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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 pm ON TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2008**

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

County Councillor A Robertson
District Councillor L Jenkin

* WPC A Butcher
9 Members of the public
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Keeling asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 10, Planning, that states, 'As a member of KDC Planning Committee I will not make a final decision on any planning matter until I have heard all the evidence and arguments. He also declared prejudicial and personal interest in item 14, Ashton Post Office Closure but maintained his right to speak.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2008 and the EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2008

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Ackland seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1 July 2008 be signed as a true and correct record. It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15 July 2008 be signed as a true and correct record.

4. POLICE REPORT

As WPC Butcher had not yet arrived this item was deferred.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had opened Nancegollan Village Show. The weather had been wonderful and £300 had been raised for the Village Hall.

The Chairman reported that he, his wife, as Chairman's consort and the Clerk had been presented to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall at the start of their visit to Godolphin House on 11 July and that it had been good day.

The new bus shelter was in place at Praa Sands and would hopefully need little or no maintenance.

The grant funding from CRCC for the Parish website had been agreed.

A litterbin has been sited in Breage Playing Field.

The verges in Pengersick Lane have been cut and the overhanging branches lopped.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was taken here from 7.07 p.m. to 7.19 p.m.

7. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Application received from Mr Andrew Le Boeuf

The application from Mr Le Boeuf was read aloud by the Clerk. Mr Le Boeuf was given the opportunity to speak and told the meeting that although he had not been here long he intended to stay. He would need to gain more understanding on the working of the Parish Council and he has the enthusiasm, commitment and flexibility to do so. Cllr Ackland thought that to have a representative from Praa Sands would be good for the Council and other Councillors added that it would be advantageous as Praa Sands is such a large area.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that Mr Andrew Le Boeuf be co-opted on to Breage Parish Council and that he should take his place after item 10, Planning.

*WPC Butcher arrived at this point

4. (deferred) POLICE REPORT

WPC Butcher gave the following report:

'This report covers the period from 2 July 2008 to 5 August 2008.

'There have been six crimes this month and one of these has a suspect attached to it. The other crimes relate to thefts from vehicles and I am concentrating on this problem at present. It appears that the vehicles are having their windows broken and then items removed from the interiors.

'The Neighbourhood Team have been committed to events in the Helston area and have not been able to give the usual amount of time to general patrol.'

The Chairman invited brief questions from Councillors and Public.

Cllr Ackland asked if the Police had received a report regarding a minor with a German Shepherd dog on a lead, in Carleen.' WPC Butcher said that she had not and asked that details be e-mailed to her.

A vehicle had been seen at the Ashton Motel and suspicious characters were looking round.

The theft of a bicycle in Carleen had been resolved.

The Chairman asked WPC Butcher if there was any news regarding Bridleway 71 as Mrs Overton was understandably concerned. WPC had spoken to Linda Holloway and had been told that no action would be taken.

A complaint was received about the 'rat run' of cars passing Pellor Fields at speed in the evenings after the pub closed.

Information from PACT cards had mentioned the need of a barrier between the Playing Field gate and Higher Road, Breage. Cllr Rashleigh reported that the Playing Field Committee have this is in hand.

A member of the public asked WPC Butcher about the parking at the pub end of Higher Road, where vehicles were being parked right to the end of the road, meaning that cars had to pull at the end of the road in order to pass. Mrs Tresidder suggested that having the vehicles parked there probably reduced the speed of cars approaching the end of the road. When there were no vehicles parked there cars did speed round the corner. County Councillor Robertson and WPC Butcher agreed to look into this problem.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Robertson

TOPICS

'One Cornwall – The latest consultation period for the Boundary Committee having expired on 18 July, we now have to await their response. The Implementation Executive's bid has been adjusted from 130 to 123 Councillors. It is envisaged that Unitary Councillors will average only 19 hours work per week!

