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MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS

BREAGE ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr P Greenough (Chairman)

Cllr T Ackland

Cllr A Best

Cllr Mrs T Board

Cllr H Bradford

Cllr S P Caddick

Cllr Mrs P Darby

Cllr Ms C Rashleigh

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

2 Members of the Public

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair as the Chairman was still not medically fit and therefore unable to attend. Cllr Greenough welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the evacuation procedure.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wyvern Batt who was unfit to attend; Cllr Higginson who had family commitments, Cllr Coleman who had work and family commitments and PCSO Whitford who was working.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) 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.

b) To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare non-registerable interests or disclosable pecuniary interests (including details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda and unless you have the benefit of a current and relevant dispensation in relation to these items you must:

(i) not participate, or participate further, in any discussions of these items at the meeting;

(ii) not participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on these items at the meeting; and

(iii) remove yourself from the meeting while any discussion or vote takes place on these items, to the extent that you are required to absent yourself in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders or other procedural rules.

Where a Member has a non-registerable interest in an item that does not benefit from a valid dispensation and that interest only arises from the Member's participation in or Membership of a body whose objects or purposes are charitable, philanthropic or otherwise for the benefit of the community the Member may, (with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting or until such time as the Chairman directs the Member to stop) address the meeting to provide such information as they reasonably consider might inform the debate and decision to be made before complying with b).

There were none.

c) To take consideration of written requests for dispensations

There were none.

d) 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 5 NOVEMBER 2013 AND THE PRECEPT MEETING ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013

The Chairman ran through each page of the minutes of the 5 November meeting asking for accuracy corrections. There were none. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved, with one abstention as the Councillor had not attended the meeting, that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 5 November 2013 be signed as a true and correct record.** The Chairman ran through each page of the minutes of the 21 November meeting asking for accuracy corrections. There were none. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Caddick and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Precept Meeting 21 November 2013 be signed as a true and correct record.**

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that he had had a long chat with Cllr Wyvern Batt who is not yet permitted to go out after her accident but is having to sit in a chair at home. She is hoping to attend physiotherapy and then to be able to attend the Christmas meal.

6. POLICE REPORT

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

In PCSO Whitford's absence the Clerk read out his report:

'There were 4 crimes reported to the Police in the period of November 2013

'Breakdown as follows:

'**Breage:**(A394)

Possession Class B Drug – Cannabis Warning Given

'**Godolphin** :(Forth Vean)

Section 4 Public Order – Restorative Justice Reparation used

'**Newtown Germoe:**

Section 5 Public Order – Charged Awaiting Court

'**Trew:**

Production Concerned in Drug Class B Cannabis – Currently on Police Bail

'I would like to remind members and residents that the annual Christmas Drink Drive Campaign, which is currently underway. Again officers will be proactive enforcing the campaign along with any other driving offences. Again we are urging residents not to leave valuables on display within their vehicles (Christmas Presents) during the festive period. On a lighter note, I would like to wish all members and residents a Happy and crime free Christmas and a Happy New Year

'If you have any crimes you would like to report please telephone 101, or should you have any concerns which you would like to discuss please call me on 01326 555158, this is an answer machine service, please leave a message and I will get back to you. Alternatively, please email the team at helston@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.'

Thanks for the report were expressed.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or in respect of something they wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention for inclusion on a future agenda and may speak for a period of time which is at the Chairman's discretion
 - b) A question asked by a member of the public during this public participation session shall not require a response or debate
 - c) The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for oral response or to the Clerk for a written or oral response
 - d) A record of the public participation session shall be included on a separate page in the minutes of the meeting
- Public Participation was held here from 7.09 to 7.14 p.m.

8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

'I will keep this report fairly short this month given the main work of the council has been the setting of an early budget. The council's finances are under enormous pressure in the same way as families' budgets are being squeezed. Therefore, it was recognised that there was a need for an early decision to implement the agreed budget reductions to commence with immediate effect in order to safeguard the position of the Council. Consequently, the Council Tax for financial year 2014/15 will be increased by 1.97% which represents an increase on a band D property of 47 pence per week. In terms of the overall business plan I was very disappointed that the members Highway Budget as not been reinstated and spoke out against this decision. This is the first time a budget for highway improvements and maintenance for the use of Cornwall Councillors and the former County Councillors as not been available. I commented that the loss of this budget undermines the representative role of councillors given this kind of budgeting enables people to bring forward views and concerns allowing people to make choices about highway matters at a very local level and have more say in what happens in there locality.

