
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr J Keeling (Chairman)
Cllr T Ackland
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet
Cllr G Higginson
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr B Nicholls
Cllr R Pryor
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

14 Members of the public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hesketh-Jones. The Clerk reported that Cllr Hesketh-Jones is unwell and that his recovery will take some 5 months or so. As his absence is due to illness and will, together with meetings already missed, exceed the 6-month consecutive absence, the Clerk suggested that Council make a resolution to approve the reason for absence for the following six months so that Cllr Hesketh-Jones need not report his absence. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that Cllr Hesketh-Jones' reason for absence, being that he is unwell, should be accepted as a statutory excuse for his past absence and should be approved for the following six months.** A get well card had been signed by Councillors to extend their best wishes to Cllr Hesketh-Jones.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

There was one nomination for Chairman of Breage Parish Council. **Cllr John Keeling was nominated by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and, agreeing to stand, was unanimously elected Chairman of Breage Parish Council.**

3. TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Cllr Keeling completed and signed a declaration of office form that was countersigned by the Clerk and read his declaration to the meeting.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

Cllr Pryor expressed the wish not to be considered for the position of Vice-Chairman. **Cllr Graham Higginson was nominated by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Nicholls and, agreeing to stand, was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the Breage Parish Council.**

5. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS OF COUNCILLORS TO BE PART OF PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS/TEAMS AND/OR OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

A lead Member was elected for each group. These Members should call on other Members to join the groups.

Accounts: **Cllrs Nicholls and Hesketh-Jones were nominated by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and were unanimously elected.**

Cemetery: **Cllr Phillips was nominated by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and was unanimously elected.**

Streetlights: **Cllr Ackland was nominated by Cllr Pryor, seconded by Cllr Higginson and was unanimously elected.**

Planning: **Cllr Higginson was nominated by Cllr Greenstreet, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and was unanimously elected.**

Footpaths: **Cllr Darby was nominated by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Phillips and was unanimously elected.**

Praa Sands: **Cllr Keeling was nominated by Cllr Darby, seconded by Cllr Ackland and was unanimously elected.**

Breage Playing Field: **Cllr Rashleigh was nominated by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Pryor and was unanimously elected.**

Carleen Village Hall: **Cllr Darby was nominated by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and was unanimously elected.**

Breage Allotment Growers: **Cllr Phillips was nominated by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously elected.**

6. UPDATING OF COUNCILLORS' FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS

The Clerk had distributed Cllrs Notification of Personal Interest forms and asked that they be returned to her with any necessary amendments.

7. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members and officers to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda

Cllr Keeling declared a personal interest in item 15, Planning PA09/00536/F, as he is a neighbour of Mr Marsh and in PA09/00508/F as he is a friend of Mr Polglase. Cllrs Phillips, Ackland and Wyvern Batt declared personal interest in item 15, Planning PA09/00508/F as they too are friends of Mr Polglase.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 7 April 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7 April 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.

9. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman apologised for appearing weary and said that he would try not to let it affect the meeting.

10. POLICE REPORT

PC Dave Vaughan had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and had supplied the following report that was read out by the Clerk:

'There were 9 crimes reported to Police for April: 3 Thefts and a Criminal Damage, all at Praa sands, a Burglary and Criminal Damage to a motor vehicle both at Breage, a Disqualified Driving at Ashton and 2 Possession of a class C drug at Trevena Cross Nursery.

'This compares to 9 crimes for the same period last year.

'We will be holding a mobile PACT (Partners And Communities Together) surgery, as part of the Policing Pledge, in the Parish. We will be at the Trevena Cross Nursery between 10.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 20 May 2009, in the Police Community van. Please come along and meet your Neighbourhood Team. We are gathering information regarding any concerns you have in your neighbourhood.

'There have been no serious incidents within the Parish.'

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was taken here from 7.12 to 7.40 p.m.

12. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Robertson congratulated Cllr Keeling on his re-election as Chairman of Breage Parish Council and also Cllr Higginson on his election as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Robertson had attended the last meeting of the County Council and a Constitution had been adopted for Cornwall Council. There had been few changes. An attempt was being made to shorten the meeting times. Speaking time will be reduced from 5 minutes to 3. The Newquay Airport report had been delayed and as the Council was now in pre-election purdah nothing contentious is permitted to be discussed during this period. Cllr Robertson felt that it is important that the new Council is seen to be open and transparent. He had met with Police Inspector Coad who is keen for the Community to be involved in speed checks. It is hoped to train people to carry out speed checks, though these would not lead to prosecution. Cllr Robertson encouraged those Councillors who have often expressed concern over speeding through the villages to apply for training and to get in touch with either him on 01326 572650 or PC Dave Vaughan on 01326 555158.

Regarding item 15, Planning [PA09/00508/F](#), Erection of one wind turbine, Cllr Robertson advised that he is able to request that the application be considered by full committee. This would give both sides the chance to argue the case if there are material planning considerations.

13. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Chairman called on Cllr Nicholls to propose a vote of thanks to the County and District Councillors. Cllr Nicholls spoke of his past Council experience and his time with Breage. During the time at Breage the County and District Council representatives have been, he felt, 'the best of the bunch' and have shown really genuine care for local people.

County Councillor Robertson, Alec, will not be standing for Breage again but will be remembered for his efforts in dealing with many Highways problems, especially the Footway at Trevena, Breage and the 40 m.p.h. speed limit. He has worked for the people and for this he is thanked. It is hoped that he continues with Cornwall Council.

Ann Greenstreet had been a District Councillor for 2 years and was still learning. She is thanked for having the interest of the area in her heart.

Loveday Jenkin had been a Kerrier Councillor for 10 years and she is thanked for all she has done for Breage Parish.

John Keeling had been a Kerrier Councillor for 6 years and Cllr Nicholls said that over the 30 years council experience he has had, he has never met a councillor who devoted so much time and effort to the local area. His being involved in Planning had been a great help for the Parish Council. He is thanked for his work and his common sense. His lasting memorial will undoubtedly be the bus shelter at Praa Sands.

Cllr Nicholls finished by proposing a vote of thanks to Alec Robertson, Ann Greenstreet, Loveday Jenkin and John Keeling for their committed involvement in the work in Breage Parish. This was seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved with one abstention.

14. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh had attended the AGM of the Field Committee and said that no-one from outside the committee had attended the event. The notice board had been repaired and a new dog sign ordered. The top gate has a split post that will be banded up. There are 9 new members. Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern over the Knotweed in the field on the area adjacent to the A394. This has been reported for the past 2 years. She passed the Clerk a letter from the secretary requesting assistance with this problem.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that a successful quiz evening had been held. The next one is on 16 May. There will be a Carne Cove production of Surfing Tommies on 6 June, The AGM will be held on 8 June.

Cllr Higginson reported that there was a poor parish turnout for Cahooty, a musical Cajun-type group. Approximately 14 attended, seven of those being members of the committee. He felt that the event should be advertised more. Gordon Giltrap, a well-known guitarist and singer will be coming in November.

Breage Allotment Growers

Cllr Phillips had been unable to attend the last meeting. The problem of finding land continues and the committee are now looking further afield.

Carleen Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Higginson reported that a good meeting had been held that morning.

15. PLANNING

a) **APPLICATIONS**

PA09/00484/F – Mr A Stevens – Sunnyvale Farm, Higher Kenneggy, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9AU

Erection of an extension to dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

PA09/00426/F – Mr & Mrs M Cox – Higher Redallon, Nancegollan, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 0AZ

Erection of replacement dwelling and installation of septic tank

This was thought, by Councillors, to be good use of a run-down dwelling. **It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

PA08/1030/F – Messrs M D & E Rowe - Opposite Godolphin Cottage, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9SL

