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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr T Ackland

\*Cllr T Best

Cllr Mrs P Darby

Cllr P Greenough

Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet

Cllr G Higginson (Chairman)

Cllr B Nicholls

Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

\*\*Cllr P Shrimpton

8 Members of the Public

Charlotte Chadwick (Community Network Manager)

PCSO Ceri Sadler

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Higginson, explained that he would be Chairman for this meeting as Cllr Keeling was unable to attend. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**To note apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Keeling who was attending a Cornwall Council meeting, Cllr Phillips who was on holiday and Cllr Wyvern Batt whose mother had been taken ill.

## 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**

There were none.

b) **in respect of gifts of a value of more than £25**

There were none.

## 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2009 AND THE BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING MEETING ON 27 OCTOBER 2009

**It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that with one amendment the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held 6 October 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.** The amendment was: page 83/09, item 10b) Footpaths, third line - remove the name 'Bray' and insert the name 'Bayes'. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Budget/Precept setting Meeting on 27 October 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.**

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of the Chairman 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 were 5 crimes reported to Police for October: Theft at Wheal Vor, Drink Driving at Praa Sands, Possession of Cannabis and Aggravated vehicle taking at Ashton and a Criminal Damage to a motor vehicle at Carleen.

'This compares to 10 crimes reported for the same period last year.

'I am pleased to report that there were no incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Police over Halloween in the Parish.

'Due to the reorganisation of the Helston beat area we have now taken on the Parish of Gweek.

'We would like to remind everyone to take care whilst enjoying Bonfire Night. I would also like to remind everyone that it is an offence to set fireworks off in the main street and to throw them.'

The Chairman asked if there were questions for PCSO Sadler from Councillors and the Public.

PCSO Sadler was asked if anyone had been apprehended for the above crimes. She replied that someone had been apprehended for the Ashton crime.

It was reported that a car had been abandoned at the back of Carleen Village Hall.

PCSO Sadler asked the Council to consider replacing the 30 mph signs at Trew as they were fading. The Chairman explained that Cornwall Council is responsible for this and asked that the Clerk inform Highways.

The Clerk said that she had been asked to report cars being advertised for sale in Ashton, one on the green near the bus shelter.

Mr Kerslake said that the speed of cars passing through Ashton at the weekends was often 60 mph. PCSO Sadler reported that the whole of the area had been targeted on Wednesday 14 October and someone was stopped and cautioned at Ashton. She explained that PC Vaughan had been retrained in the use of the traffic gun and areas would now be targeted more often.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Sadler and she left to attend another 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 7.12 to 7.27 p.m.

## 7. CHARLOTTE CHADWICK – Community Network Manager, Helston and the Lizard

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Charlotte Chadwick and invited her to speak about her work as Community Network Manager.

She thanked the Council for their invitation and gave a short insight into her background. She explained that there are 19 Network Parishes and 12 Network managers. She found it fascinating that the Parishes' key issues were all different. She emphasised that although she is based at Helston she is not Helston-centric and constantly fed back to the 7 elected Cornwall Councillors. She gave examples of how she had been able to help community projects by applying grant searches and how she could also help in resolving issues, giving examples of Highway issues that had been resolved through Andy James. She is also able to lobby on behalf of community groups and she again gave examples of success in lobbying. She explained how a grant of £1.5M had been obtained to help with the dredging and repair of the lake in Coronation Park in Helston. Speaking about the numbers of organisations who need financial grants for projects she gave details to the meeting of how she had helped various groups to find and receive such grants. Match funding grants could also be researched. It was explained how Alan Knight from Praa Sands and District Community Centre is in the process of setting up a Village Hall network for the Helston and Lizard area. This would find funding support for needs and encourage people to work together. A list of numbers for the halls could be kept and bookings passed on to other halls if the hall contacted was already booked. There is a meeting at PSDCC on 3 December 2009 at 7.30 p.m. Again a list of successful bids was given: Children in Need for the monitoring of young people, South Kerrier Alliance - help with a range of projects, The Farmers Market at Helston and Helston and the Lizard Shoppers' Card.

Charlotte told the meeting that she is based at Isaac House, the One Stop Shop in Helston and is at Mullion once a month. The Chairman asked if there were any questions for Charlotte.

