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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)

Cllr T Ackland
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr P Greenough
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet
Cllr G Higginson
Cllr B Nicholls
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

8 Members of the Public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies for absence: Cllr Hesketh-Jones was absent in hospital for an operation.

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

The Chairman asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 9, Planning, that states, 'As a reserve member of the Planning West Committee I will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments'.

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 7 JULY 2009 and THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that, with two amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held 7 July 2009 be signed as a true and correct record. The amendments being: Page 54/09 item 7, line 4, Jan Clarke, - National Trust - remove 'for confirmation that the house would not be like a holiday cottage' and replace with 'whether there were still to be 4 holiday flats and was told that there would be only one; page 59/09 item 28, Members' Reports to Council, 2nd paragraph – remove 'would need' and replace with 'may need'.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Meeting held 22 July 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman spoke about Adopt-a-Beach and the Marine Conservatory Society, saying that he had attended a meeting and explaining that in early September the western end of Praa Sands beach, that the Parish Council have adopted, would be fenced off and the rubbish collected and collated by volunteers in an effort to discover its point of origin. He asked for the Parish Council's support and the support of friends and family in this venture. Posters will be available and e-mails will be sent. Cllr Keeling hoped to also enlist the support of Gweek Seal Sanctuary and the aid of Mr Steve Houghton, who is responsible for the Eastern-end collection at Praa Sands and who has past experience.

5. POLICE REPORT

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

PC Dave Vaughan sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and had sent the Clerk a copy of his report that she read to the meeting:

'There were 8 Crimes reported to Police for July: 4 Thefts from meters, which occurred at caravan and camp sites within the Parish, 2 Burglaries - one in Godolphin and one at Millpool and 2 Thefts from motor vehicles – one at Praa Sands and one in Millpool.

'We have provided crime prevention advice to the camp sites that changing their meters over to tokens may stop these offences.

'This compares to 8 crimes reported for the same period last year.

'There were no serious incidents reported.'

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 7.09 to 7.15 p.m.

Cllr Wyvern Batt arrived at this point.

7. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Keeling gave the following report:

'July was an interesting if not busy month for all new unitary councillors. Among the many meetings and seminars of note, among others, was a planning procedural seminar at St Austell. The emphasis was on a new council and a new planning service and combining the experience of all Cornish Councillors to ensure lessons have been learnt and the old problems can be resolved. The Helston Community Network Panel sat recently with all seven unitary councillors attending to plan how to develop further the localism agenda. Localism is about giving the community an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process and making sure that public services reflect local circumstances.

'The new council needs to get to grips with the difficult issue of managing Cornwall's waste. Be it landfill/incinerator or greener, more environmentally methods of dealing with all types of waste. Nevertheless a panel has been set up to deal with this.

'I toured Cornwall on a Fire and Community Safety induction tour which proved very informative and highlighted the diverse and difficult job of our fire-fighters. It may be possible to hold a Community Safety Awareness Day in the Ward which would cover an enormous area of household and personal safety issues.

'I intend to hold surgeries throughout the division which will include Leedstown, Townshend and Nancegollan. There are about 8 venues so I will not be able to hold all those every month, watch out for the posters!

'A tour of the ward with the Regional Engineer Andy James highlighted some of the dangerous and badly maintained areas of our highway network.

'I will be looking at the impact of the loss of the Small Schools Protection Grant on the Sithney cluster of schools which includes Leedstown, Germoe, Godolphin and Breage.

Community Payback is a scheme where low category offenders are put to work to make amends for their misdeeds to the community. I have secured a program of work for a local play area and I am assured that there may be more opportunities in the future. Please contact me about this scheme for details.

'Freeze on all councillors' allowances for the next four years was debated at full council. It was moved that the remuneration panel should bring back a report for further debate. It is about time councillors allowances were determined nationally and independently by the Local Government Association (LGA), then this issue can be debated without the implication that it is really about scoring political points!'