Formation of vehicular access and hardstanding

This application had been previously submitted but not validated. The Chairman read out the comments the Council had sent to Kerrier regarding the first application and reminded them that they had not supported the application. There have been complaints from residents, stressing safety concerns and regarding it being an unfavourable access onto a busy road. The widening of the gate that is presently available was discussed and some Councillors thought that widening this access would mean that an established hedge would be removed and probably cause as much damage as a new opening. It was agreed that the bench and hawthorn trees should be preserved no matter what, as Parishioners had previously explained that these are a memorial to the Kittos and had asked for them not to be moved. After a great deal of discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Higginson and resolved with 2 abstentions that the application be supported but with a proviso that consideration be given to both the bench and hawthorn trees and that no detrimental action be taken against them.**

PA09/00463/F – Mr G Stone – Chynoweth Farm, Carleen, Breage, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9NY

Erection of an agricultural building

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

PA09/00508/F – Mr S Polglase –Wheal Breage, Great Work, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9TH

Erection of one wind turbine

There had been both objectors and supporters of this application who had voiced their opinions during Public Participation. The County Councillor has power to request that the sub-area planning committee consider this application, enabling both sides to have their say. Councillors gave their individual views on the proposed erection of the turbine and most agreed that wind power is a way forward to renewable energy and most supported renewable energy. It was wondered if a planting scheme against the boundary could be carried out to ease the noise factor between the neighbouring dwellings. Cllr Rashleigh expressed concern over the damage that turbines may do to the bat population, causing their small lungs to burst when they fly near the turbine. Councillors carefully considered the application. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and resolved with one vote against that the application be supported in principle and that County Councillor Robertson request that Cornwall Council's sub-area Planning Committee consider the application at a meeting, particularly the visual amenity impact.**

PA09/00502/F – Mrs L Young – Wheel Cottage, Higher Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9SB

Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

PA09/00536/F – Mr P Marsh - 8 Higher Row, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RY

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

This application was discussed and Councillors felt that the garage should not be used as a stand-alone dwelling. It **was therefore proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the garage should not be used as a stand-alone dwelling and that the application not be supported.**

b) NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

PA07/00251/F - Mr & Mrs R Jones – Rosemaber Farm, Rosemaber, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NE

Erection of a two-storey building for use as offices, garage and storage

PA09/00070/F - Mr K Illes – Tregaron, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9RB

Erection of a domestic garage and store

PA09/00192/F – Mr A Eaton – Tregonning Bungalow, Carleen, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QU

Erection of a polytunnel

PA09/00172/F – Mrs C Beswick – 19 Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9ST

Erection of a replacement domestic garage

Additional

PA09/00237/F – Mr & Mrs Old – Crava Farm, Crava Lane, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9SE

Restoration of former farmhouse for use as a dwelling and erection of a single storey utility room

Council could not understand why no mention of Bridleway 71 had been made in this notice of conditional permission for development especially as Council had made the following resolution at the March Ordinary Meeting: 'that the application be supported subject to the applicant obtaining lawful authority to exercise private rights along an enclosed public Bridleway'. If this has not been done anyone driving over the Bridleway will be breaking the Law. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, second by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that Planning be contacted and asked why no consideration had been taken of Breage Parish Council's consultation regarding this application and why no mention of Bridleway 71 had been made in the notice of conditional permission for the development.**

c) LISTED BUILDING CONSENT UNDER SECTION 8

PA09/00071/LBC – Mr A Banner – Godolphin House, Godolphin Estate, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RE

Listed Building Consent for the repair of two outbuildings including repairs to the north gable wall of the barn and failing roof slating to be removed and replaced with corrugated mineral sheeting and minor masonry consolidation to south wall and full roof temporary covering to the Shippon building

Councillors pointed out that the temporary roofing would have a life of approximately 15 years and felt that the slate roof should be replaced within this time frame. **It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the application be supported and a proviso added that the re-slating work be carried out within a time frame not exceeding 15 years.**

d) NOTICE OF CONSENT FOR THE FELLING TOPPING OR LOPPING OF TREES AND WOODLAND

PA08/01990/TPO – Mr P Greenough – Bluebell Cottage, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9QY

Coppice of one Elm tree

PA09/00188/TCA – Mrs A Morgan – Hill Cottage & Trenance Villa, Shute Hill, Breage, HELSTON