'Closer to home the Council will passport Council Tax Support Grant to local precepting authorities based on the existing levels of £1.754 million and will continue to passport Council tax Support Grant in future financial years. This is similar to last year and although a number of local Cornish Councils did reduce their precepts to mitigate the effect on their tax payers, many did not. Consequently, tax payers in those Parishes will have seen their Council Tax bill increase (due to a reduced tax base) even though the precept may have stayed at the same level as the previous year. This grant is over and above the amount of money precepted and for those parish councils who have already set their precepts there will be an opportunity to reassess their financial requirements later. Parish Clerks should receive a full explanation of how the Council Tax Support Grant will affect their individual parish councils in due course. I will put a complete explanation of how the new system of Council Tax Support is different from the previous form of Council Tax Benefit on my website.

'I was very interested in the new road maintenance, Roadmaster road patching unit currently being evaluated by CORMAC. Apparently, it is a very impressive piece of kit which gives excellent results quickly and efficiently – an operation that might have occupied four people for a day and a half can be completed in an hour or two, without undue fuss and with both efficient and excellent outcomes. I am hoping to get out and visit the crew of the unit myself soon.

'I continue to pursue the possibility of a "Lengthsman Scheme" being piloted in the division and spoke to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Waste, Cllr Bert Biscoe, who shares my enthusiasm for the scheme. The Network Manager, Maxine Hardy, is very keen to get involved and help to move this on soon. I hope parishes have had a chance to look at what other local authorities do and the associated benefits.

'I was pleased to be able to attend an act of remembrance in each of the parishes this year, though the service on the 11th at Tregonning Hill memorial was accompanied by very strong southwest winds, fog and rain and quite bracing!!

'Locally:

Breage: I met with Steve Crofts landlord of the Sandbar, Praa Sands, with Jon James the Cornwall Council Environment Manager with responsibility for public conveniences to discuss a way forward to keep the toilets open during the week, as well as weekends, for the winter months. There are a number of sensible options coming forward and it may be useful for the Parish Council to have a discussion with Jon James and Steve Crofts in due course. Staying with Praa Sands the appeal against the refusal of permission for Haulfryns will be heard soon by written representations. I am pleased to learn that the parish council will be putting forward strong representation to the inspectorate as well as my own. I will be looking into the dog ban issue again soon at the request of dog walkers; who wish to see the season for dogs to be allowed on the beach extended. It appears very few holiday makers use the beach early in the season.'

Cllr Ackland asked about ILF (independent Living Fund) and what was happening about it. Cllr Keeling said that he would find out and get back to Cllr Ackland.

Query was made about access to the Longrock car park and it was suggested that the Secretary of State be contacted. Cllr Keeling was thanked for his report.

9. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA13/09942 – Mr A Ballard – Sea Acres, Castle Drive, Praa Sands, PENZANCE TR20 9TG

Construction of 2 no. Dwellings and associated works

The Chairman explained that the Planning Officer had advised that in light of the previous approval from the planning committee for the two dwellings, it would be hard to object to the scheme again for the principle of the two dwellings, therefore it had been suggest that only the amendments to the access/parking arrangements are considered. Although it was added that members still have a right to object if they feel they need to.

Cllr Board felt that the previous objections should be re-iterated. Cllr Bradford said that the objections to the 2 dwellings had been many. He felt that with the amended car parking there would now be a sea of cars at the front instead of at the back. **He proposed that the original application not be supported and that the front gardens should be left. This was seconded by Cllr Ackland and there were 3 votes for and 4 against. The motion was therefore not carried.** Cllr Caddick said that the access had been amended in the interest of the neighbours. **Cllr Board proposed that the objections to the two dwellings stand but the new access and parking be welcomed. This was seconded by Cllr Best and resolved by 5 votes for and 3 against.**

PA13/10152 – Mr Roger Benney FH Benney and Sons – Brick Kiln, Tregonning Lane, Carleen, Breage

Listed Building Consent for repairs and consolidation of the brick kiln to ensure and preserve its historical and ecological integrity

All Councillors thought this a brilliant application: impressive, comprehensive and superb. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

b) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON 29 DECEMBER 2013

PA13/10580 – Mr Nigel Normington – Grankim Farm, Carnmeal, Breage, HELSTON TR13 9NL

Demolition of single storey extension, erection of proposed double storey extension with associated drainage and single storey conservatory