A list of meetings the Councillor attended may be obtained from the Clerk

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Breage Playing Field

a) To consider CALC's recommendation re: inspection of Playing Field and amendment of Risk Management C(vi)

The Clerk reported that CALC had supplied the following advice on the inspection of Playground equipment:

'I would suggest the following:

'An annual ROSPA inspection.

'An annual inspection by the Council at the annual mid-point between ROSPA inspections, i.e. October as this would at least give a 6 monthly inspection.

'Then the Playing Field Committee carry out mid-point inspections in July and January so that the equipment is checked quarterly.

'You could then consider putting up a notice to advise users of the equipment to report any issues to you and use the local contractor to report any damage etc. too.

'This would allow the council to quantify the risk and document how many inspections, by whom, etc. it feels appropriate to monitor and manage the risk.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the Playing Field Committee was not happy to do inspections as it was felt that it would be liable should something go wrong.

Cllr Ackland thought that the Insurers would know that people were not qualified but that this should be checked.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that a meeting be arranged and that The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Playing Field Committee, Contractor and Clerk attend to establish a regime for the inspection of Breage Playing Field.

9. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FORMATION OF A PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chairman spoke about disadvantages of forming such a committee and that Councillors would work less and he felt that members of the public would not see this in a good light. Councillors wished to know who would decide which were the contentious applications and most felt that all applications should be treated equally and be discussed at full Council meetings. A separate committee had apparently been tried before and problems had arisen. The Chairman asked if there were any problems with Extraordinary meetings being called to deal with applications that needed to be returned by a date before the next due meeting. No Councillors expressed concern.

b) TO AUTHORISE VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE AT CCTP PLANNING TRAINING

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Cllr Higginson attend the CCTP Planning Training programme.

c) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA09/00975/F - Mr B Nicholls – Bamforth, Main Road, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9SD

Erection of building for use as domestic stables, tack room and store

There were no problems with this application. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved to support the application.

PA09/00449/F – Mr G Anstee – Engine House Cottage, Poldown, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NN

Change of use of former engine house to form holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank

Cllr Higginson had visited Mr Anstee and considered at the application. He said that Grade II windows were to be retained, and explained that Mr Anstee is sympathetic with the bat and barn owl issues and is taking measures to cover this. Cllr Higginson felt that the choices are to leave the monument as an empty shell or to make a conversion and preserve it as a building with use. He was in favour of the latter. Cllr Rashleigh asked that holes were left in the building for bats and nesting boxes erected for the owls. Other Councillors had seen similar projects at Goldsithney and Penwith that were successful and felt that it was better for this building to be used. **It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the application be supported and that provision be made for the bats and owls.**

PA09/00973/F – Mr & Mrs Lawry – Winterbourne, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QY

Demolition of existing car port and erection of domestic garage with loft games room

There were no objections. **It was proposed by Cllr Greenough, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

Additional

PA09/00989/F – J M & A J Laity – Lower Kennegy Farm, Lower Kennegy, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9AR

Erection of an agricultural building

Although this is a high building it is hidden by a barn and a cluster of other farm buildings and Councillors saw no problems with the application. **It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved to support the application.**

d) TO CONSIDER LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

PA09/00445/LBC - Mr G Anstee - Engine House Cottage, Poldown, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9SD

Listed Building Consent for the conversion of former engine house to form holiday Accommodation

It was agreed that it is better the engine house be used than left as an empty shell. It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Greenough and unanimously resolved that the Listed Building Consent Application be supported.

e) TO NOTE NOTICES OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA09/00634/F – Mr & Mrs Medicott – 5 Forth Vein, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RH

Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling

PA09/00616/F – Mr J Skelton – Pine Cottage, Godolphin Bridge, Townshend, HAYLE, Cornwall TR27 6AR

PA09/00581/F – The National Trust – Godolphin House, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RE

Erection of a building to use as temporary office accommodation

PA09/00661/F – Graceloft Ltd – Dourbania, Herland Road, Godolphin, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RD