Topping of two Sycamore Trees

16. FINANCE

- a) Approval for submission of Section 1 Statement of Accounts to the Audit Commission
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Section 1, Statement of Accounts on the Audit Commission Annual Return, 31 March 2009 be approved, signed and submitted to the Audit Commission. The Chairman signed Section 1.
- b) Completion of and approval for submission of Section 2 Annual Governance Statement, items 1-8
The Chairman read through each item of the Section 2, The Annual Governance Statement, items 1-8 and each was approved by Council. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that Section 2, The Annual Governance Statement, items 1-8 be approved and signed for submission to the Audit Commission. The Chairman and the Clerk signed section 2.**
- c) To receive Internal Auditor's Report
The Internal Auditor's report had previously been circulated to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the Internal Auditor's report be formally received by the Parish Council.
- d) Review into the effectiveness of Internal Audit
The effectiveness of the Internal Auditor's report was discussed and reviewed. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the Internal Auditor's report was very effective and Councillors agreed to act on issues therein in due course.**
- e) Review of Finance Regulations
It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the Finance Regulations be amended as necessary as listed in the Internal Auditor's report.

f) Review Financial Risk Assessment

Concern had been expressed by the Internal Auditor regarding Section C, item vi), that refers to safety checks on all play equipment every 6 weeks and all other street furniture every 13 weeks and records kept by the Clerk. As this was not being carried out it was recommended that this item be amended or deleted. After discussion and agreement that these tasks were impossible for the Clerk to carry out, it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that Section C, item iv) of the Financial Risk Assessment be deleted as it was impossible to carry out these tasks at present and that the Clerk should contact CALC for advice. After further discussion and the Chairman's plea to Councillors to help the Clerk with the task of checking the street furniture and the suggestion that the play equipment checks be funnelled to the Field Committee, **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Darby and unanimously resolved that item C vi) of the Council's Risk Management – Financial Policy be amended to read - play equipment and street furniture responsibility should be checked by Council, once a year, if possible.**

g) Receipts £21.75 minutes/printing; £4,000 Grant for Allotment Group; £19,000 Precept

h) The Clerk provided the bank balances as follows:

Current Account £4,470.27; Tracker Account £38,475.08 and Petty Cash £69.59.

i) Payments

Omitted from April Agenda:

The following payments had been checked by Cllr Nicholls. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the April payments, as listed below, be passed for payment.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
from 1 April 2009						
1	Cornwall Council	102580	Rates Parish Rooms	£300.70		£300.70
2	Cornwall Council	102581	Rates Cemetery	£ 59.65		£ 59.65
3	CALC	102582	Annual Membership	£529.70	£ 43.35	£573.05
				£890.05	£ 43.35	£933.40

Payments May

At this point the following Councillors declared personal interests in the grants being made to local groups: Cllrs Higginson and Ackland as they are members of the Carleen Pantomime Group, Cllr Darby as she is a member of Carleen Village Hall's committee and Cllr Rashleigh because she is a member of Breage Playing Field Committee. They were asked by the chairman to leave the room, which they did and they did not therefore vote on the grant resolutions that follow.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt 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, the Council approves the following payments: items 12,13,14,15,17,19 and 20, In pursuance of the power conferred by Local Government Act 1972 Section 145 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of this section the Council approves the following payment: item 16 and in pursuance of the power conferred by Local Government and Rating Act 1997 section 31 and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of this section the Council approves the following payment: item 18.

Cllrs Ackland, Darby, Higginson and Rashleigh returned to the room at this point.

The Clerk apologised for the following errors and asked that they be amended as follows:

No: 5, should read £80.43, £12.06 and £92.49

No: 9, should read £25.00, nil and £25.00

Totals of numbered items: £12,651.16, £782.19 and £13,433.35

Final totals: £13,009.30, £784.94 and £14,743.49

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
4	Open Spaces Society	102586	Annual subscription	£40.00		£40.00
5	Viking Direct	102587	Ink	£80.43	£12.06	£92.49
6	EDF Energy	dd	Electricity Street lights	£597.27	£89.59	£686.86
7	SEC	102588	Maintenance Street lights	£4,470.28	£670.54	£5,140.82
						£76.72
8	BT	dd	Telephone	£66.72	£10.00	