Cllr Bradford felt that this was more than an extension as the footprint would be much increased but it would look much nicer. Cllr Best felt that the grounds were large enough for it. Cllr Board said that neighbours were not upset by the proposals. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Bradford and resolved with one abstention that the application be supported but with expressed Concern that with minor modification the proposed could become two dwellings and that there would be possible loss of Council Tax income.**

PA13/10758 – Ms M Smith and S Elliott – The Bungalow, Granny Polly Lane, Great Work, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Extension and alterations to existing bungalow to create first floor with balconies and new garage/studio

Cllr Greenough had been to look at the property that is a totally private, very tired bungalow. Cllr Bradford agreed saying that it looked 1930s/40s. The plan was to his mind magnificent and architecturally very good. **He proposed that the application be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved with one vote against and one abstention.**

c) TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION

PA13/07906 - Mrs S Hayes - 1 Bakers Row, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

OUTLINE Planning Permission for the Erection of a dwelling

TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

PA13/08593 – Mrs Geraldine Jones – The Cottage, Kenneggy Downs, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9AT

Certificate of lawfulness existing use

d) TO RECEIVE NOTICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

PA13/08327 – Mr & Mrs Mathew Gordon – land adjoining The Last One, Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE

Construction of a dwelling

e) **ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING PROBLEMS****Report on meeting with Mr Phil Mason and Ms Hayley Jewel on Thursday 28 November 2013**

It was agreed at the meeting that better communication was needed to be established. Council was told that each officer has approximately 200 cases per year.

The meeting was felt to have been informative, helpful and encouraging with willingness to help the Parish Council being expressed. Mr Mason said that the Parish Council could make direct contact with him if it wished to. Councillors expressed interest about the Friendly Link officer as some had not realised that one was available. Cllr Caddick said that he had made contact with the officer and found her too be very helpful. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Caddick and unanimously resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Mason.**

f) **HAULFRYN APPEAL**

To decide whether further comment from the Parish Council as delivered by Cllrs Board and Bradford should be submitted

It was agreed that the further comment should be forwarded. **It was proposed by Cllr Board, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the following additional comment be forwarded:**

Breage Parish Councillors are unanimous in **not supporting** this appeal and urge you to do the same on our behalf, to uphold the **refusal of planning permission** for this development, and to **reject this appeal**.

The Parish council disagrees with much of what is written in the lengthy 'Grounds of Appeal' document.

It is very subjective, repetitive, confusing, unsound in parts and misleading, and we make the following comments relating to individual items in it, for your attention:

In general terms we believe that this proposal will result in a harmful cumulative form of development, and **will harm** the special qualities of the AONB and the site.

Irrespective of whether or not there will be an overall decrease in the numbers of Caravans, tents and camping, there **WILL** be an **ENORMOUS INCREASE** (from nothing!) in the number of **STATIC PERMANENT** caravans and pitches on the land currently protected by the Section 106 Agreement.

1.00

Planning conditions were imposed and retained for very sound planning reasons and should **not** be removed, especially when there is no change in circumstances and apparently no proven or valid reason or need.

Many of the statements and subjective opinions given in the 'Grounds of Appeal' Document **only attempt to justify this radical change** and the **removal of the legal 106 agreement** and propose a suburban, even urban-like 'sprawl' of permanent static caravans, totally filling this Central Area of the site, (A site which was planned, designed, designated and then protected by the 106 Agreement originally and **purposefully** to prevent this very thing from happening!)

Haulfryn Praa Sands is like an ever-growing village in the open countryside, outside the village Settlements of Praa Sands; and even within an AONB, seems uncontrollable and unstoppable AND a law unto itself!!!

Breage Parish Council feels strongly that **this should not be permitted to happen.**

The proposed site plan indicates a **very** dense, full and regimented layout with units packed together as closely as physically practicable and legally permissible. Any 'greater space' that is alleged that is provided between pitches would appear to be more because of Health and Safety reasons and/or legal necessity, rather than being provided for 'enhancement'.