Cllr Best asked about the Coronation Park money, saying he was disappointed that it had been spent on just that project. It was explained that the grant was specifically for parks from Parks for People and that any park could apply. The pond had not been dredged since the 1960s, the clay bottom had split and was desperately in need of repair.

Mr Darby spoke about Penwith Access and Right of Way, (PAROW), group in the former Penwith area and how those who know it have great respect for it. She asked if anything similar was envisaged for other areas. This would depend on whether there was a group in the Community willing to take it forward.

The Chairman thanked Charlotte Chadwick for attending and she was invited to stay on if she so wished. This she did.

## 8. ELECTED COUNCILLOR

### a) To welcome Councillor Tony Best

Councillor Best was congratulated on his election and welcomed to the Council.

### b) Cllr Best to read and sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Best completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, read it to the meeting and signed it. The Clerk countersigned the declaration.

## 9. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Chairman explained that there had been two applications for the vacancy left by Gordon Hesketh-Jones. An application for co-option had been received from Mr Hesketh-Jones as he had been feeling better. Cllr Keeling had recently been in contact with Mr Hesketh-Jones who was again unwell and no longer wished to stand for co-option. He would be more than pleased to be called to help the Council in matters of Finance and grants should they wish to call on him.

### a) To co-opt a Councillor from applications received

An application had been received from Mr Pete Shrimpton of Breage. This was read to the meeting by the Clerk. Mr Shrimpton was asked if he wished to add anything. He told the meeting that he had experience in Strategic and Operation Planning Performance Review and thought that this may be useful if the light of the possibility of work being delegated to Parish Councils. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved**

that Mr Peter Shrimpton be co-opted as a Breage Parish Councillor. Cllr Shrimpton was congratulated on his co-option.

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that a letter of thanks for his past dedicated service be written to Mr Hesketh-Jones and that his offer of help should be accepted and he should be called on as and when needed.

**b) Co-opted Councillor to read and sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Mr Shrimpton completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, read it to the meeting and signed it. The Clerk countersigned the declaration.

## 10. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

As the Councillor was not present there was no report available.

## 11. PLANNING

a) Report from Councillor Higginson re: Planning training. Cllr Higginson apologised for not yet completing his report and said that he would make it available at the next meeting.

**b) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

PA09/01314/F – Mr E Jeffery – Waltham House, Vicarage Row, Breage HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9PX

Erection of a dwelling and detached domestic garage

There was an objection to a house being built in a garden but as this was no reason for refusal it was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenough and resolved by 7 votes for and 1 abstention that the application be supported.

**c) TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009**

There were none.

**d) TO BE ADVISED OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE, CORNWALL COUNCIL**

PA09/00802/F – Mr M Waller – Wingletang, Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9ST

Erection of a dwelling and installation of a septic tank, alterations and extensions to existing bungalow and septic tank  
Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 10 November, The St John's Hall Building, The Guildhall, Alverton Street, PENZANCE TR18 2QW

PA09/01060/F – Mr J Skelton – Pine Cottage, Godolphin Bridge, Townsend, HAYLE TR27 6AR

Erection of a domestic garage and equipment store (amended scheme)

Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 10 November, The St John's Hall Building, The Guildhall, Alverton Street, PENZANCE TR18 2QW

Cllr Higginson would be attending the meeting on 10 November and would deliver the Council's observations.

The Haulfryn application for the sewage works at Praa Sands is now scheduled for a meeting on 12 November at Camborne. Cllr Keeling will attend this meeting.

## 12. FINANCE

**a) To discuss bank situation**

The Clerk still has no access to the Internet banking system and is also not recognised on the telephone. Council felt that this is outrageous and it was suggested that a letter be written asking for a face-to-face appointment. Cllr Nicholls advised that a better course of action would be to write to the Regional Director. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that a letter be written to the Regional Director of Barclays Bank, with a copy to the Helston Branch, advising that to enable the Council to continue banking with Barclays, the grave problem of the Clerk not having internet or telephone access to the Council's bank accounts be resolved.**

**b) To discuss purchase of printer £430 allocated under Capital expenditure 2009/10 budget and laminator £100 allocated under Capital expenditure 2009/10 budget**

