission will be in a position to implement any Boundary Committee recommendations in time for elections in May 2009. The Committee has therefore decided to carry out a further stage of public consultation on council size.

'There was the full Annual Kerrier Council Meeting and we voted in our chairs and vice chairs. I retained my chairmanship of the scrutiny committee. I put out a press release, via County Council, about the overseeing role of the One Cornwall Scrutiny Committee, and also one for the Parish Council about Praa Sands regeneration.

'Finally, I attended the last PAROW meeting Penzance with Cllr Darby, Mr T Darby and our footpaths and again thought what a good and useful organisation it was for restoration and protection public rights of way.'

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Carleen Village Hall

It was reported that there will be a flea market on Saturday, a Carne to Cove Film Festival on 14 June, a quiz on 21 June and the Annual General Meeting on 16 June.

5. (deferred) POLICE REPORT

As WPC Butcher arrived at this point the Chairman asked her to read her report.

'This report covers the period from 7 May 2008 to 3 June 2008.

'There have been 4 crimes this month and 1 arrest. There has been no pattern to the crimes. There were thefts.

'Traffic education has continued and the speed appears to have lessened at Ashton and Breage after targeting the areas for the last couple of months

'The Neighbourhood Watch is being processed in Godolphin.'

The Chairman invited questions from Councillors and the Public.

Cllr Rashleigh asked who should be contacted about cars being advertised for sale on public verges. She was told that Trading Standards deal with this and that if the car registration is provided they will take action.

Cllr Ackland reported that 3 panes have been smashed in the Carleen telephone box.

A parishioner asked how many speed checks had been carried out in Godolphin during the past year. He was told that 3 had been carried out in the last year past the school. Children had been given posters to distribute to speeding motorists giving statistics of injuries caused by cars travelling at 30 and 40 m.p.h. About 5 or 6 cars had been stopped and all were willing to take the posters from the children.

9. PLANNING:

a) APPLICATIONS

PA08/00739/F – Mr J Searle – Piggy Widden, Hendra Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Erections of a two-storey extension and a dormer extension to dwelling

The Chairman explained where the property is. It is a small dwelling that needs extending because of the size of the family. There were no problems as the building would be subservient to the old property. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/00903/F – Dr & Mrs T Bednarski – Quillet Cottage, Trenwheal, Leedstown, HAYLE, Cornwall

Retention of outbuilding as annexed living accommodation to main dwelling

It was felt that insufficient detail was shown on the plans but in principle there were no objections. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the application be supported but that Kerrier be advised that Council thought that insufficient detail was shown on the plans.**

PA08/00854/F – Mr S Mills – Adjacent to Trelil, Hendra Close, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Erection of a dwelling (amended design)

The previous application had been supported by Councillors. The question of neighbourliness was raised. However, there had apparently been no complaints from neighbours. It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved by 8 votes to 1 that the application be supported.

Additional:

PA08/00924/F - Mr K Reynolds - Greenvale, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RJ

Erection of two wind turbines and retention of six free-standing solar panels (solar pv array)

The Chairman spoke, repeating details given at the previous meeting, of a letter received from Mr Keith Reynolds about the comments the Council had made regarding Planning Application PA08/00506/F. These comments had been published on Kerrier's website and Mr Reynolds was not happy about one of the comments that stated that some Councillors had visited the property. Mr Reynolds wished to know which Councillors had done this as he felt that trespass had been committed. He was also concerned because small tools were missing from the property. The Clerk confirmed that she had not intended to infer that Councillors had crossed the property boundary, merely that they had viewed it from a distance. The Chairman asked each Councillor present if they had actually entered Mr Reynolds property. Each Councillor confirmed that they had not.

The Council discussed and noted this new application. **It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and resolved with 1 abstention that Council's comments from the previous application, discussed on 1 April 2008 be re-iterated to Kerrier Planning.**

Cllr Wyvern Batt expressed her concern that, at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 May 2008, a very similar application had been withdrawn, the withdrawal having been received on 15 May. This new application was stamped by Kerrier Planning on 19 May but was only received yesterday. She found the timing of the application and procedure strange and asked that Kerrier be informed of this. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Kerrier Planning to inform them of Councillors' concerns about the procedure followed in PA08/00924/F.**

PA08/00733/F - Mr & Mrs Young - Trewellas Cottage, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

Conversion of outbuildings into two holiday letting units and installation of a septic tank

It was felt that this application was a vast improvement on the previous withdrawn application. Councillors did, however, still have concerns about access and these remain the same as for the previous application when they suggested that the Youngs speak with the Planning Officer and look into the possibility of the road to Polladras being used as the access road. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and resolved by 8 votes to 1, that the application be supported but that the concerns about access be re-iterated to Kerrier Planning.**

County Councillor Robertson left the meeting at this point.