The proposed landscaping as described is optimistic, but as shown is **minimal**, a token gesture, and not practicable in many areas, considering:

- **The need for safe vehicular access to and turning areas at every pitch and hard-standing,**
- **The requirements of maintenance,**
- **The need to maximise visibility and sea and countryside views,**
- **The degree of exposure to the prevailing winds and salty sea air.**

1.06

a

On the central park site area there would be an **enormous increase** in the number of pitches, but this is **NOT** the only issue .

b

This central area is designated as a caravan and camping park, for the use of touring caravans, tents and camping generally, and **SHOULD REMAIN SO.**

c

The proposal most certainly **DOES NOT** enhance the layout that existed or that has been enhanced recently - it does the **opposite** and obliterates the green 'buffer' park area.

d

The central section of the green park should continue to be utilised for touring caravans and tents, as was originally intended, to provide and to **RETAIN** this very important **MIX OF FACILITIES** for a wide variety of holiday makers, for which Praa Sands is rightly famous and well-loved.

The 'impact' of touring caravans and camping on traffic and Praa Sands is very seasonal, and everyone locally knows well just how much or how little this is, outside the 6-8 week Summer School Holiday Period, and is no more significant here than anywhere else. After which, the central green park area returns happily and naturally to being an important **GREEN BUFFER PARK-LIKE AREA** between the 2 Caravan Sites.

e
The proposed layout **IS NOT** "far more informal" than what is there now.

It is **LESS SO**, and far **more** formal and very regimented and **over-developed**.

This layout would successfully **BLOCK and CUT-OFF EXISTING wild-life links** and would **not** provide them!

They **exist now**, are **well-established** and are already **USED** (as was originally hoped for, intended and planned) through the existing mature green park area to the green fields of the AONB on either side of this site, and should **NOT BE DESTROYED**.

f
The design, character and impact of the proposed Static Holiday Caravans, as described in the document, is already **VERY** well known .

More of the same filling this Central Section would create a **BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE!** -A sea of permanent roofs visible for miles in all directions and covering the **WHOLE SITE**, with the two separate sites joined up into one **VAST SPAWLING DEVELOPMENT**.

g
The proposal that the Central Section "could have" this or that, is not useful.

It 'could have' many things, subject to Planning Permission and the removal of the 106 Agreement!

h
AGAIN, the point in question for the Parish is **NOT** just the number of pitches overall, or 'playing' with the numbers and the confusing 'tautology', or that there is no apparent approved layout, **BUT** that this proposal wants to:

- REMOVE the 106 LEGAL AGREEMENT
- REMOVE 50 pitches for TOURING CARAVANS
- REMOVE 150 PITCHES for TENTS
- REMOVE ALL that is for temporary, short-term and seasonal occupancy)
- REMOVE TOTALLY and IRREVOCABLY THE GREEN BUFFER CENTRAL PARK AREA
- REMOVE VISITORS AND TOURISTS that might not be classified as 'high spenders'

and then REPLACE all this by:

- ADDING PERMANENT STATIC CARAVANS INTO THE CENTRAL AREA
- ADDING EVEN MORE ADJACENT PERMANENT HARD-STANDINGS/PARKING AREAS
- ADDING EVEN MORE PERMANENT TARMACED SERVICE ROADS/TURNING AREAS

Breage Parish Council and more importantly, the Praa Sands Parishioners, **DO NOT** want this!

j
Breage Parish Council considers it **unlikely** there would be any significant **REDUCTION** of traffic in Praa Sands as a result of this proposal **BUT** if there were just static caravans there would be an **INCREASE** in traffic and vehicular movement in, around and across the joined-up **MUCH BIGGER** site, and for a longer period.

k
Breage Parish Council believes that this proposal **WILL** be harmful to the character of the AONB, irrespective of from where it can or cannot be seen and harmful to the character, style and ambience of the site.

The site itself is a part of that **AONB** and should be treated and respected as such.

Dark non-reflective roofs such as this **DO NOT** further reduce the impact of this site or of any site!

They only **INCREASE THE IMPACT!**

1.09

Praa Sands has always had, and hopefully **will** always have, a **MIX** of loyal visitors and holiday makers eager to return, **INCLUDING** the "bucket and spade" tourists, those with touring caravans, young families, hikers and walkers, and those with tents, and **NOT** just those wanting and being able to afford a "high quality experience!!

1.10

It was surely intended that **ALL** holiday makers be catered for and **NOT** just the alleged "higher spending" ones, (as so described in the 'Grounds of Appeal' document).

(Often it is those with smaller touring caravans and tents who need to buy **MORE** things locally, as opposed to those who can import 2 weeks of supplies into their second home).

1.22

Breage Parish Council understands that there is **NO** Kerrier District Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft Feb 2004, so this point carries no weight or relevance.