Cllr Greenough and other Councillors who had assisted the Clerk in the filling of envelopes for the Housing Survey had realised, due to the time taken by the Clerk to print documents, that the duplex printer allocated in the budget under Capital expenditure 2009/10 budget is desperately needed by the Clerk. Provision had also been allocated for a laminator. This was discussed and it was agreed that both items should be purchased. The Clerk asked if the printer could be purchased locally so that if repairs became necessary the machine face-to-face contact could be made and the machine could be quickly collected and returned. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that a duplex printer, costing no more than £430 and a laminator, costing no more than £100 be purchased and that Cllr Rashleigh assist the Clerk in research for a printer.**

**c) To discuss purchase of new vacuum cleaner**

The Clerk reported that after numerous weeks of problems the elderly vacuum cleaner used to clean the Parish Rooms was now non-repairable. This matter was discussed and agreed that a basic cleaner could be purchased for up to £120, whilst a higher grade one would cost much more. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that a vacuum cleaner be purchased at a price lower than £120.**

**d) To approve November payments**

Cllr Nicholls advised that he had checked the payments.

no.	Name	cheque	Net	VAT	Total
79	Zurich Insurance Company	102686 Additional insurance	£145.77		£145.77
80	Cornwall Council	102687 Election expenses	£2,647.63	£371.31	£3,018.94
81	Stephen Babbage	102688 Handyman's duties	£59.76		£59.76
			<b>£2,853.16</b>	<b>£371.31</b>	<b>£3,224.47</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102689 Travel 42.5 ml @ 53p	£22.53		£22.53
		Parking	£0.50		£0.50
			<b>£23.03</b>		<b>£23.03</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102690 Petty Cash reimbursement	<b>£60.94</b>	<b>£5.48</b>	<b>£66.42</b>
	R Treloar	102691 Caretaker Honorarium	<b>£25.00</b>		<b>£25.00</b>
			<b>£2,962.13</b>	<b>£376.79</b>	<b>£3,338.92</b>

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

**e) To acknowledge receipts**

£6 Minutes receipt acknowledged.

**f) Clerk to provide Bank balances**

The Clerk provided the following balances that Cllr Rashleigh had obtained by telephone. These had not been adjusted as no statements had been received. Current Account £3,682.66; Tracker Account £18,842.74; Petty Cash £33.58.

**13. FOOTPATHS****To approve amendments to LMP cutting regime**

Cllr Darby had after consultation with the Contractor produced a list of proposed alterations that they would like to see applied to the LMP cutting schedule for 2010/2011:

Path type	Path no.	Area	Length	Saving	Total
To be removed					
Silver	79	Millpool to Boundary	966m	£39.84	
Gold	43	Lower Pentreath to Lower Kenneggy Remove part and re-measure	approx.	£10.00	
Gold	60	Ruthdower to road N. Broadlane Ask C. Bayes for revaluation		£14.00	
Silver	37/1	Lower Trevurvas	111m	£4.44	
Silver	70/2	Lower Trevurvas to boundary	651m	£26.04	
Gold	38	Hendra - downgrade stile to 1 cut		£5.00	
					<b>£99.32</b>
To add					
Gold	10	Rinsey to Hendra - upgrade stile to 2 cuts		£5.00	
Gold	3	Breage to Tregunna - upgrade		£20.00	
Gold	65/2	Godolphin to Ruthdower - upgrade to 2 cuts		£25.90	
Gold	9	Hendra - upgrade stile to 2 cuts		£5.00	
Silver	19/1	Ashton to Tolmennor - upgrade part to gold 2 cuts		not known	

Gold	61/2	Polrose to Little Polladras - upgrade to 2 cuts	137m	£13.70	Page95/09
Gold	21/2	Trew to Carleen - upgrade to 1 cut		not known	
Gold	22/3	Trew - add 1 stile 1 cut		£5.00	
Gold	47	Praa Sands - 2 cuts	approx 30m	£6.00	

**£80.60  
plus 2  
queries**

Because of feedback from the public and Councillors, Cllr Darby explained that she had met with the Contractor, sat down with the cutting map and had researched all the paths. She felt that available money should be spent where needed. It the not known costs were queried. Cllr Darby had obtained one of these, 150m @ £15. If Council approved of the above suggestions it would be put to County for their views on the matter. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk should contact Cornwall Council to check the possibility of the alterations being made.** Cllr Darby suggested that the Clerk contact Colin Bayes in the first instance.