Erection of two dwellings

PA09/00716/F – Mr A Stevens – Sunnyvale Farm, Higher Kennegy, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9AU

Erection of an extension to dwelling

PA09/00697/F – The National Trust – Godolphin House, Godolphin Estate, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RE

Conversion of former piggery into a visitor reception building

PA09/00713/F – Mr & Mrs Shore – Trenwheal Farm, Trenwheal, Leedstown, HAYLE, Cornwall TR27 6BP

Erection of an extension to form an annex for dependant relative

PA09/00717/F – Mr & Mrs E Cole – Cara Del, Parc Morrep, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9TF

Erection of an extension to existing dormer and erection of a new dormer extension to dwelling

PA09/00536/F – Mr & Mrs P Marsh – 8 Higher Row, Ashton, HELSTON

Additional

PA09/00814/F – Pengelly Farms Ltd – Pengelly Barton, Pengelly Cross, Breage HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RG

Erection of two warehouse buildings for agricultural use, field excavation and formation of earth bunds

PA09/00841/F – Mr M Scorey – Post Box Cottage, Post Box Corner, Carleen, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QP

Erection of a domestic polytunnel

PA09/00727/F – Mr P Shrimpton – Tregear Cottage, Pellor Road, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QL

Erection of an extension too dwelling (amended design)

Conversion and extension of domestic garage into a unit for holiday accommodation

10. FINANCE

- a) **Finance Regulations 6.6 Resolution to approve use of a variable DD for payments to EDF for electricity supply for streetlights this to be approved annually**
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that under Finance Regulations 6.6 use of a variable DD for payments to EDF for electricity supply for streetlights be approved for a year.
- b) **Consideration of 2010/2011 Precept/budget**
Councillors were requested to think about this and to let the Clerk have any suggestions before a budget/precept meeting is held in the next month. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the Accounts Group, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Hesketh-Jones, Cllr Nicholls and the Clerk, meet for a budget/Precept review and then hold a further meeting to firm up the Precept to bring to the Council.
- c) **To approve August payments**
Cllr Nicholls had checked the payments. The Clerk gave the figures for the Fire Crest invoice, no: 47 £57.20, £8.58 and £65.78, making the invoice totals £6,217.44, £881.58 and £7,099.02 and the final totals £6,646.27, £887.24 and £7,533.51. Cheque numbers for travel and petty cash were amended to read 102644 and 102646.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
43	Mrs C L Macleod	102638	Surge lead/folding stool	£24.59		£24.59
44	CC Training Partnership	102639	Planning Training	£25.00		£25.00
45	Theobald	102640	Tarmac path Praa Green	£5,820.00	£873.00	£6,693.00
46	Stephen Babbage	102641	Handyman Duties June & July	£290.65		£290.65
47	Fire Crest	102642	Fire Extinguisher service	£57.20	£8.58	£65.78
				£6,217.44	£881.58	£7,099.02
	Mrs C L Macleod	102636	Clerk's Salary July			
	PO Ltd HMRC	102637	PAYE	£166.80		£166.80
	PO Ltd HMRC	102637	Employer's NI	£114.96		£114.96
				£281.76		£281.76
	Mrs C L Macleod	102644	Travel 57ml @ 53p	£30.21		£30.21
			Parking	£0.50		£0.50
				£30.71		£30.71
	Mrs C L Macleod	102646	Petty Cash reimbursement	£91.36	£5.66	£97.02
	R Treloar	102645	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
				£6,646.27	£887.24	£7,533.51

It was resolved by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the payments as listed above be approved for payment.

- d) **To acknowledge receipts**
The following receipts were acknowledged: Monuments £74; LMP payment £1,708.52
- e) **Clerk to provide Bank balances**
Current £5,425.74; Tracker £12,187.01 and Petty Cash £2.98.
The Clerk reported that there had been three large petty cash payments this month for curtains, a deposit for the small tables in the Parish Rooms and stamps.

11. FOOTPATHS

- a) **To receive comments from the owner of the stile nearest to Trevena on footpath 14**
The Chairman had been unable to see the owner.