PLANNING is our last and only formal and empowered 'guardian' of our heritage, of our unique landscape, of AONBs, Conservation Areas, Settlements, Villages, Architecture etc, and our only control over relentless development.

Please **PROTECT IT**, do **NOT** let its authority and relevance be eroded and diminished **OR** its sound restrictions and conditions be rescinded and revoked, as if of no value or importance.

For these reasons, together with all our previous submissions, letters, and points raised and recorded at the Planning Application Meetings that **DO NOT SUPPORT** this Application, we ask you to please support Breage Parish Council, the residents of Praa Sands **and** its many visitors, and **REFUSE THIS APPEAL**.

Cllr Board added that she had written in as an objector.

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough that a vote of thanks be made to Cllr Bradford for his work on providing the above. This was seconded by Cllr Board and unanimously resolved.

10. FINANCE**a) To resolve to approve and sign the 6 month Financial Statement**

Cllr Best confirmed that he had checked the statement. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the 6 month Financial Statement be approved and signed.** Cllr Greenough signed the statement.

b) To resolve to approve December payments

The Clerk apologised and reported that item 139 cheque number should read 103302, item 140 cheque number should read 103298, item 144 cheque number should read 103299 and that numbers 140 - 144 be increased by one to 141 – 145 as 140 had already been used.

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of this section and is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure, the Council approves the £1,298 payment: number 139 to Godolphin Methodist Church towards for roof repair to the Parish Community Room at Godolphin earlier that due so that the work may be urgently completed.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
117	Helston Museum wrong Payee detail	cancelled 103284	s137 grant towards facilities for Breage Parishioners' use	-£50.00		-£50.00
117	South Kerrier Heritage Trust replace 103284	103295	Parishioners' use	£50.00		£50.00
132	R W Beard	103296	2 cuts Cemetery/B&G greens/ Field	£388.00		£388.00
133	BT	dd	Broadband	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
134	BT	dd	Telephone	£18.47	£3.69	£22.16
135	SW Water	dd	Water Parish Rooms	£13.02		£13.02
136	SW Water	dd	Water Cemetery	£10.97		£10.97
137	BT	dd	Mobile	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00
138	Martin Luck Group Ltd Godolphin Methodist	103297	Stationery	£38.52	£7.70	£46.22
139	Church	103298	s137 Roof repairs to Community Hall	£1,298.00		£1,298.00
140	Stephen Babbage	103299	Handyman's duties			
				£1,807.48	£19.49	£1,826.97
140	Mrs C L Macleod	103293	Salary November			
141	PO Ltd (HMR&C)		PAYE	£252.00		£252.00
			Employer's NI	£121.03		£121.03
		103294		£373.03		£373.03
142	Mrs C L Macleod	103300	Travel 28.5 mls @53p	£15.10		£15.10
143	Mrs C L Macleod	103301	Petty cash reimbursement	£6.99		£6.99
144	D R Treloar	103302	Caretaker salary November	£32.00		£32.00
				£2,234.60	£19.49	£2,254.09

Cllr Best confirmed that he had checked the payments. It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved that the remainder of the payments with amendments as listed above be passed for payment.

c) To acknowledge receipts

Admin: £6

d) Clerk to provide Bank balances

As at 30 November 2013 Current reconciled: £2,641.20; Tracker: £46,084.08; Petty cash: £93.01; Total including petty cash reimbursement: £48,875.04

e) The Chairman explained that a Council Tax Support grant will be available for the Parish Council with the Precept payment once again. This information arrived too late for this agenda. The grant is independent of the precept. It was suggested that the grant be accepted but that the Precept remain the same at £49,000. It was agreed that this should be formalized at the January 2014 meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Council Tax Support Grant be accepted and that the 2014/2015 Precept remain at £49,000 and that this will be formalized at the January 2014 meeting.