The Clerk asked Cllr Darby about signs that had been reported to her: path 56/1 starts by Stamps House on the NNW exit out of Godolphin and leads up to the main path across the Godolphin estate/to the house, now of course NT owned etc. There are various large signs at the start of the footpath on the main road stating that this is a private drive, with access only to certain named dwellings, No Entry .....etc..... and these prominent signs might make strangers think that they need to look elsewhere for the path. There are 3 **tiny** yellow arrows on a telegraph pole, but these cannot really be seen, particularly in the rain! It would be appreciated if a public footpath sign could be put there like the one by the entrance to the track leading up to the Godolphin car parks. Cllr Darby suggested that the Clerk contact Colin Bayes about this.

#### 14. HIGHWAYS

The matter of a footpath between Breage and Ashton was raised. The possibility of this being done with provision from the Ward Councillor's expenditure was queried. It was felt that this should be considered and put to Highways. Cllr Keeling to be asked about this and to reply at the next meeting.

Cllr Best asked about the footpath by Willavean in Breage. It is now so overgrown by grass from the verges that it is extremely narrow and does not allow access for wheelchairs or pushchairs. The Clerk has queried this in the past. She was asked to do so again. It was wondered if the Handyman or Mr Beard could be engaged to clear the path should it not be done by Cornwall Council in the near future.

#### 15. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

- a) War memorial path progress: the Clerk gave information that one the updated quotes had been raised by £100 and the other remained the same. There was not enough money in the budget to cover these so grants needed to be sourced. Cllr Phillips was applying to the War Memorial Trust, there may be a small amount available from Vicar Penny and also from Cornwall Councillor Keeling.

#### 16. PRAA SANDS

The comments in Mrs Board's letter to the Council were noted.

#### 17. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

- a) The completed survey forms need to be with Jody Jeffrey, Cornwall Council, by 9<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Keeling has agreed to deliver them. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had so far received nearly 200 survey forms. This was thought to be a good percentage. There are about 20 people needing housing. Unfortunately several people have not turned to the last page of the survey that asked for contact details should the person be looking for a home. It was suggested that if people came to the meeting when the results of the survey are discussed they could be asked to leave their details if they had failed to do this on the survey form. It was thought that an advert could be put in the local paper to invite Parishioners to attend.
- b) Dates for a meeting with Jodie Jeffrey  
Possible dates for a meeting with Jody Jeffrey for Councillors to discuss next step, needed to be arranged. This was discussed and the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. was the preferred date and time. The Clerk will contact Mr Jeffrey to confirm this date.

#### 18. CHRISTMAS MEAL

- a) To agree a date and time for the meal at The Cove  
It was agreed that a Saturday would be the best day and Councillors voted on whether it should be the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> December. The 19<sup>th</sup> was chosen.
- b) Selection of menu  
The Clerk will obtain menus.

## 19. WEBSITE

- a) To discuss the retention of Mr John Harrop as website manager  
Mr Harrop is about to move to the Midlands. He is happy to continue to look after the website for the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Mr Harrop be retained to manage the Parish Council website.