'Post Office Closures – At the Community Scrutiny Committee on 18 July, it was resolved to call on the full Council to call for a Judicial Review of the closure programme in Cornwall and this was supported at the July County Council meeting. Counsel's advice is now being sought on grounds for a challenge. In the meantime, the One Cornwall Team has been asked to examine possible measures to support rural Post services through the transition to the Unitary Authority.' Councillor Robertson requested permission from the Chairman to speak in item 14. Ashton Post Office Closure.

'Civil Parking Enforcement – has come under local authority control since May 2008 and there have been allegations that parking enforcement is being applied less flexibly than was the case when the Police did it. Exemptions for groups such as social care providers are now being examined.

LOCALLY

'Play warning signs for Higher Road, Breage – Have been made and are now at the depot. I am touring my area with Highways Officers tomorrow and will be marking sites for the signs then.'

District Councillor Greenstreet:

'Since the last meeting I have attended a further training session at Kerrier, in mixed media training, an all day session involving TV and hand held microphones. More than interesting, but poorly attended.

'I have attended meetings of Crowan and Germoe Parish Councils and a fund raising concert for the Kerrier Old People's Forum.

'Monday 21 July I went to a fact finding meeting for all Councillors at Berlewen, Camborne College, where those who attended had to give ideas on the way forward to deal with the training that new Councillors will need for One Cornwall. This included the role of Councillors and how best to support councillors to help them deal with challenges facing them. Many ideas were put forward, not least that this was going to be an almost

full-time job, and that very varied training would be needed. Of particular importance was the use of computers! Not all Councillors want to use them and it is going to be imperative to do so. A further meeting was on 31 July at Bodmin and the findings from these meetings will be considered as the way forward in finding support for new Councillors.

'I attended a meeting of the Sites and Premises Group (Cornwall & IOS Economic) who held a workshop at Kerrier at the request of Scrutiny A to 'evangelise' about the Sites and Premises implementation work that is currently being undertaken. This is to do with workspace in Kerrier.

23 July was Council with a presentation by the Chairman, followed by an Executive Council Meeting, where One Cornwall, Boundary Review, Number of Seats and the appointment of the Chief Executive, 5 Directors and 31 Heads of Services were being addressed. Locations for the One Stop Shops had been addressed and lists made of suitable places in the County. I believe these are now called 'Hubs'. The Local Government Elections with the European Parliament Elections are likely to be 4 June 2009. I understand the proposed New Council Member size is still 123.

'The closure of Post Offices has been high profile with a meeting last night that I was unable to attend because of another in Penzance. A protest march against the closure of Ashton Post Office is on Saturday morning.

'I attended the Memorial service for Mrs Mary Schofield and the Old People's Forum at Henshorn Court on Friday last. Interesting talks about delivered meals and the various scams that can worry older folk was given by Kim Lewis Williams of Trading Standards. Yesterday was the Committee of that meeting at Kerrier with Bill Jenkins in the Chair. We are a very new Forum and have a lot to do.

There has been quite a bit of activity with the Chicken Farm Development in Godolphin that has now reached some kind of agreement.

'I have also been away for a week's holiday.'

District Councillor Jenkin:

Councillor Jenkin apologised for having been unable to attend Parish Council meetings for a while. This was due to other duties. She spoke about the areas of her Portfolio: Leisure, Arts and Culture, giving information regarding a Cornwall-wide cultural panel. The Kerrier Sport Network is within this and grants have been reallocated for core activities. She encouraged applications for core funding. There is money available for coaching and improving standards.

A lift is to be installed in Helston Museum.

One Cornwall: Cllr Jenkin spoke about the change in the number of seats, from 130 to 123, in the Implementation Executive's bid as she felt that by reducing the number Parishes would be more divided. She added that she is depressed about democracy in Cornwall. Re:

Post Office Closures in Cornwall: Cllr Jenkin had attended a Kerrier meeting yesterday. The next step is to ask Ward members to critique statements so that evidence may be collected. After speaking with Post Masters and Mistresses. Kerrier would send back a joint consultation report. It was strongly felt that all communities should have a Post Office

Open Spaces: The Cultural Panel has finished and there has been consistent management of open spaces.