9. FINANCE

The Clerk asked for permission to cancel cheque number 102402, this for work that was not done by the Caretaker. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Hesketh-Jones and unanimously resolved that cheque 102402 be cancelled.**

a) Accounts for payment

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
24	Shaw & Sons Limited	102431	Parish Council forms/receipts	£78.72	£13.78	£92.50
25	Zurich Municipal	102432	Insurance	£840.82		£840.82
26	Playsafety Ltd	102433	Playing Field Inspection/Risk Assess.	£146.00	£25.55	£171.55
27	Douglas Cawley & Associates	102434	Insurance replacement figure	£100.00	£17.50	£117.50
28	R W Beard	102435	2 cuts Breage Cemetery/B&G greens/ Amenity Area	£320.00		£320.00
			Bramble clearing Amenity	£120.00		£120.00
29	Mrs C L Macleod (Tiscali)	102436	Internet	£12.76	£2.23	£14.99
30	Trelawney Security Systems	102437	2 Smoke detectors link in	£360.00	£63.00	£423.00
TOTALS				£1,978.30	£122.06	£2,100.36
	Mrs C L Macleod	102438	Salary May			
	PO LtdHMRev&Customs	104439	National Insurance	£28.67		£28.67
	PO LtdHMRev&Customs	102439	PAYE	£52.00		£52.00
	PO Ltd HMRev&Customs	102439	Employer's NI	£33.86		£33.86
				£114.53		£114.53
	Mrs C L Macleod	102440	Travelling 37 mls @ 53p per mile Parking	£19.61		£19.61
				£0.80		£0.80
				£20.41		£20.41
	R Treloar	102442	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
	Mrs C L Macleod	102441	Petty Cash reimbursement	£89.84	£9.24	£99.08
TOTAL Payments				£2,228.08	£131.30	£2,359.38

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

b) Receipts £228.00 Burial/Memorial fees; £60.00 Ashton Amenity Area ROSPA; £15.00 Admin; £168.21 Bank interest.

c) Bank balance £25,452.76, Petty cash £0.92.

11. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Darby reported that she had obtained three additional copies of the new footpath map. The Contractor had started cutting the footpaths on 19 June. The date of the next footpath meeting is Monday 23 June. The next PAROW meeting is on 11 June.

A letter had been received from County acknowledging Breage Parish Council's acceptance of the grant offer. Cllr Darby referred to this letter as there were only two dates that claims could be made. She was concerned that if there were later problems there would be no time to claim. The Clerk was asked to look into this.

Bridleway 47 had been queried and this will be discussed with Mr Sanders. Mrs Board had raised a question about whether it is a silver path but Cllr Darby thought it was actually gold. Cllr Darby was asked if Councillors could purchase a copy of the map for themselves. Cllr Darby agreed to find out whether this is possible and what the cost would be.

12. CEMETERY

Mr Beard had sent in a quotation for fencing but this had only been received today so it had not been entered on the agenda. It would have to be discussed in a closed session at the next meeting.

The Chairman had tried to get pricing for Cornish hedging but had so far been unsuccessful.

13. HIGHWAYS

Councillors were pleased to see that the pathway at Trevena Cross had been started.

14. STREETLIGHTING

A meeting with David Henry and Cllrs Wyvern Batt, Pryor, and Ackland had been held in the hope of getting more streetlights taken over. Mr Henry had told the Councillors that he would look at things and try to get back with a reply to the Clerk in 2 weeks time. Repairs would have to be done on any lights to be adopted but money for some repairs has been listed in the Precept. The Streetlights on the Main Road at Ashton will not be adopted as they are on a trunk road.

15. PRAA SANDS/GREEN

The Clerk had received a report that the Pengersick drain had blocked again on Saturday 17 May. Mrs Board unblocked it in the morning and again in the afternoon. It was checked in the evening and although some of the water went down the new drain most gushed over it and gouged out the coastal path, carrying stones with it. It has apparently ruined the repairs to the pathway and the area has been left a complete mess. County Cllr Robertson has kindly taken on this problem but it was felt that a letter should also be sent from the Council. The Clerk was asked to write this.

The Chairman had held a meeting on Praa Green and looked at all the problems. The steps are in a dreadful state and the fencing, although partly repaired by Mr Allsopp, still looks in a bad way. Cllr Keeling said that he would chase this as District Councillor. Other problems are an exposed pipe across the diverted coastal path, fly-tipping, the Basket ball Court and Green needing tidying and surfers using the car park all day although parking is limited to 2 hours. There has not been a sign in place for a long time. It was agreed that this should be put on the next agenda.

16. TREW GREEN

Cllr Hesketh-Jones had had a long meeting with the owners of the Green. Issues had been raised and he needed to raise these with County before taking matters further.

17. HANDYMAN'S DUTIES

The Clerk asked if the following could be included in the Handyman's work list: Notice board refurbishment Ashton, Godolphin and Trescowes and fitting a new letterbox in the front door at the Parish Rooms. She also asked what further action was required regarding the damp wall in the meeting room.