## 20. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) Councillors who have agreed to lay the wreaths at Godolphin and Breage were asked to collect the wreaths before Sunday.
- b) The Clerk wrote and asked the Chairman of Cornwall Council to consider arrangements to have a wreath laid at Breage and had this reply: *'Unfortunately the Chairman is unable to meet all the commitments from the predecessor councils, simply because there is not the budget to do so. Each individual wreath does not cost a great deal, but when it is multiplied by the number of parishes in Cornwall, it does make a large total. Therefore, regrettably, the Chairman is unable to pay for the RBL remembrance wreaths, but hopes that local contributions from the town or parish councils, or other local sources, can cover the cost. Each ceremony is remembering the local people who lost their lives, and she hopes that the local community should be able to fund a wreath.'*
- c) Cornwall Landscape Character Best Practice Guide – Public Consultation: The Clerk had e-mailed this to Councillors. She reported that The Landscape Character Best Practice Guide is now complete in draft form the Clerk had been asked to pass on the message asking Councillors 'to take time with your coffee (before 24<sup>th</sup> December) to download and have a look through the document and send their comments by filling in the consultation survey on the link provided.
- d) A road sign for Herland Parc has been added to Cornwall Council's list and will be ordered.
- e) Adam Chell contacted the Clerk to let Councillors know that the knotweed on footpath 46 was sprayed recently and will be sprayed again next year.
- f) The Chairman had written officially to Richard Pryor on 28 August. The Clerk read the letter and Councillors agreed that it was a very good letter. The Chairman had also visited Gordon Hesketh-Jones and spoken to him on the telephone.
- g) Re: the telephone kiosk at Godolphin. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would be responsible for repairs and maintenance once the kiosk is adopted.
- h) The Clerk had received a quote for the byelaws sign at Praa Sands. This would be made of aluminium coated foam, To supply and fit: £70 or to supply only £55. The Clerk reminded the Council that a suggestion had previously been made that the sign would be better placed at the entrance to the carpark. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the quote to supply and fit, £70, be accepted and the sign erected on the present post.**

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

Cllr Rashleigh spoke about the playing field top gate that does not shut correctly. Children cannot reach the handle and she suggested that the handle be lowered. She asked if Rok could be contacted to complete the repair at St Breaca Close as the verge has now been cut by Cornwall Council. The Pellor Fields and Trewithick Road signs have been replaced and Cllr Rashleigh commented that a brilliant job had been done. She asked if the matter of the overgrown hedge between the War Memorial graveyard and the Cemetery could be raised again with Cornwall Council. Cllr Rashleigh was concerned that no report had been issued after the Breage Conservation Area meeting that had been held at Breage sometime ago. She felt that Council should have received a copy of what had been decided. She asked that the Pellor Road hedge needed the top cutting as there are sycamore saplings protruding from it.

### Carleen Pantomime Group

Cllr Ackland reported that the rehearsals were underway for Carleen pantomime and that 29 folk from the Parish are involved plus many children. He asked for support in attendance when the pantomime is staged in February.

### Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there would be a Flea Market on Saturday and that there were some tickets still available for the Gordon Giltrap event. A quiz night will be held on 21 November.

Cllr Higginson has sold 75 tickets for the Gordon Giltrap event, 20 tickets are still available.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Greenough reported that he is now Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch group.

### Breage Playing Field To receive Inspection Report

It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting as the Handyman had omitted to complete the final page of the report. Concern was expressed over nails protruding from one of the planters on the field. Cllrs felt that this needed immediate attention and Cllr Higginson agreed to attend at 8.30 the next morning with Cllr Rashleigh to rectify the problem. It was felt that matters like this should be dealt with as soon as the Handyman discovered them and that he should be given authority to do this. It was asked that this matter be put on the next agenda.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Annual Report 2008-2009

Open Spaces – magazine Autumn 2009

Andrew George MP - Casework surgeries

Andrew George MP – Meeting re; Housing needs of local people in West Cornwall – Seminar Friday 13 November 2009, St Keverne Village Hall, 7 p.m.

South Western Ambulance Service – Foundation Trust Consultation – Truro Town Hall 9 November 2009, presentations throughout the day 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Cornwall Fire & Rescue- Consultation of the Service Planning Process – questionnaire

CC – Precept notification to be returned by 31 December 2009

Mr & Mrs Kerslake – Bus shelter Ashton - This letter was read to Council by the Clerk.

Mr France – Bus shelter Ashton – This letter was read to Council by the Clerk

The Clerk had no news on this matter. She explained that no shelter had been applied for.

Councillors asked the Clerk to check with the Chairman regarding information from Mr Biddick who had inspected the area. Council took note of what was written in the letters and agreed that people would have a chance to speak before action was taken. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the Clerk ask for information on the outcome of the inspection meeting.** It was stressed that the residents need feedback and the Clerk was asked to contact the Chairman to see if any feedback was yet available.