District Councillor Keeling:

'A busy month with time spent divided between Kerrier issues and "One Cornwall" transition matters. A "One Cornwall" scrutiny sub-group met in Bodmin to put final touch to recommendations on communications and how a clear public message to staff, the public and stakeholders can be conveyed to ensure that the aims and benefits of the reorganisation can be effectively communicated.

Members of the One Cornwall scrutiny committee will help to develop member training in the new authority by assessing the needs and requirements to fulfil the role of unitary councillors. I attended a Penwith DC meeting in Penzance to hear discussions and debate on the proposed council size. Penwith councillors agreed that a recommendation of 123 councillors in the new council would be better than 82. It was subsequently proposed by the IE on the 11th July that a scheme be proposed to the BCE that included a council size of 123. It was directed that officers prepare a detailed response to the BCE consultation setting out the evidence in support of this proposal.

'Community Networks were reported on at the last Scrutiny Meeting held at Kerrier and focused on developing the governance arrangements for the Community Network and how the governance responsibility can be shared with elected members from Cornwall Council and elected members from the town and parish councils. Though the particular committee model is yet to be evolved the primary role of the members and co-opted representatives of selected organisations will be to oversee and approve the delivery of the Local Action Plan (which articulates evidence based local priorities) and its complimentary Local Delivery Plan (which articulates how local service managers and partners will be delivering services in the area to meet these local needs). Though the role is in influencing specific aspects of service delivery in the area, it is not proposed that any specific service budget will be devolved to Community Networks to directly manage. It is important to note that we as a parish will retain control of any funding we may raise in our own right. If we are prepared to take on new devolved responsibilities, after successful business case bids we are assured that "funding will follow function" and we would have sole rights to the administration of any contracts we have set up.

'At their meeting last Thursday Implementation Executive Members passed a recommendation with regards to the NEW COUNCIL LOGO agreeing that the areas that are now the highest priorities for the start of the new council are; main council sites used by the public, customer service staff and library vans. This will be at a cost of approximately £65,000, not the £500,000 reported in the press. Everything else will be branded as and when it needs replacing out of that service's budget.'"

9. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the barrier to be fixed outside the entrance/exit gate in Higher Road had cost £150.00 and would soon be fitted in place. Mats and a new football goal post were needed as per the ROSPA recommendations. The Committee would be asking Breage Parish Council for financial help with these projects.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that the Village Hall would be closed from 11 August for 2 weeks so that the necessary floor work may be carried out. The Village Hall Committee is in desperate need of a Secretary.

10. PLANNING:

a) APPLICATIONS

PA08/01239/F – Mr D Parry - Avoncroft, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

Erection of an agricultural building for housing cattle

Councillors were concerned that the Public Right of Way not be compromised in any way. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported and a footnote added that the Public Right of Way not be compromised in any way.

PA08/01367/F – Mr & Mrs Wheatley – Willavean, Higher Road, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

Installation of a solar panel to front elevation of dwelling

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

b) NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION

PA08/00684/F – Mr S Worley – Primrosa Cottage, Lower Polladras, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall

TR13 9NX

Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling

PA08/00684/F – Mr & Mrs Briggs – 2 The Gap, Fowlfield Row, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9PQ

Erection of an extension and alterations to dwelling

PA08/00903/F – Dr & Mrs Bednarski – Quillet Cottage, Trenwheal, Leedstown, HAYLE, Cornwall

TR27 6BP

Retention of outbuilding as annexed living accommodation to main dwelling

c) CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT

PA08/00225/U – Mr G Anstee and Mr K Rice – Engine House Cottage, Poldown, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NN

For the existing use of land for the stationing of two static caravans for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse known as Engine House Cottage as such