- b) **To consider CALC's recommendation Bridleway 71**

The Clerk reported that Calc had recommended the following:

That the council contacts the footpaths officer for the area and requests a site meeting to discuss these on- going issues. The Chairman, Cornwall Councillor and Mrs Overton should be invited to attend. Ultimately the responsibility for the path remains with the County Authority and it is for them to get involved in any action required. They will also be able to raise the issue with the Planning Department if there are conditions which need enforcing.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that CALC's recommendation regarding Bridleway 71 be carried out.

- c) Cllr Darby said that there had been no meeting but that she had again reported the Knotweed on footpath 46 to Adam Chell but had received no response. She believed that he may have been sprayed but the Footpath Contractor had cut the path. She would contact Mr Chell to see if the area could be treated again. There had been a tree down on this path that Colin Bayes had removed. The second path cuts have begun, numbers 13 and 39 that had been queried have now been cut but 51 was checked on Sunday and had not yet been cut.

12. STREETLIGHTING

To consider the possibility of a streetlight in Sethnoe Way

This matter had been raised by residents, some disabled and elderly as there is no light in this area at all. There are however 7 in Coulthard Drive. Cllr Ackland explained that a feed would have to be picked up at the site, the tarmac path would have to be broken and repaired and there would be trenching required. All this would cost probably a great deal of money. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that a costing be obtained.** The Chairman reminded Council that most Parish Councils are attempting to get their streetlights up to a standard where Cornwall Council would adopt them

13. HIGHWAYS

a) To discuss the standards of hedge cutting in the Parish

This matter was discussed and it was stated that roads were narrowing because of the overgrown hedges and this is a potential Highway safety hazard. The hedges look very untidy. Councillors expressed concern that this had happened since the County Council had passed the hedge cutting responsibility to the land owners. They felt that Cornwall Council should consider the reversal of this decision as it is now a real road safety issue. It was suggested that Parish Councils supply Cornwall Council with lists of names and addresses of land owners so that contact may be made easier. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls that the Clerk write to or e-mail Andy James with copies to Tom Childs and Chris Biddick expressing the Council's concern regarding the lack of hedge maintenance and the potential impact on Highway safety and ask that Cornwall Council consider the general principle of a levy on land owners.**

14. CEMETERY

a) To consider approval of monument in memory of William Michael Clarke

b) To consider approval of monument in memory of Mary and Reginald Babbage

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the monuments in memory of William Michael Clarke and Mary and Reginald Babbage be approved.

15. PRAA SANDS

a) Tarmac path completed

The Chairman said that the path was excellent and it had been wonderful to hear that wheelchair access had now been made possible. However, there was an area that had been exposed next to the path, where a pipe covered by a stone slab was quite open and where people could slip and catch their legs under the stone. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be authorised to provide and fit a grill over the area next to the new path at Praa Green that houses the pipe and covering stone.

b) Removal of motorway fencing near triangle

The Chairman agreed that the wrong area of fencing had been removed and that he had spoken with Mr Beard and Mr Coward in the hope of resolving matters.

c) Report of drain blocking

This has been happening over and over again for a number of years. The Chairman agreed to report this matter to Tom Childs.

d) Report that the area surrounding Basket ball court is very untidy

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that Mr Beard be asked to cut the area surrounding the Basketball Court.

16. TREWELL GREEN

The work that had been carried out by Cornwall Council to clear this area had been good to start but the concrete post remained as did other rubbish. The Chairman asked for the enforcement reference and said that he would report the matter once more. Cllr Darby spoke about the Knotweed there. The Clerk has reported this and it is on the list for spraying in September/October as reported at the last meeting.

17. TO CONSIDER COMBINING AGENDA ITEMS REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the agenda items REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES & MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL be combined in future.

