

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.

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

4 Member of the Public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 5 May 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for the year 2009/2010

The Chairman, Cllr Keeling, gave the following report for the year 2009/2010:

'Another reporting year has gone by and it has proved a momentous period for Cornwall; resulting in a new unitary council being formed and the election of 123 councillors in June 2009. I was delighted and honoured to have been elected to represent Breage electoral division and I would like to thank everyone for their support; I will endeavour to do my best over the next 3 years. The Parish Council has been involved in an impressive range of activities during the previous 12 months; which included "adopting" the western end of Praa Sands Beach for the Marine Conservation Society annual survey of beaches, during a weekend in September both nationally and across Europe. The event resulted in many kilograms of rubbish being picked up and in particular those items hazardous to wildlife. A local housing needs survey was carried out by members of the council in partnership with Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Office and Planning Control. This parish-led initiative has been recognised by Cornwall Council as excellent practise and should help address the housing needs of the parish and encourage other parish councils to follow our lead. The Council continues to make grants to assist groups with their aspirations and maintenance, though we have reduced the total amount available in line with concerns over the continuing recession.

' Furthermore, the annual Carleen Pantomime had 5 members of the parish council involved in the production of "Snow White" and very good it was too. Other groups continue to flourish and I am pleased to report that Ashton now has a Village Committee whose sterling efforts have improved open spaces around the village. A variety of events are being planned for the coming year. In Breage village, grant funding will see the construction of a tarmac path in the closed cemetery leading to the war memorial, and Praa Sands Green now has a very useful tarmac path and bespoke granite benches, following an earlier developer's financial contribution. After consulting with local people and receiving a petition with some 60 signatories, a new bus shelter, funded by Cornwall Council, should have been erected in Ashton by the time this report is published. This will be welcomed by local bus users, particularly given the exposed position of the existing bus stop. Godolphin retains its old telephone box, adopted by the Council, which will be preserved in perpetuity so that future generations can appreciate what life was like before mobile phones! Following a very interesting presentation on coastal erosion by Mr Julian Payne of the Environment Agency at an earlier Parish Council meeting, there will be a public meeting held at the Praa Sands Community Centre on the 19th May at 6.30 for 7.00pm to engage with the wider population of Praa Sands.

'An election, the first for a long time, was held this year to fill a Parish Council vacancy and we welcomed the successful candidate, Cllr Tony Best, to the Council. We also advertised to fill a vacancy by co-option, and Cllr Pete Shrimpton filled the last place bringing the council to full membership.

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

3. FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2009/2010

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

The Clerk gave the following Financial Report for the year 2009/2010:

'Cllr Nicholls was joined by Cllr Greenough on the Accounts' Team after Cllr Hesketh Jones' resignation and he is thanked for volunteering for this situation. The Councillors' work is greatly appreciated.

'Receipts for 2009/10 decreased by £5,500 over the previous year mainly because of lower bank interest, no insurance claims and fewer grants and donations. The Precept was increased by £6,000. The War Memorial Trust kindly provided a grant of £1,435 towards the new path in the War Memorial graveyard and a further grant of £500 was received towards the path from the Ward Councillor. A grant of £1,927.62 was received towards the new bus shelter at Ashton. A £4,000 grant was received for Breage Allotment Growers and this was passed on to them. Other receipts were a little higher than 2008/9.

'Payments increased by £15,440 over the previous year due to an election costs of £2,647, an increase in the Clerk's salary, grants and donations to the local community groups: to Carleen Village Hall, Carleen Church Community Centre, Breage Silver Band, Carleen Pantomime Group, Ashton Community Association and Breage Playing Field. Granite benches and a path at Praa Green were purchased with money from an s106 grant. Parish Room costs were less as were Cemetery costs and Contract work.

'The carried forward balance of £7,146.08 is very low but a great deal was achieved this year. Expected payments of £52,070 and expected receipts of £52,350 are listed in the 2010/2011 budget.

'After the accounts had been examined by an Accounts Team Councillor, Cllr Nicholls on 16 April 2010, they were passed to the Internal Auditor, Mr W Wilkins. The Annual Audit Return was completed and signed by Mr Wilkins on 23 April 2010. He also approved and signed the accounts.'

4. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS

The Chairman invited comments and questions from the public but there were none. Cllr Ackland thanked the Council for the support given to Carleen Pantomime Group.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.43 p.m.