She also asked what should be done about the damp wall in meeting room. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be asked to do the following work: Notice board refurbishment, Ashton, Godolphin and Trescowes, fitting new letterbox Parish Rooms and that he should be asked how many hours it would take to remove the plaster from the top half of the remainder of the front wall and re-point the stonework.**

18. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The smoke sensors have been fitted. An advert was put in the Gazette and West Briton and posters displayed in the Post Office and on the notice board at the Parish Rooms to inform folk when the alarm will be tested. It was tested on Monday 19 May.
- b) The Insurance assessor has valued the Parish Rooms building at £100,000. The Clerk has informed Zurich of this valuation and asked them to comment as their figure is £80,982.
- c) The Clerk has tried to phone Cable and Wireless re: the manhole outside Willavean but is put through to Planning and then does not get to speak with anyone. She has asked the switchboard for an address so that she could write but they said there isn't one! The Clerk will try again when there is time.
- d) The Clerk wrote to Mr Allsopp asking him to put up the fence at Praa Green but has not heard anything yet.

19. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Hesketh-Jones reported that he had made the monthly check on finance. He also commented about the Insurance assessment for the Parish Rooms. He told Council that the One Cornwall Community Network had been finalised and that Breage would be included in the Helston one stop shop. He reported that he has walked 21 footpaths so far and hoped to complete them all.

Cllr Darby reported that the walk round Trew Valley had achieved nothing and asked if someone from County could explain why nothing is done. The Chairman asked her to raise this at the next footpath meeting. It was felt that at least the barbed wire could be replaced with smooth wire.

Cllr Ackland spoke. The Chairman said he would chase this matter.

Cllr Darby on the same subject said no support came from Kerrier because Breage Parish Council had not written to the inspector.

She asked if anything more had been heard from the Enforcement Officer re: Breage House gravel car park. The Clerk has heard nothing. The Chairman said that it should be left until Planning Enforcement contacts the Clerk.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about Trevena Farm, Breage where there are static caravans and the area is in a messy state. The Chairman will look into this.

Councillors were concerned about the receipt of late Planning Applications as the public obviously had a right to know about these before the meeting and members of the public had expressed their concern about this today. It was felt that the late applications should still be included in agenda but that a way be found of informing the public. It was agreed to look at this at the next meeting. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to Kerrier asking that the Council not be put in situations of this kind.** It was, however, realised that Kerrier do not know all the dates of individual Council's meetings and that it would be difficult for them to ensure that planning applications arrived at an exact time to allow Councils time to return comments. Councillors discussed this matter further suggesting alternative arrangements but no decision was made.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letters for donations from: Open Spaces Society, Victim Support Cornwall, Shelter, Cornwall Animal Ambulance

Clerks & Councils Direct - May

Philip Tucker – District Councillor N Cornwall- Anyone keen to set up and edit a magazine for rural Parishes

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Want independent Members to serve for 4 years from 1 October 2008

West Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Rural Transport Partnership – Asking for support with the coming of One Cornwall

CCC – Archaeology Alive Annual Report

One Cornwall – Senior Appointments

Additional:

CALC letter re: Election Consultation

The Chairman asked Councillors individually which date for Parish Council Elections they would prefer, 2013 or 2009. Agreement was not reached.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls and seconded by Cllr Pryor that the date of 2013 be supported for Parish Council Elections.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Ackland that the date of 2009 be supported for the Parish Council Elections. The amendment was rejected.

The unamended motion was resolved by 6 votes to 3. The Clerk was asked to write to Sheila Healy and Sarah Mason informing them of the Council's preference.

21. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Notice at Praa Sands car park

2 benches at Praa Green

The Clerk was asked to find out if the Young Offenders would be able to paint the water pump in Breage as it had now been cleared of foliage.

22. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1 July 2008 at 7.00p.m.

23. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that 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.

24. INSURANCE

The Clerk had made an insurance claim regarding the financial discrepancy referred to in the Chairman's report at the Annual Meeting on 6 May 2008, and had now received a cheque for the full amount claimed. The Council accepted this, thanked the Clerk and agreed to take matters no further.

25. CARETAKER

It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that Mr Roy Treloar be Caretaker of the Parish Rooms, responsibilities for the Cemetery dustbins and cleaning and grass cutting at the Parish Rooms.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008

At 7.05 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.

Several parishioners from Godolphin strongly expressed their concerns over the fact that a Planning item, PA08/00924/F, had been included in the agenda but they had only found out about it a short while before the meeting. They requested that this be looked at. The Chairman told them that as there was little change to the previous application he had thought that their comments would be the same. However, one of the gentlemen was attending for the first time. These parishioners were all concerned about the size and potential commercialism of the proposed wind turbines and felt that it was an inappropriate application for a green and leafy area. Although one of the turbines had been moved a few yards down the field the Parishioners felt that the site still appeared to be a wind farm.

Mrs Board spoke of the flooding at Praa Sands. Cllr Robertson had spoken with her about this. She also asked about Bridle path 47 – The local inhabitants have trimmed it. Why is it down as a silver path and not a gold one? Mrs Board also gave a reminder about the rabbit holes on Praa Green.

Public Participation ended at 7.13 p.m.