18. OUTSIDE FURNITURE

- a) A bench for Ashton has been ordered from Truro Sawmills at a cost of £90 =VAT + £25 delivery.
- b) **To grant permission for Handyman to fix bench at Ashton**
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be asked to fix the bench at Ashton once it arrives.
- c) **To receive report from Handyman and consider extending Carleen notice board**
The Clerk reported that the work would cost £160 but that this includes a whole new sheet of backing board as there is none left in the Handyman's stock. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously resolved that the Handyman complete the extension work on Carleen notice board.
- d) Ashton Notice board has been relocated to Snooker Club wall.
- e) **To review the schedule of inspection of furniture as recommended by CALC (Risk Management C(vi))**
CALC had provided the following recommendation: The Council can review the schedule of the other furniture (notice boards etc) and can decide for a less onerous level of inspection but must still be able to document how these inspections are carried out and how interim issues are reported to the council.
It was agreed that the people who put up notices should report back monthly and that the Handyman could check the benches.
It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that a schedule be formulated and a register held by the Clerk to cover the inspection of outdoor furniture.
- f) **To consider replacement of glass panel in Carleen Bus shelter**
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that a price be obtained for a new sheet of glass and the fitting thereof to the bus shelter at Carleen.
- g) **To consider repairs to Rinsey notice board**
This notice board is a map board that shows walks at Rinsey. Cllr Hesketh-Jones had taken photographs as few Councillors knew of the existence of the board. It was well hidden by the overgrown verge. It was agreed that the board needs to be cleaned and the outside frame stained. It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that the Handyman clean and treat the map notice board at Rinsey.

19. PARISH ROOMS GARDEN

- a) **To discuss purchase of strimmer or the possibility of removing grass and replacing with membrane and chippings**
- b) **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be asked for a price to remove the grass area at the front and side of Parish Rooms, to kill the weeds, lay a membrane, fit edging and lay chippings.**

20. LAY-BY OPPOSITE VICARAGE ROW BREAGE

- a) **To discuss request to cut back growth**
- b) **To consider cutting back growth yearly**
The Clerk had received a request for this work to be carried out as people's cars and people themselves were being scratched by brambles when getting into their cars in the lay-by.
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that Mr Beard be asked to cut back the lay-by opposite Vicarage Row on the A394 and further that he should carry out this task on a yearly basis.

21. TO PLAN FOR HOUSING SURVEY

The Chairman listed various ways that a Housing survey could be distributed in the Parish:

- a) Website
- b) By hand via the Clerk
- c) Shops and Posters
- d) Members
- e) Press
- f) Community Network
- g) Affordable Housing Officer

Drop-in centre and Village Halls were also mentioned as was a mail-shot at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Cllr Greenstreet said that she could help at Godolphin. Cllr Greenough said that he would be happy to help with this.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Greenough meet to look into this, that progress be monitored and an action plan be brought to the next meeting.

22. PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

As some of the previous new members elected over the last three years had only stayed on the Council for a short time, Cllr Rashleigh suggested that prospective Members should be asked to attend a few meetings before being co-opted. She was reminded that this could not be made compulsory, though all agreed that it was a good idea. It was also agreed that training should always be provided. It was suggested that when members of the public applied to the Clerk for co-option she could give them the dates of the next two meetings and ask if they would like to attend. The Clerk said that she already does this.

To consider future membership of CALC

Cllr Keeling felt that the Council should not consider coming out of CALC as it had been so supportive in recent years and at present was being used a great deal by the Clerk as help with legal matters. Although the Clerk had her own Society she still used CALC a lot. The yearly cost was £575.13.

