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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 pm ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008**

Present: Cllr T Ackland
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr G Hesketh-Jones
Cllr G Higginson (Chairman)
Cllr A Le Boeuf
Cllr B Nicholls
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

4 Members of the public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Chairman, Cllr Keeling was unwell and unable to attend. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Pryor was also unable to attend as his wife had had an accident and needed his care. The Clerk called on Members to elect a Chairman for the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that Cllr Higginson be elected Chairman for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Keeling and Pryor, as stated above, and from Cllr Greenstreet who was attending another meeting. County Councillor Robertson and District Councillor Jenkin also sent apologies. They too were attending other meetings.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2008 AND OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO SET THE PRECEPT 2009/10 HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7 October 2008 be signed as a true and correct record. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting to set the Precept 2009/10 held on 28 October 2008 be signed as a true and correct record.

4. POLICE REPORT

WPC Butcher, being unable to attend the meeting, had supplied the Clerk with a copy of her report.

The Clerk read the report to the Meeting:

'This report covers the period from 8 October to 4 November 2008.

'There have been six crimes this month and two of these have had offenders identified and are in the process of being dealt with. There have been thefts of milk churns, gas bottles and horse tack over the last month from a variety of areas within the Parish.

'Alec Robertson and I have discussed the concerns of the local residents regarding parking in Higher Road, Breage and will be looking into this matter in the near future.

'Road Safety and speed is an ongoing issue and is being addressed as much as time allows.

'Halloween passed off with very few calls to the Police and it was noticeable that more parties were arranged meaning that a lot of the children were off the streets.'

The telephone box at Carleen had been vandalised. This had been reported to the Police by Cllr Higginson and he had been given a log number.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was taken here from 7.09 to 7.15 p.m.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no reports as no Councillors were present.

8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that there is to be a Craft Fair next Saturday and a Carne Cove production would be staged the following Saturday. This was recommended.

Neighbourhood Watch Carleen

Cllr Higginson reported that a good working meeting had been held. There had been ongoing discussion regarding the recent happenings in Sparnon Lane.

9. PLANNING:

a) Applications

PA08/01806/F – Mr R J Glasson – Parc Eglos Vean, Carleen, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling

Councillors had no problems with the application. However, Cllr Hesketh-Jones felt it should not have been necessary to make this application under the new Planning Act that came into effect on 1 October 2008. This application was dated 23 October and the proposed extension was not more than 50% of the floor space and there was no change in room height. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the application be supported and that the Clerk writer to Kerrier Planning raising a query over the necessity of the application in regard to the new Planning Act that came into effect on 1 October 2008. A written response should be requested.

10. FINANCE

a) Payments:

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that a S137 payment of £100.00 be paid to The Royal British Legion in respect of 2 poppy wreaths and help with the payment for the Band on Remembrance Sunday. Breage British Legion have paid the band donation in the past but they have ceased to be. There is provision in the budget.

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk's salary hourly rate be increased by pro-rata reference to the standard NJC working week for all local government staff, with effect from 1 April 2008.

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk receive back pay, April to September in accordance with the pro-rata increase to the set rate.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
84	Stephen Babbage	102512	Materials + 10 hrs labour Handyman fix signs Praa Green/clear moss and gutters/window lock P Rooms	£164.09		£164.09
85	Royal British Legion	102514	2 Poppy Wreaths + donation S137	£100.00		£100.00
TOTALS				£264.09		£264.09
	Mrs C L Macleod	102513	Salary October + back pay			
	PO LtdHMR&Customs	102515	National Insurance	£91.43		£91.43
	PO LtdHMR&Customs	102515	PAYE	£156.20		£156.20
	PO Ltd HMR&Customs	102515	Employer's NI	£106.39		£106.39
				£354.02		£354.02
	Mrs C L Macleod	102516	Travelling 20mils @ 53p per mile	£10.60		£10.60
	Mrs C L Macleod	102517	Petty Cash reimbursement	£96.43	£1.39	£97.82
	R Treloar	102518	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
TOTAL Payments				£750.14	£1.39	£751.53

The accounts had been checked by Cllr Hesketh-Jones. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the accounts as listed be passed for payment.**

b) Receipts: £68.00 Burial fee; £7.40 Admin

c) Valuations of land and property. Copies of the valuation had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Hesketh-Jones said that although the valuations were lower than he had expected they are not commercial values.

d) The Parish Rooms: £50,000; Breage Playing Field: £15,000; Breage Cemetery additional ground: £5,000; Praa Green: £60,000.

e) S137 amount for 2009/10 has been confirmed at £6.15 per head of the electorate

f) Bank balances: Current £5,025.54, Tracker £19,218.51, Petty Cash £2.18.

11. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the piece of land Council had been looking to buy has been sold. She had received suggestions to try John Williams or Jack Keverne's family for the field behind Reppersfield Row. However, the Clerk has subsequently heard that the field has been purchased by the Jones family. Cllr Pryor had referred the Clerk to Harry Searle who possibly has some land at Porthleven available for renting – but this may be too far away. The Landlord of the Queen's Arms, Breage has offered a piece of land adjacent to the pub but it is quite small. He would apparently like payment in the form of half the produce grown there if the land should be used.

12. ASHTON POST BOX

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to the Post Office regarding the removal of the post box from Ashton, asking when and where it will be replaced and to urge that it be replaced as quickly as possible. Both Clerk and Councillors had received many complaints from parishioners about the removal of the box and the inconvenience this is causing.

13. FOOTPATHS

a) A meeting had not been held.

Cllr Darby said that she had checked through the invoices this year and there appeared to be some money still available. The Clerk said that the next claim was due before the end of December. Apparently there may be some paths that are in need of a second cut. Councillors and public were asked to report any such paths. Cllr Le Boeuf asked about repairs and was advised that County deals with these. The budget received is purely for cutting and trimming. The PPIP work was welcomed as the paths were being restored to a good width and the gold paths had really been 'blitzed'. It was now down to the Contractor to maintain the standard.

14. CEMETERY

As Cllr Pryor was not present there was nothing to report. Cllr Rashleigh asked about the dog fouling problem and was asked by the Chairman to wait until Cllrs Pryor and Keeling had returned to discuss the possibility of placing mesh fencing on top of the dog owner's Cornish hedge.

15. HIGHWAYS

The 3 loose kerbstones near Breage pub had been repaired. Cllr Rashleigh asked about follow-up to various matters that had been referred to County Councillor Robertson. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Robertson. The Chairman stated that there is often a speedier result if Councillors and Parishioners report matters directly to County rather than referring them to the Clerk.

16. STREETLIGHTING

There was nothing to report. Cllr Rashleigh asked about the Streetlight in Pellor Fields as it was not working. She was asked to obtain the light number and report it to Cllr Pryor who would tell her if it was the Council's responsibility.

17. PRAA SANDS/GREEN

a) Cllr Le Boeuf said that the Chairman had been extremely busy of late and was now ill. A meeting to discuss the Adopt a Beach programme had therefore been impossible to arrange. It would be arranged as soon as possible.

b) The Clerk advised that she must let Phil Walsh know of the ideas that the Council wished to progress at Praa Sands. Cllr Nicholls said that the appointed team should look at projects rather than maintenance and set up a business plan. Suggestions had been provided by Mrs Board as was requested at the previous meeting.

18. TREWELL GREEN

The Clerk had contacted Kerrier about the flytipping at Trewell Green. The people who were sent to deal with the rubbish were apparently unable to locate the place, in spite of having been given map references by Cllr Hesketh-Jones and a Post Code by the Clerk. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write a stronger letter to Kerrier, once again giving map references and further asking if Breage Parish Council should employ a Contractor to remove the rubbish and send Kerrier the invoice. (This to be asked in sorrow rather than in anger.)**

19. CALC AGM

Cllr Hesketh-Jones had produced the following report that had been circulated:

REPORT ON CALC AGM AT BODMIN, 8th OCTOBER 2008

Although billed as an AGM, there was none of the conventional AGM business of Minutes, Budget and Elections etc, just two presentations, the first by Martin Eddy, The Town & Parish Council Lead on the ONE CORNWALL team, the second by Carl Hearn, Lead Officer for the new ONE CORNWALL authority on Governance. Many of the comments below came from the useful Question & Answer sessions.