11. FINANCE

a) Accounts for payment

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
46	Viking Direct	102461	Printer/copier/scanner	£163.44	£28.60	£192.04
			Stationery/ink	£82.41	£14.42	£96.83
47	Brewer Business Solutions	102462	Stationery	£26.70	£4.67	£31.37
48	Mrs C L Macleod (Archer Signs)	102463	Fittings for sign Praa Sands	£12.69	£2.22	£14.91
49	Mrs C L Macleod (Tiscali)	102464	Internet	£12.76	£2.23	£14.99
50	Fire Crest	102465	Extinguisher service & rental	£57.20	£10.01	£67.21
51	Bus Shelters Ltd	102466	Bus shelter Praa Sands	£2,580.54	£451.59	£3,032.13
52	BT	dd	Telephone	£53.74	£9.40	£63.14
53	Stephen Babbage	102467	Trim round Basketball Court/fix parking sign/repair 2 benches Praa Green			
			New lock toilet door P Rooms	£278.21		£278.21
			TOTALS	£3,267.69	£523.14	£3,790.83
	Mrs C L Macleod	102468	Salary July			
	PO LtdHMRev&Customs	102469	National Insurance	£28.67		£28.67
	PO LtdHMRev&Customs	102469	PAYE	£52.00		£52.00
	PO Ltd HMRev&Customs	102469	Employer's NI	£33.86		£33.86
				£114.53		£114.53
	Mrs C L Macleod	102470	Travelling 20mils @ 53p per mile	£10.60		£10.60
	Mrs C L Macleod	102471	Petty Cash reimbursement	£25.58	£1.10	£26.68
	R Treloar	102472	Caretaker Honorarium	£25.00		£25.00
			TOTAL Payments	£3,434.40	£524.24	£3,958.64

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

c) Receipts: £42.00 Burial fees

d) Bank balance: £16,988.35 Petty Cash: £73.32 + £26.68 reimbursement.

Councillors were given a full bank reconciliation covering the period 1 April to 31 July 2008, the statement only is printed below.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance brought forward	£17,602.88
Add income to date	£17,168.35
Deduct expenditure to date	£17,682.88
Bank balance + Petty cash	£17,088.35

12. ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had received a written request from 22 Parishioners asking for allotments to be provided in the Parish. The Chairman explained that the Council has a power and a duty to provide such and that he thought it a good idea. There were parcels of land available to buy or rent. The Council should not be concerned at present about how the area would be developed but how to facilitate the obtaining of a piece of land. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that a working group of people, who have interest in this suggested project, be set up, that a meeting be arranged and a report made to the Council.** Cllrs Keeling, Higginson and Rashleigh, together with Mrs Tresidder all volunteered to be included in this group.

Councillors were asked for their comments and most thought that it was a worthwhile project.

Cllr Rashleigh was expressed concern, asking, although 22 Parishioners had signed expressing interest, how many would be willing to run it? With One Cornwall on the horizon she was not sure the Council should take on new responsibilities at this time.

Cllr Nicholls shared some of Cllr Rashleigh's worries but accepted the idea in principle and said that it would need much discussion. It was understood that there is a specific plot of land but that may be sold for development and consequently the allotment suggestion may not be viable within the time scale.

The Meeting was advised that Kerrier have taken over a number of allotments and that money may be available to help but the plan for such a project would need to be quickly provided in order to secure such money.

Cllr Wyvern Batt suggested that the idea should be got moving as soon as possible.

Cllr Keeling said that there were lots of powers to make this possible and **he therefore proposed, Cllr Higginson seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the working group should come back to Council with a report on feasibility and practicality to enable the Council to make a decision.**

13. WEBSITE

The promise of a grant for £500.00 had been received from CRCC to allow the Council to have a website designed and built by John Harrop at w4webdesign.com. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the breagepc.org.uk be used as the domain name for the website and that Mr Harrop be asked to progress with the design and building of the website in conjunction with the Clerk and Cllr Rashleigh.**

14. ASHTON POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Cllr Keeling told the Meeting that he and his wife were devastated by the news of the closure of Ashton Post Office and that he was particularly upset for the people of the area, especially the elderly. He told Councillors that as a Parish Council they must voice something about it. Having said this he left the room.