9	T F Laity	102589	Internal painting Godolphin bus shelter	£25.00		£25.00
10	Zurich Insurance Plc	102590	Insurance	£911.46		£911.46
11	W E Wilkins	102591	Internal Audit	£160.00		£160.00
12	Breage Silver Band	102592	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 Donation towards instrument	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
13	Carleen Village Hall	102593	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - New Access & storage area	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
14	Carleen Community Care Centre	102594	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - High backed chairs	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
15	Breage Playing Field	102595	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - Playing Field items	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
16	Carleen Pantomime Group	102596	Section 145 The Local Governments Act 1972 - Lighting & sound equipment	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
17	Ashton Community Ass	102597	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - Playing Field costs	£1,000.00		£1,000.00
18	Victim Support Cornwall	102598	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 help for Breage area	£100.00		£100.00
19	Cornwall Playing Fields Ass	102599	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - Equipment/facilities	£100.00		£100.00
20	Home-Start West Cornwall	102600	Section 137 The Local Governments Act 1972 - Work in Breage area families with children under 5 facing difficulties	£100.00		£100.00
				£12,651.16	£782.19	£13,433.35
	Mrs C L Macleod	102583	Adjustment April 2008 salary award	£6.25		£6.25
	Mrs C L Macleod	102584	Clerk's Salary April			
	PO Ltd HMRC	102585	National Insurance	£73.40		£73.40
	PO Ltd HMRC	102585	PAYE	£120.60		£120.60
	PO Ltd HMRC	102585	Employer's NI	£85.41		£85.41
				£279.41		£279.41
	Mrs C L Macleod	102601	Travel 35.5ml @ 53p Parking	£18.82 £1.00		£18.82 £1.00
				£19.82		£19.82
	Mrs C L Macleod	102602	Petty Cash reimbursement	£27.66	£2.75	£30.41
	R Treloar	102603	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
				£13,009.30	£784.94	£13,794.24

Cllr Nicholls had checked the above payments. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the accounts as listed above be passed for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the revised totals, as shown above, be accepted.**

17. FOOTPATHS

- The three-year contract had been signed by Mr Sanders.
- A meeting had been held and Cllr Darby reported. There had been a few problems with the early cutting, mostly stile and boggy areas. Cllr Darby apologised that Mrs Board had not been informed of the meeting. Concern over the path by the triangle at Praa Green had been expressed. The Chairman said that Mr Beard had been instructed to cut this.
- Bridleway 71 Ashton
The Chairman expressed concern that this matter had still not been sorted. It was wondered if legal advice could be sought through CALC. He would try to investigate why comments made by the Parish Council, asking that the applicant obtain lawful authority to exercise private rights along an enclosed public Bridleway, appeared to have been ignored. It did appear that the Law would be broken if the Bridleway was used by vehicles. The Clerk was asked to check matters with CA

18. CEMETERY

It was agreed that fees need to be reviewed. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Keeling and Phillips be given delegated responsibility to review Cemetery fees and report back to the next meeting.** The removal of kerb stone prices from the fee list would be considered when the minute referring to this is traced by the Clerk.

19. HIGHWAYS

There were no Highways matters to be considered.

20. STREETLIGHTING

There were no Streetlighting matters to be considered.

21. PARISH ROOMS FURNITURE

The Clerk reported that David Lay would be calling at the Parish Rooms tomorrow to give an estimated price for the benches and table therein. Cllr Pryor had agreed to meet with David Lay.