CC – Climate Change – The Cornish Declaration

Cornwall Air Ambulance – Thank you for donation

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

War memorials Trust – Bulletin magazine 43

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine November

Community Energy Plus – Sustainable Communities, Parish projects needing funding?

Rural Services Network – Rural trends survey to be completed

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

Urgent repairs – Breage Playing Field

**24. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**

This was confirmed.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.**

# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2009 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

Mrs Anthony spoke about changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and her concerns that it could affect everyone. She brought the following to the Council's attention:

'On 27 July 2009 the Minor Variations system for Licensed Premises applications came into forces. This allows authority for making decisions on variations to be delegated to Licensing Officers. The 4 main types of variation are: minor changes to the structure or layout of premises, small adjustments to Licensing hours, removal of out of date, irrelevant or unenforceable conditions and Licensable activities – adding certain activities including live music!

'Another change is that these applications no longer have to be advertised in the newspaper.

'The Licensing Act Committee authorised this delegation at the meeting on 2 October so this will come into force in Cornwall.

'Yet again it is being made more and more difficult for individuals to find out what is happening in the environment and to make representations.

'At the same meeting there was a proposal to put Licensing applications onto the Council website. This is an excellent move particularly in the light of what I have just been saying.

'The problem is that they anticipate that it will take 18 months to 2 years before this is available to the public – in spite of some Councils, before re-organisation having lists of applications on their websites!

I therefore request that the Parish Council consider writing to Cornwall Council on behalf of residents of the Parish, urging that this be dealt with and brought into force as a matter of urgency.'

Mrs Board read out a letter she had written to the Council:

'Dear Clerk, Chairman and Councillors, The last meeting I referred to the called election in a time of recession in which the previous chairman stood opposed by a previous vice-chairman who was subsequently elected.

'Today's agenda item 12. Finance: Election expenses total £3,224.47. 257 people voted - £11.74 a vote.

'My concern of a democratic process may lead to question and my reply is recollections of co-option:

Back to 1995 – Parish Election: Nominations: 9 for 12 seats – No election. Need of co-option – after the four-yearly election and in between to the present. Co-option has produced some dedicated and valued Councillors. It is an economical financial way of keeping up the numbers to do the business. 1999 – Again, vacancies: Kerrier advised co-option for 6. This is when Cllrs Wyvern Batt and Best were co-opted. 2002 - Election called: Breage: 3 vacancies: 3 nominations: No election. This is when Mr C Simmons was elected. 2003 – Election: 8 nominations: 4 vacancies. Notices on boards. Cllr Simmons elected as Chairman. The years to 2007 four Clerks came and went. 2007 – Election: 7 nominations: New Chairman: Cllr Simmons resigned. 6 co-options. Resignation: Health and other reasons – inevitable.

'Co-option has played successfully in this Council's survival. At present, at the heart is our excellent, dedicated Clerk, Mrs Carol Macleod, who produces the agenda with pages of minutes of the meeting: very informative of her work and the Council deliberations indicative of a vibrant Council.

Parliament desires even more participation with responsibilities – so more commitment, meetings, resignations. Co-option is simple: the applicant writes in re. a vacancy with a little about them-self and aspirations for the Parish: this considered by the Council and a vote taken; - if suitable: Welcome!

If each time a vacancy occurs and an election is called with poll cards – cost over £4,000. The Parish Council will become unpopular with the ratepayers because of the need to increase the Precept. Parishioners are desirous that money be invested in community needs.

'So: may co-option reign!'

Mrs France spoke about the possibility of a bus shelter being erected on the Lion and Lamb side of the road at Ashton. She is concerned about the visibility she has when coming from her driveway being compromised by a shelter. She stressed that she felt that nobody was taking notice of her concerns and that she was being left out of the procedure.

Mrs Kerslake said that she had written to Highways about the bus shelter but had received no reply. She suggested that the bus shelter be sited outside the Lion and Lamb as that was the named bus terminal. She felt that the shelter was being pushed through when there was no room for it and she was distressed that the Cornwall Council Highways representative did not call on her when he was examining the area.

Mr Kerslake expressed concern about the speed of traffic passing by their home on the A394.

Mrs Overton asked about Bridleway 71 and was advised that Cllr Keeling would be contacting her.

Public Participation ended at 7.27 p.m.