MARTIN EDDY

- The **Localism** Charter gives the framework for the new organisation and defines the relationship between councils at various levels.
- A Survey/Questionnaire has been sent out to try to find out which types of future training are needed for both Councillors and Clerks. ONE CORNWALL are negotiating with the Communities Department for additional funds for training.
- There will be pilot projects on delegating to Town & Parish Councils 15 to 20 different aspects of service delivery. The aim will be to have these projects spread evenly around the county, and to learn from and improve the process and in particular the contract and the payment routines etc before rolling the sub-contracting-out of services more generally.
- Yet again it was stressed that any all work taken on by Town & Parish Councils will only be allocated after submission of a proper business plan, and that all such additional work will be fully funded.
- Managers are now being recruited for the CNAs where existing premises (e.g., St Isaac House in Helston, or parts of former District Council offices etc) are available. The original info we were given about the CNAs is that they would have 8 to 12 members including representatives from the NHS, Police, and some Voluntary Bodies such as Age Concern as well as from Town & Parish Councils. Martin Eddy however was stressing that it was important for "our delegates on the CNAs" to be active in pressing our needs – giving the impression (a) that the CNAs would have far more members than originally planned and (b) that the CNAs were going to have far more budgetary control than previous indications – in fact in some ways they would (except for planning) become mini-Districts! This needs far more investigation.
- The greatest number of questions – and anger - from Councillors & Clerks concerned Planning, it being very strongly felt that only having **THREE** Development Control (the new word for Planning) offices across the county, with a target for 94% of decisions to be made by officers greatly diminished the way in which local opinions could be expressed and changes influenced by Town & Parish Councils. Clearly this goes against all that has been said and written about "**Localism**". It was pointed out that numerous District Councillors have sat on Planning Committees for many years and, although they have not had the formal university training of the officers, they have become experts in their field. All of this experience will be lost, as will be the relationship between the public and their councillors.
- An interesting question from the floor concerned the possibility of a Conservative government in the near future and their plan to have a freeze on council spending for two years; in other words councils such as our new Unitary Authority would have to cover inflation costs by greater efficiency and by cutting services. Some councillors felt that they should build up "war-chests" ready for such a freeze.

CARL HEARN

- ❖ Before he started his PowerPoint presentation he focussed on Planning as this had raised so much frustration in Martin Eddy's Q & A session. In Cornwall there are 12,000 planning applications every year – some small, others huge. There is a proposal that the list of all applications would only be published in the Western Morning News – not in any local papers. This too raised great anger from the floor. There will be further discussions at the Implementation Executive meeting on this contentious matter. He pointed out that the law and the rules governing planning are so complex that it was totally unlikely that full planning control would ever be devolved to Town & Parish Councils.
- ❖ His screen on WORKING TOGETHER listed the Implementation Executive; the Constituent Councils; the PDT; Work-streams; and Leads. Incredibly, no mention of Town & Parish Councils!
- ❖ On the matter of CNAs he referred to a "Joint Committee having voting rights on resource-based decision" yet all of the previous info on CNAs (and also the current ONE CORNWALL website) states that CNAs will not be major fund-holders. His CNA screen also mentioned "Partnerships" but from the way he explained this aspect it became clear that he was really talking about more and more delegation to officers – and not just on planning.

Overall, to my mind these two presentations raised more queries and worries about the way ahead; views on many aspects are (understandably) changing as specific details, plans and organisations are discussed, yet they seem (a) to be taking very little note of the ways in which Town & Parish Councils – who will be closer to the electorate than the 82/123 Unitary Councillors – might be involved and (b) seem to be changing the role of the CNAs such that we might end up with twenty budget-holding mini-districts.

Councillors discussed several matters and Cllr Hesketh-Jones was thanked for his well-prepared and extremely useful report.

20. TRAINING

Cllr Hesketh-Jones and the Clerk had attended training in Project Management in Bodmin on 27 October 2008. They had formed a table of three with Lowenna Luke, Admin Assistant CALC, who had organised the event. The day had proved interesting and the company enjoyable. Some of the ideas were rather in advance of what the Council needs at this point. Most of the other Councils represented were Town Councils, each with several projects on the go. All agreed that as One Cornwall is still very much an unknown, the training is likely

to be very useful once things begin to happen. The speaker was Peter Kennard whose information was well presented. A booklet of the presentation is available should anyone wish to borrow it.

21. QUALITY COUNCIL

The Chairman had not been available so a meeting was yet to be held.

22. ST BREACA CLOSE

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Devon and Cornwall Housing Association in regard to the deep furrows caused to the grass verge at the end of St Breaca Close. Hayley Weston in Truro will look into this and get back to the Clerk.

23. CARLEEN TELEPHONE BOX

The Clerk had obtained a contact number and had discovered that the Carleen telephone box is not on the current list for removal. The box may be adopted for £1 a year with the phone removed or sponsored to remain active for £500 a year towards its upkeep. It can be adopted on-line but a meter point administration must be obtained from Western Power. The Clerk has obtained this number. A supplier, e.g. EDF, must be chosen then a contract signed to set things up. The electricity will cost approximately £50 a year at present prices. There is no meter, just an estimated figure. A connection agreement would need to be signed.

24. CLERK'S OFFICE COMPUTER

The Clerk reported that the computer was really causing problems and asked if the new computer that had been agreed for next year could be purchased now. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the date of purchase for the new office computer be brought forward to now.** A quote from Gigabyte had been obtained by Cllr Rashleigh and two from Dell by Cllr Hesketh-Jones. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and was resolved by 7 votes for and 1 against that Cllrs Ackland, Hesketh-Jones and Higginson be given delegated powers to meet and decide on which quote to accept and to purchase the computer.**

25. CHRISTMAS MEAL ARRANGEMENTS

Discussion on venue resulted in a split vote of 4 votes each for the Coach and Horses and Welloe Rock and 1 abstention. The Chairman's casting vote was given to the Coach and Horses. Cllr Wyvern Batt agreed to make enquiries and get the information and the menu to the Clerk.

26. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk had received a request from Tony Evershed who works on Andrew George's website and he asking to include a link on this website to Breage's website. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that permission be given for a link on Andrew George M.P.'s website to Breage's website.
- b) The Clerk had received a call from Kerrier Major Projects Team looking for somewhere to set up a board showing projects from 24 November until a meeting on 3 December. A venue for both meeting and display were needed. The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Phillips who suggested using the Church. It had now been agreed to use the Church for the display and the Village Hall for the meeting.
- c) The poppy wreath from the Parish Council for Breage is in the Parish Rooms. Kerrier has said that District Councillor Keeling will lay a wreath for them at Breage and District Councillor Greenstreet will lay the Godolphin one.
- d) The Clerk had received a report that a sticker has been placed over the car park sign at Praa Sands advertising the website for a surf shop. Cllr Le Boeuf agreed to investigate. The car park is being heavily used, night and day.
- e) The Clerk had spoken to Mr Beard about cutting the playing field grass shorter and it is, as Councillor's believed, unable to be done because of the bad weather.
- f) The Notice Board at Ashton Post Office needs to be removed. It was agreed to wait until the Chairman can be contacted about this.
- g) Councillors have asked about the possibility of an additional fire in the Parish Rooms. This had been agreed for next year when it is hoped a new fan wall heater and a new storage heater will be provided when the rooms are rewired. In the meantime, Cllr Rashleigh agreed to switch on the one remaining fire early before any meeting in the Parish Rooms.

27. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Nicholls requested that 64. 2) in Standing Orders be amended. He was advised to request this to be listed as an item on the next agenda.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about outstanding issues and was asked by the Chairman to give a list to the Clerk. It was established that some of the items had reached the time when they could now be resurrected.

28. CORRESPONDENCE

CALC – Latest updates.

Making and Enforcing Byelaws

Open Spaces – magazine Autumn 2008 Marazion Surgery – Response form for patients registered at the surgery

THF Ltd – Affordable Homes in Breage Site newsletter

Kerrier Blue box/Bag scheme – if anyone has not received a bag by the end of October they need to make contact

Cornwall Hospice Care – Make Moments Matter Appeal

Additional

One Cornwall Parish Liaison Officer – Letter about a blanket insurance scheme

CCC – Electoral Review for Cornwall Update – Request that a meeting be held between 2 and 9 December to consider the proposals as they impact on your area. Identify a representative to attend a consultation evening in your area between 10 and 19 December.

One Cornwall – Newsletter No 14

Graham Hart –New Cornwall Unitary Logo

Councillors discussed Mr Hart's concerns and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the new Chief Executive of One Cornwall urging the retention of the existing logo, that relates to and would preserve Cornish Heritage.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved by 6 votes to 3 that a letter be written to the new Chief Executive of One Cornwall expressing the hope that something else may be considered before the decision to use the new logo is implemented, saying that Breage Parish Council urge the retention of the existing logo that clearly relates to Cornish Heritage.

Zurich – changes to structure transfer to Ireland

KDC – Dogs Exclusion – Comments on your experience of the order. Must be specific incidents and accompanied by evidence. By 30 November.

It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the comment be made that Breage Parish Council had received no complaints from Parishioners regarding this order.

Matthew Taylor MP – St Denis Incinerator

29. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**30. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS –Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008

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 asked about the Precept and expressed concern over the high costs for Streetlighting and electricity. He wondered why the lights were no longer switched off at midnight. Cllr Pryor was not present to answer this question but it was explained that the lights are now on from dusk to dawn automatic sensors.

Mrs Board reported that Pengersick Lane has many leaves on the footpath, that, when it rains, make the footpath dangerously slippery. Further down the lane, below Castle Drive, no maintenance has been done on the wall adjacent to Praa Sands Hotel. There is a base of soil there from years of fallen leaves and the pampas grass is thriving and needs to be cut back.

Cllr Le Boeuf explained that this matter had been raised with District Councillor Robertson who was to speak with Mr & Mrs Kettle about the pampas grass.

Mrs Board said that Highways clear the bottom of the road with a sweeper but it is unable to get near the edge at this point.

The Chairman asked that Pengersick Lane be put on next month's agenda so that County Councillor Robertson could be asked about the pampas grass.

Mr Darby asked that item 18. Trewell Green be resurrected on next month's agenda.

Public Participation ended at 7.15 p.m.