11. FOOTPATHS**a) THE AIRMEN'S MEMORIAL TREGONNING HILL**

To receive Footpath Councillor's report after further visit to site and to resolve to make a decision on whether to approve Germoe Parish Council's suggestion of a joint project in that footpath 25 should be cut on a regular basis and that a direction/interpretation marker be sited on PROW 25

Cllr Darby reported that '5 brave souls' had trooped up and looked at the site and that all were in agreement that it is very dangerous. It was felt that the plaque would have been better placed on the nearby war memorial. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved that Breage Parish Council not support Germoe Parish Council in keeping a footway open to the current plaque as it was felt to be far too dangerous to do this. It was suggested that a plaque be placed on or near to the War Memorial.**

b) Footpath 46

Cllr Darby reported that one section of this path floods and is messy as it is near a stream and someone has bypassed it, forming a path through the brambles and nettles but this is unfortunately right on the edge of an open mineshaft. Cllr Darby had e-mailed Hamish Gordon and put up notices to warn people. Mr Gordon came out and because he knew the landowners was able to fill in the new path. Cllr Darby hoped that it may be possible to get a boardwalk to cover the wet area.

c) Footpath 3

Cllr Darby reported that the stile on footpath 3 has still not been repaired. It has been measured but will not be done before the New Year.

12. HIGHWAYS**a) To make a suggested nomination for the name of the new street adjacent to St Breaca Close, Breage**

Cornwall Council has asked for the Parish Council to do this

Cllr Wyvern Batt had suggested Penbro Way as the area was originally Little Penbro.

It was proposed by Cllr Caddick, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that the suggested nomination for the name of the new street adjacent to St Breaca Close, Breage should be Penbro Way.

b) Clearing of ditches – requested to be on the agenda

It was agreed that the general state of ditches is appalling and that clearing has not been maintained. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to Highways to request that ditches be cleared.**

13. STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Ackland reported that contact still has not been made. **Cllr Greenough proposed that Catherine Bray be contacted to see if she is able to help find a contact. This was seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved.**

14. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**a) Update re. Complaint received re. overgrown heather on grave 317**

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that a reminder be sent to the grave owner and if no reply is received that the Handyman be asked to cut back the overgrown heather.

c) To consider the previous sizes of kerbstones and to discuss the reversal of minute page 30/06 , March 2006 not to permit kerbstones beyond row 17 of the Breage Parish Council Cemetery

It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that kerbstones for graves of 7ft x 3ft would now be permitted beyond row 17 in reversal of the minute page 30/06 March 2006. These would be 12 inches high: 6 inches below ground, 6 inches above.

b) Update on action taken re. the incorrect layout of grave 356

Cllr Best reported that he will contact Mr Knox in regard to kerbstones now being permitted.

d) To consider permission to award a £200 grant for the purchase of new gates for the closed Cemetery as the Parish Council has power to contribute towards expenses of Cemeteries Local Government Act 1972 s214(6)
It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that a expenses of Cemeteries Local Government Act 1972 s214 grant be awarded for £200 to provide a new gate at the Sethnoe Way closed Cemetery, Breage and that this be paid when the gate is ready.**15. PRAA GREEN FENCE****a) Update on any news**

There has been no update. A meeting will be arranged with Steve Schotel once he has confirmed some dates.

16. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**a) To discuss and give a response**

A long discussion followed with references made to past years. Cllr Rashleigh felt that matters may be 'dumped' on the Parish Council. It was agreed that the ditches and overgrown hedges, etc. would benefit from such a scheme. Cllr Board expressed concern over who would pay. There are counties that have trialled and taken on such schemes and there appears to be no negative feedback. Cllr Greenough said that in each of these cases funding has been provided by the Council Authorities based on population or road mileage but of course there is no guarantee on how much or how long. One place was receiving £110 per Km, reduced to £90 after a couple of years. It was suggested that such a scheme could be supported with Cormac carrying out the administration. No scheme yet

exists in Cornwall. Cllr Greenough suggested a pilot scheme for a year and chance to work out a contract with Cornwall Council, Cormac and John Keeling. Cllr Best said that this would be agreeable provided there was a way to stop it if difficulties arose. Conditions could be negotiated and the Parish Council need not enter into a contact should conditions not be approved. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Bradford and resolved with one vote against that a response be made to Cllr Keeling with a copy to Cllr Bert Biscoe saying that in regard to the Lengthsman Scheme Breage Parish Council offers, subject to negotiations, to be a vehicle for a one year pilot study and therefore requests a meeting with Cllr Keeling, together with the relevant people from Cornwall Council and Cormac, to take part in joint negotiations to hopefully discuss and look at a possible way ahead.**

17. DEFIBRILLATOR

- a) **To consider Breage School's request for a donation of £30 towards the defibrillator for Breage**
It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Best that an s137 grant of £30 be made to Breage School towards a defibrillator for Breage Village to be based at The Queen's Arms or the Post Office.