22. POSSIBILITY OF A PARISH PICTURE GALLERY IN THE PARISH ROOMS

Cllr Higginson spoke about the idea of filling the blank walls in the Parish Rooms with old photographs of the Parish. He thought that a request could be put on the website for old photographs that could be donated or borrowed and framed or copied. An open evening was suggested so that the public could attend and view the photographs once they were in place. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the blank walls in the Parish Rooms be filled with old photographs of the Parish, a request be put on the website for old photographs and that an open evening be held to enable the public to view the photographs once they were in place.**

23. ANNUAL REPORT

The Clerk had prepared a draft Annual Report and Councillors had received copies of this. Some Councillors were concerned that the number of meetings Councillors had attended during the year would be shown but the Chairman explained that this was normal practice. No-one wished to add anything to the report. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and resolved with one vote against that the draft form of the Annual Report be accepted and published on the website.**

24. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk had written to the Environmental Sustainability and Protection Section about rubbish being discarded on Trewell Green and there had been no reply.
- b) The Clerk had written to the Environment Agency about the stones in the field off the A394 between Breage and Ashton. She had a phone call telling her that there was nothing they could do as it is in a private field. She had also written to the Planning Enforcement Section and the Mineral, Waste and Environment Section who had both replied immediately by telephone. Both had visited the owner and had come back with different explanations. The Clerk had since received a letter from Peter Blackshaw, Enforcement Team Manager, which she read out. Mr Blackshaw informed the Clerk that it is his initial view that the use of the land is a material change and planning permission is required. Both the landowner and the operative have been written to and advised that planning permission is needed but unlikely to be given. They have been asked to seek an alternative location and provide a timescale for doing so.
- c) It was reported to the Clerk that the ladies toilets at Praa Sands have only one hand washing point – one of those that delivers soap, water then warm air for drying. Queuing women have been very distressed over the lack of hand washing facilities. The Clerk had explained that a Bank Holiday was imminent meaning lots of people would be unable to wash and dry their hands in an acceptable manner. She had asked if additional facilities could be provided via a telephone call to County but the message was wrongly taken. The Clerk received a reply from Tom Marks that the mechanics would check everything the following week and ensure that the equipment was working. She had tried since to contact Tom Marks but he is on holiday due to return today.
- d) The Clerk had written to Mr Lavery re: replies to queries raised by Council not being received in the past and had received an acknowledgement from Jenni Hosen, PA to the Chief Executive that she read to Council. The letter apologised that Cornwall Council's standards do not appear to have been met in the Parish Council's case. A copy of the letter had been passed to Tom Flanagan, Corporate Director of Environment, Planning and Economy for consideration as the majority of issues raised would likely fall within his area of responsibility. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Flanagan with any further queries. The Clerk had also received a letter from Andy James, Regional Engineer Highways Service and he had said that he would remind his staff that appropriate acknowledgement letters provide reassurance that the matter is at least under investigation.
Council suggested that the Clerk reply to this letter referring to the Trewell Green problem.
- e) BT have advised that the Payphone on Pengersick Estate is to be converted to cashless.
- f) The Clerk has been asked if it is possible for an additional 30 mph sign to be put before Castle Drive as a reminder. Cars apparently speed from the PO.
- g) She had also been asked if there is a possibility of a footpath for Castle Drive, Praa Sands.

County Cllr Robertson left the meeting at this point.

25. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Rashleigh reported that one of the Trewithick road signs had been stolen. The Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to the Police and to Cornwall Council. A large sycamore is growing inside the hedge in Pellor Road. The footway from Breage to Trevena Cross has been narrowed by growing vegetation. Cllr Rashleigh queried whether a member of the Public, who has been cutting the verges from Troon Row to Vicarage Row, could be reimbursed for this work. She was advised that he could not as he had not been employed to do it. Cllr Rashleigh complained that the Parish Room toilet walls and sink were very grubby, describing them as 'disgusting'. The Clerk was asked to look into this.

Cllr Darby asked that a letter be written to Carleen Village Hall naming her as the Council's representative for that group. Cllr Greenstreet reported that members of Godolphin WI are going to help with clearing work in Godolphin Churchyard opposite the school.

Cllr Pryor reported that the grass round Breage bus shelter needs cutting and that the brambles round the Cemetery gates need cutting back.

The Chairman had attended a Praa Sands meeting at the Sandbar. The falling fencing appals him as it reflects badly on the Parish Council. Funds are apparently still not available. The triangle on the Green is to be cut. He had looked into purchasing the granite benches for Praa Sands and had arranged a meeting with Arvensis to discuss this.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall AONB – Conference 9 May 2009, The National Trust, Trelissick Gardens 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information Commissioner's Office – Tick Tock DVD

CC – Acknowledgement of receipt of letter to Mr Lavery

Audrey Kellow – 5- session Painting Class at Balwest, 11 May 7 – 9 p.m.