The Vice-Chairman took the chair. A copy of the letter sent to the Post Office by Germoe Parish Council was read out to the Meeting.

Cllr Nicholls listed the inaccuracies in the paperwork about the closure that had been delivered from the Post Office to Parishioners. He challenged the consultation procedure as being worthless.

Cllr Hesketh-Jones suggested that a letter should be sent from Breage Parish Council. The letter needed to be strong and needed to list the inaccuracies and give statistics.

Cllr Ackland stated that the walk from Ashton to Breage was a death trap for people. Many of the elderly did not drive and did not have the availability of cars as stated in the paperwork. He felt that the closure was a crazy, retrograde step.

Cllr Higginson agreed that a letter should be written and thought that someone from the Councils should attend the meetings that were to be held in Ashton.

Cllr Greenstreet said that an emotional appeal would be no good.

Cllr Rashleigh was concerned that if Ashton Post Office were to remain open then Breage or Praa Sands would be closed.

Cllr Darby was in total agreement with what other Councillors had said and added that there was no pavement to walk on from Ashton to Breage or to return. There is a meeting at Ashton Church on Wednesday 13 August at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Wyvern Batt said that a well-written letter should be sent.

Cllr Pryor agreed that a letter should be sent. He said that there was a walk from Ashton Post Office to Breage Post Office at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 9 August.

County Councillor Robertson was permitted to speak at this point as he had requested earlier in the meeting. He said that the Post Office had been told that Post Offices must close and The Government had set the criteria for doing so. County would be asking for a judicial review. He suggested that support of the request for a judicial review be included in the Parish Council's letter.

District Councillor Jenkin was permitted to tell the meeting about Kerrier's regarding the closures. Kerrier are looking at the data with a view to challenging the figures. They will collate local knowledge and gather evidence. She asked that Parishioners and Councillors contact her or Cllr Greenstreet before the 15 August to pass on any relevant information. Personal stories are welcomed. It is felt that the catchment area is much broader than the stated 3 miles.

Cllr Nicholls added that the distance given from Breage to Ashton was incorrect as the distance for some people is more than 2 miles. The response must be received by the Post Office by 1 September.

Cllr Higginson said that a working group should get together one evening to compose a letter. Cllr Rashleigh added that support should be stated for a judicial review.

Cllrs Ackland, Higginson and Nicholls volunteered for the working group and County Councillor Robinson volunteered to attend the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that a working group consisting of Cllrs Ackland, Higginson and Nicholls should be given devolved power to compose a letter and send it to the Post Office on behalf of Breage Parish Council. A copy should be sent to Kerrier District Council. The Clerk should attend the meeting.

15. FOOTPATHS

a) A meeting had been held on Monday 28 August. Cllr Darby had queried some paths as there is a lack of waymarkers Colin Bayes had been unable to attend but had answered by e-mail that the posts are available but there is no-one to erect them. Cllr Darby said that the Contractor had offered to do this. She was asked what the cost would be and agreed to enquire of the Contractor. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Contractor's offer to erect the waymarkers be noted.** Some gold paths are due to be cut for the second time next week. The date of the next meeting is 26 August.

b) The Ramblers' Association – newsletter and leaflet 'a Guide to public paths for members of parish, town and community councils'. The Rambler's Association have asked that this be a discussion item for Council. The Clerk was asked to photocopy the paperwork and distribute it to Councillors. **It was proposed by Cllr Pryor, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that a discussion item as per the Rambler's Association request be included on the next agenda.**

16. CEMETERY

The reclaiming of the additional land that had been purchased by the Council for burial use was discussed and the Chairman agreed to contact Stuart Michell about this. The Clerk told the meeting that details of the purchase were in the office files. It was wondered if the area could be rented out to farm as it would not be needed for some 20 years or more. Suggestions were made regarding fencing the area. Cllr Hesketh-Jones commented that the area should be included in the Council's Assets Valuation.

Cllr Pryor reported that he had been informed that garden waste was being thrown from the garden of Bungalow number 2 into the Cemetery. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to the owner asking them to desist from this practice.**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the daughter of the home owner regarding dog faeces in the Cemetery and that the daughter had vehemently denied that their dog was responsible.