18. 5 YEAR REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT POLICY 2003

- a) Consultation Response due by 4 January 2014
 The Chairman said that Councillors could complete the survey themselves or nominate a Councillor to do it. Cllr Ackland offered to complete it for the Council. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Bradford and unanimously resolved that Cllr Ackland complete the survey, return it to the Clerk for circulation to all Councillors for favourable response or amendment and the Clerk then send in the response by the due date.**

19. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The button tap has been fitted at the Cemetery. The actual tap cost £60.
 b) The Basketball work has been carried out and the stone has been moved at the Praa Sands tarmac path.
 b) Regarding the Cemetery –the Clerk asked if it was wished for her to contact the people who have purchased graves beyond row 17 and have so far been denied the possibility of having kerbstones? – This to be put on the next agenda.
 c) Knotweed. The Vegetation Advisor has said that the field is due for treatment again shortly and that Adam Chell will ask him to contact the Clerk should the programme change for any reason. The Clerk was given details by Adam Chell of a course at Duchy College and information as to where to purchase an acceptable backpack. Since then a letter has been received from Jeremy Edwards:

Weed treatment – spraying with herbicide

As I am sure you are aware central government cuts to Council funding are forcing us to concentrate our limited funds on satisfying our core statutory duties. As a result of this we have been forced to reduce certain elements of our service. At the full council meeting of 26 November members agreed to cease general weed treatment (spraying with herbicide); however, we will continue to treat injurious weeds across the county (ragwort, Japanese knotweed etc). In addition, we will continue to treat weeds where we consider that they adversely affect highway safety.

Currently, we have a number of weed treatment agency agreements in Town and Parish Council areas. This year we are paying £160.61 per km. These arrangements will not be continued into next financial year.

As we are unable to do the work we are offering all local authorities the opportunity to deliver this service themselves albeit at their own expense. For clarity on the areas affected we can provide plans for showing the routes we previously treated in your area should you require them.

Please bear in mind that to undertake this work your workforce, or contractor, should be qualified to work within the highway, must hold suitable current risk assessments and will only be permitted to use herbicides that we approve (we will be happy to supply details of substances that are acceptable).

If you would like to treat weeds in your area please advise me accordingly; I will organise such approvals as may be required to ensure you have legal authority to work within the highway.

If required we can offer general guidance to you on preparing appropriate risk assessments and traffic management needs; if there is sufficient interest, we will offer briefing sessions for groups of Councils.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me should you wish to discuss this issue further or possible alternate arrangements.

- d) PSDCC The Clerk had received an e-mail from the Treasurer, Christine Toms, telling me that the Parish Council owns the PSDCC. She was asking about getting all the work done that is needed. The Clerk explained that the Council is a Trustee.

- e) The Clerk apologised that she had not had time to look into the costs of a laptop and projector + wifi.

- f) Website counter. The Clerk asked about this and had the following message: The counter is very out of date now and not used any more but there are other ways to check how many people have visited the site, so whilst we might not display a counter we can get the results.

- g) Remembrance Day at Breage was a great occasion. There were lots of people, Brownies and Guides and there was a marched parade led by Breage Band from the pub to the Cemetery where a hymn was sung and prayers said by Revd Dr Peter Johnson. Cllr Wyvern Batt laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish. This was followed by a short church service and then the Band marched everyone back to the pub car park where the Officer, John Wells, spoke and thanked everyone for their support. He is due to retire so told us that someone else will need to be found for next year.

- h) The Clerk received news that the remainder of the S461 costs are to be paid by Cllr Keeling's Community grant and details would be on the next agenda.

- i) The Clerk asked for support at the showing of the N461 event DVD this Thursday in PSDCC, 7.30 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start. There are a couple of short humorous films also being shown plus The People of St Keverne Church and the Manacles.
- j) Councillors were reminded about the Christmas Meal on Thursday 12th December at the Coach and Horses. The Clerk reported that she will be taking some of her Annual Leave in December and January and will be out of the office from Friday 13 December, returning on 6th January. She will of course keep an eye on things and deal with any urgent matters. Things are usually a little quieter over the Christmas period.

20. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there would be a Flea Market on the Saturday before Christmas and a Soup and Pudding lunch on Friday 20th December from 12 noon to 2 p.m. This was highly recommended. There will be a Quiz Night on 21st December. On 14th December there will be a Christmas Lunch for 52 elderly Carleen folk.

Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern over the knotweed and asked if the Handyman could tackle it. It was explained that he cannot use the strong weed killer.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the pampas grass and conifer trees that had been cut at the bungalow opposite the Trevena Nursery at Trevena Cross still needed to be cleared. Cormac had commented that the Local Highway Steward has been to check the area finding no debris affecting the highway and as such there is nothing for them or Cory to clean up. **Cllr Rashleigh said that there is still pampas grass in the road and bits of conifer covering the Celtic cross. It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh and seconded by Cllr Caddick that the home owner be contacted by the Parish Council and asked to remove the cuttings. There were 2 votes for this proposal and 6 against. The motion was therefore not carried.** Cllr Bradford has walked past the area and he felt that it had been cleared. The Clerk explained that in the past when Cornwall Council has not resolved overgrown hedge problems, etc. suggestion has been made to the Clerk that a friendly letter from the Parish Council may help. **It was proposed by Cllr Caddick, seconded by Cllr Best and resolved with one vote against that a polite request be made to the occupier asking that if cutting is done in the future the debris can be cleared to avoid the the problem of blocked drains, and that Cornwall Council be contacted again expressing concern that they may be mistaken over their assessment and that the cross is a mediaeval grade II cross.**

Cllr Board reported that she is keeping an eye on the toilets at Praa Sands. She had spoken to the publican who had felt that it would surely be better to have someone local coming to open up and clean the toilets rather than someone from Camborne. Cllr Board said that hardly any time at all was spent cleaning the toilets.

Cllr Higginson's report on his ShelterBox delivery to the Philippines

Cllr Greenough read out the following report that had been supplied by Cllr Higginson:

We were the 3rd team to go into Bohol (pronounced Bow-hol) which is an Island approx. 600 miles south of Manila, where an earthquake took place on the 15th October measuring 7.2 in magnitude. Many were killed and approx. 14500 houses were destroyed.

Shelter Box had people in on the 16th, assessing the needs. As we have a stock of equipment on the mainland 60k north of Manila, within days we had SRT (shelter box response team) in place putting up tents, allowing the Philippine people to start to think about the future.

Our team of 3 people arrived on the 12th November to distribute tent and boxes and look at any further need. In total 800 tents and boxes were distributed helping 800 families to start to recover.

As always the generosity of the people around the world, allowed us to distribute aid to families in their hour of greatest need.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

CALC – Sarah Mason in hospital

PCDT – Community Group help

rsnonline – Rural Opportunities bulletin November 2013

CC – Christmas/New Year Rubbish and Recycling collections

SLCC – Practitioners' Conference

Safer Cornwall – Newsletter

Cornwall Flood Forum – Survey

rsnonline – Newsletter 11 November 2013

CC – Free dog micro chipping November

rsnonline – Rural Vulnerability November 2013

rsnonline – Seminar Programme 2014-2015

Fit – November ezine

Julie Girling MEP – Press release

rsnonline – Newsletter 18 November 2013

rsnonline – Broadband November 2013

rsnonline – Newsletter 25 November 2013
CALC – The Week 12
CAA – Thank you for grant
NHS Kernow – Future of Poltair - meeting 9 December 2013

To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published

The Clerk reported that further correspondence had been received and had been added to the correspondence folder on the main table. She asked that Councillors please look at it..

22. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Praa Green fence; Co-option.

23. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.; PREAPP MEETING MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014 - MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS

24. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

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

Members of the public left.

25. COMPLAINT

The Clerk read out an update.

26. TO DISCUSS ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ASHTON AMENITY AREA TRUSTEES

Nothing had been received. It was suggested that the Trustees may wish to come and talk to the Parish Council.

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

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2013 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE**

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 Rayment raised a matter about the last meeting's agenda where under 15a) HIGHWAYS the following was shown: To consider Mr Rayment's request to debate the problems of enforcement of yellow lines in Trewartha Road, Praa Sands. In the minutes it was shown that this item had been dealt with under the Cornwall Councillor's Report session but it had not. The Chairman had missed it. Mr Rayment reported that he had been in constant communication with 'the powers that be' regarding this problem of seasonal no parking not being adhered to. He repeated his concerns about the parking in Trewartha Road during the Praa Sands raft Race when there were cars all the way up the road and on the footway. He suggested that Cornwall Council should put the parking enforcement out to private parking firms.'

It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Bradford and unanimously resolved that Cornwall Council be contacted in regard to the seasonal parking problems at Praa Sands.

Public Participation ended at 7.14 p.m.