CC – Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Shoreline management Plan Review. Penzance St John's Hall Wednesday 6 May 3 – 7 p.m.

Open Spaces – appeal

The Boundary Committee Recommendations will be published after the elections

The Chairman spoke about upset felt by Crowan about being split.

Equality and Human Rights Commission – Public Sector Equality Duties

Macmillan Cancer support – Mid-summer Madness Walk, Padstow to Wadebridge (11 miles). 9 p.m. Walk in the dark.

Saturday 27 June 2009. Registration £15. Goody bags for all participants

Communities and Local Government – Business

Home Start – Change of name

CC – Helston Museum Art Club April to June 10-12 every Saturday £3

Inter-Link Cornwall – Magazine

CC – Notice of Election

SITA Cornwall Trust – Royal Showground, Wadebridge 8 May 2009 1.30 to 5.30 p.m.

27. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Trewell Green, Extension to Carleen notice board, Possibility of the hedge at Baker's Row being lowered.

28. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 7.00 p.m.**29. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

Members of the public left the meeting at this point.

30. QUOTATIONS FOR REWIRING PARISH ROOMS

Two quotations for rewiring the Parish Rooms had been received in accordance with the specification. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and resolved with one vote against that Daz Hallam be asked to carry out the rewiring of the Parish Rooms at a cost of £450.00.** Some Councillors thought that moving the large storage heater to the outside wall would help to keep the wall dry. This had not been included in the specification but the Clerk was asked to find out from Mr Hallam how much it would cost to carry out this move.

31. HANDYMAN'S REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Clerk reported that there would be no increase in Mr Babbage rate. Councillors agreed that they were very pleased with Mr Babbage's work as Handyman and **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that Mr Babbage be asked to continue the Handyman's work for Breage Parish Council.**

32. REVIEW BUS SHELTER CLEANING RATES

As bus shelter cleaning rates have not been increased for several years, **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the rates for cleaning Ashton, Breage, Germoe Cross Roads, Godolphin, and bus shelters be increased to £70 a year and the rate for cleaning the bus stop at the top of Pengersick Lane be increased to £35 a year.**

33. CLERK'S REVIEW AND SALARY/SCALE UPDATE

The Clerk left the room at this point. Council discussed the Clerk's work and salary scale. Council agreed that they were happy with the Clerk's work and the way in which she performed her duties and wished to encourage her to continue with her efforts to gain professional accreditation. After discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk's pay point be increased from Scale LC1, Spinal Column Point 17, £8.661 per hour to Scale LC1, Spinal Point 19, £9.161 an hour, her hours remaining as up to 30 hours a week as necessary.** It was agreed that the Chairman write to Mrs Macleod informing her of this decision.

The Clerk returned to the room at this point.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ANNUAL ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.**

At 7.12 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 Menneer, the mother of Bob Menneer, who was unable to attend the meeting, provided Council with typed copies of the family's reasons for disagreeing with the application item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F, the erection of a wind turbine. Mr Menneer is a neighbour of Mr Polglase. Mrs Menneer read out a list of objections: It is planned in an environmentally sensitive and beautiful area, it is sited in an area of relatively high rural population, it is the third wind turbine in the area, it sets a precedent for other windmills, there are misleading errors in this planning application, it is a nuisance that will emit noise, flicker and reflections, it will reduce property prices by an estimated 15-20% and personal. Mrs Menneer then expanded on some of the objections also listing worries about bats and nesting Barn Owls. She asked if a request could be forwarded for the application to be debated at Planning Committee rather than by being decided by Delegated Planning. The personal reasons were that her daughter-in-law had obtained a doctor's opinion that the flicker and noise will exacerbate her migraine attacks and that during her son's and daughter-in-law's working lives they had worked hard for a home in her son's native Cornwall. She felt that this application was causing great personal suffering.

Mr Lee who lives a quarter of a mile from the proposed wind turbine, item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F said that he had no objections to it.