24. PRESS RELEASES

To consider press releases

It was felt that the Council should advertise, in the local newspapers, the good things that are being done that no-one ever gets to know about. The Housing Survey is a good example of something that could be advertised. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman prepare and submit suitable press releases to the Helston Packet and the West Briton.**

25. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk had visited the owner of the unofficial path between Stakesby and Innisfree, Prospect Row, Ashton to ask whether he approved of a footpath notice being erected. The owner does not wish for there to be a notice on the footpath and is happy with the way things are. He told me that he has left the path open as he knows people use it even though he has no obligation to do so.
- b) The extension to the Parish Council notice board has been completed at Godolphin.
- c) Ms Cox from Praa Sands contacted the Clerk to see if the Council would like some good quality topsoil for Praa Green. I contacted the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Ross Beard and with the agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Ross collected some of the soil for use on the triangle Praa Green and perhaps for filling rabbit holes.
- d) Nasty graffiti was reported at Germoe bus stop and the Clerk arranged for Mr Laity to paint over it.
- e) The Clerk had not yet disposed of the old computer but assured Council that it would be done.
- f) The vacancy for Parish Councillor has been advertised from 24 July. One application for co-option had been received and Councillors had been sent a copy of this.
- g) The Clerk had written to Mr Dorrell sending Mr Fish's comments on the Wingletang application. She asked that responses be made before a decision is taken.
- h) She wrote to Mr Sleeman with Council's comments on the Haulfryn sewage treatment works.
- i) She had arranged to collect the chairs from Leedstown village hall but had had an accident in her car so could not now collect them.
- j) She had received further queries about the granite stored in the field at Ashton and had made further enquiries.
- k) The Parish Rooms benches have been advertised in the Helston Free Gazette.

26. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Keeling reported that the bus shelter site at Ashton had been approved, that 4 bins were on order for Praa Sands and there is now a recycling unit in front of the toilets there.

Cllr Rashleigh again reported the hedge in Pellor Road that is very overgrown on both sides. The chairman said that he would report it to Andy James.

Cllr Rashleigh also reported the brambles and overgrown hedge opposite the Church on the war memorial churchyard and a Buddleia at the White House in Higher Road.

Cllr Greenstreet reported that the ivy had been removed from Godolphin bus shelter, that there was no news yet about a new gate for the graveyard at Godolphin and that the WI were still doing well with their tidying.

Cllr Wyvern Batt reported that she had not been at the June meeting so quite understood that others had been nominated as bank signatories even though she had been signing cheques for the Council for a long time. She had not been at the extraordinary meeting on July 22nd and was amazed to hear from the Clerk that she had now been nominated to sign cheques again as Richard Pryor had resigned and at present she was the only other person who could sign until the new signatories have been approved by the bank. She felt that she should have been informed about this by the Chairman. The Chairman apologised and said that he was sorry she had been so upset by this matter.

Cllr Phillips reported that the Breage Allotment Group had still not sorted access to the land they have been acquired for allotments as the right of way is shared with a private house and the owners are not happy about the situation. Therefore things were a bit difficult at present. The Chairman asked to be kept in the loop and to be informed when the next meeting would be held.

27. CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council – Building Control Services Newsletter/ Customer Panel Expression of interest

To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published

None had been received

28. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None were received.

29. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

This was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

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.

Mrs Board referred to the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on July 22nd, page 62/09, item 6, Finance number 40 and asked that the word 'hedges' be removed and replaced with 'edges'. She thanked the Council for the new tarmac path on Praa Green, saying that it gives a pleasant, even walk Mrs Board provided photographs of the new path being laid. She reported that the gully and drain, Pengersick Lane to the Green, had blocked and overflowed again. The gullies had been cleaned by Cornwall Council Highways and Mrs Board had observed the work being carried out. A workman told her that 'The gullies are now clear' but just two evenings later there was heavy rain and the road was flooded and the gully overflowed. This problem has been minuted since 1976 and in spite of many requests the matter has yet to be sorted. The Chairman said that he would pass this information on to Andy James. Mrs Board suggested a new drain in Castle Drive. The Chairman added that the granite benches should be in place at Praa Sands by next week. Mrs Board was pleased to hear this and had been going to ask about them.

Mrs Board also provided a photograph of the bund that should have been removed at Praa Green and photographs of Haulfryn sewage works where she felt that the high hedge should be retained.

Mr Darby stated that he looked forward to any revelations about item 16.

Public Participation ended at 7.15 p.m.