Mrs Board spoke on: Erosion at Praa Sands frontage under item 26, Correspondence CC – Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan Review in St John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 6 May from 3 to 7 p.m. She encouraged Councillors to attend this meeting so that an awareness of the future, as to whether nature takes its course or possible Government and County funding. She thought that older Councillors may recall works on the Green 1983 to 1991 and the rock armouring at the Western End in 1997. Originally the whole length was under review and Kerrier commissioned a projection 'Mouchel' of annual erosion into this century. Mrs Board has a copy of this.

Mrs Board asked that footpath numbers be listed each time invoices appear on the agenda for payment. She felt that the Council is trusting that the work is done. She thought that walkers and any other interested parties could assist in reporting when paths have been cut.

Mr Polglase spoke in support of his application, item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F, as sustainable energy. If the application is successful oil fired central heating units would be replaced in this property and in Mr Polglase's mother's property and instead of the National Grid providing the energy for 2 homes and 1500 litres of fuel being used, – enough to fuel two cars for a year - the turbine would provide for these needs. There are Scots Pines surrounding the area that will mask the turbine.

The output of the turbine would save, he estimated, 9 tons of CO2 from the atmosphere. Mr Polglase spoke about the support and promotion that environmental groups and stakeholders give to projects like this, provided they are in the right place. Mr Polglase asked that the Parish Council support his application.

Mr Mackie supported item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F, and spoke in defence of the turbine. He thought the turbine could be justified as it would provide fuel, suiting the needs of the family very well. He added that there are already 11 electricity poles and 6 other poles close by.

Mr Darby spoke about the road surface near Penrose Farm that is getting worse and worse and the pot holes are causing significant problems. He expressed further concern for Trew Well.

Mr White spoke about item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F, the wind turbine. He had no objections for it being used for personal use. But felt at 17-18 feet diameter it was rather large and he wondered how big a turbine need be for personal use, He was concerned about the noise and the nesting owls. He asked if the turbine needed to be so big and stated that he is unhappy about the application.

Mr Clarke spoke about item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F, saying that he believed that the turbine would be big and very visible against the skyline and a blight on the landscape. There is a long historic past of natural beauty in the area and Mr Clarke felt that the turbine would affect this and consequently neighbours in the neighbourhood. The people looking at it would be the neighbours, day or night, sun or rain, He wished to support the neighbourhood and not see turbines in people's back yards.

Mr Rowe spoke about, item 15, Planning a) PA08/1030/F, formation of vehicular access and hardstanding and asked that Council be sympathetic to his need for access.

Mr Reynolds spoke in support of item 15, Planning, a) PA09/00508/F. He explained that view, value and personal interest were excluded from planning considerations. He felt that the site map displayed the application accurately. He added that blade flicker would only occur south of an east – west line and that no-one is dwelling south of this line. Mr Reynolds spoke about the reference to whether the turbine was domestic. He said that a 5kw turbine is classed as domestic and therefore the turbine on the planning application is clearly not commercial. Referring to the owls, Mr Reynolds said that the RSPB consider global warming a greater threat than wind turbines. He asked that council support the application.

Mr Reynolds then referred to the minutes of a previous Council meeting on 16 September 2009. He had been very distressed to read what had been reported in the Public Participation minutes and went on to detail some personal events and matters to which he believed the minutes were referring. He felt that the information was none of the Council's business. The personal details listed by Mr Reynolds were not included in the minutes. The Chairman asked why Mr Reynolds was raising this matter so long after it had happened. Mr Reynolds explained that he had already written to the Chairman and had not received a reply. He had at that time requested that the said minutes be deleted from public record. The Chairman reminded Mr Reynolds that he had already spoken to

him about this matter and that the Clerk had minuted a member of the public's concerns, that had been listed in a letter read out during Public Participation at the meeting in question, and that the member of the public wished to have recorded. This was an entirely permissible action and had been checked by the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Chairman asked Mr Reynolds to stop at this point and said that he would respond to Mr Reynolds' queries and would be in touch with him.

Public participation ended at 7.40 p.m.