17. HIGHWAYS

a) Cllr Hesketh-Jones expressed his concern about the speed vehicles are travelling from Trew to Breage and the long length of skid marks there, the longest being 16 paces. It was agreed that the Police could tell the speed of cars by the skid marks. Cllr Hesketh-Jones stated that there are 7 blind bends and 8 unsighted bends. He thought that a 20 m.p.h. Speed Limit should be imposed. County Councillor Robinson was asked by the Chairman about this and he said that it cannot be policed and therefore a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. was not feasible. If a traffic restriction order were in place it would then become enforceable. Cllr Robertson agreed to raise the matter with Paul Wilkinson tomorrow but he doubted that the Police would support it. He wondered if extending the 30 m.p.h. speed limit through Breage village to Carleen would be a possibility. An early morning incident was relayed by one Councillor, that a car had skidded to a halt about 2 inches from his legs. Warnings signs were discussed. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that Councillors' concerns be noted and that the County Councillor investigate for any solutions to the high speed of vehicles on the Trew to Breage Road.**

b) County Councillor Robertson was requested to report that the Cornish Hedge in Pellor Road was in need of strimming.

County Councillor Robertson left the meeting at this point.

18. STREETLIGHTING

Cllr Pryor reported that 14 lights at Praa Sands had been taken over by Cornwall County Council and confirmation, in the form of an e-mail from Mr Hendry, had been received by the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to write to the supplier of electricity giving them details of the takeover.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Cllr Pryor for his work in dealing with the Street Lights.

19. PRAA SANDS/GREEN

- a) The notice at Praa Sands car park is in place.
- b) 2 benches at Praa Green have been repaired by the Handyman and the Clerk had received a thank you from A Parishioner.
- c) The Handyman had cut back the area round the Basketball court but it was felt that the Pampas grass on the path should be dug up and burnt– Surrounding area cut back. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be asked to remove the Pampas grass from round the Basketball area and burn it if necessary.**

- d) A quotation for clearing and reseeded the overgrown area on the Green would be discussed during the closed session.

A letter from Mrs Board listing her concerns and ongoing worries about the Green had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. This was discussed and **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the contents of Mrs Board's letter be noted.** The Chairman told the meeting that repairing the erosion damage is the responsibility of County.

The Clerk had received two reports of an RNLI vehicle- beach buggy travelling across the Green to the beach on Saturday. She telephoned RNLI and was put through to Sea safety. She wastold that the Head Lifeguard for the area would be informed and it should not happen again. There had been a high tide at the time but RNLI agreed that the buggy should not have been used on the Green.

20. ONE CORNWALL

The following report, on the meeting that he and the Clerk had attended, had been prepared by Cllr Hesketh-Jones.

ONE CORNWALL MEETING, HELSTON, 8th JULY 2008

LOCALISM

- ❖ This presentation was by Steven Ford who is both the sub-manager of the Parish Liaison Team at ONE CORNWALL and also is responsible for the cluster of parishes that includes Breage. He (and the other speakers) can come out to visit BPC to discuss queries – and our future role. So far the Parish Team has visited 170 out of the total of 209 parishes – but BPC has not requested a visit.
- ❖ Councillors are urged to read the ONE CORNWALL website for news of what is happening; there is a Monthly Newsletter published on the website which is also circulated to all parish councils.
- ❖ He reported that 170 parishes (70%) had responded to the October Survey & Questionnaire. One statistic obtained was that the Parish Council Clerks on average work for 12 hours per week (BPC 20 hours). The progressive devolution of more services to parishes will require Clerks who can work for longer hours to cope with the additional work. Increases in the precept to cover the cost of the Clerk working longer hours will be accepted.
- ❖ A major interest of both the Parish Liaison Team and the councillors present was how we could get our views over properly to the Implementation Executive; there was strong criticism of (a) the new logo and (b) Cllr Whalley's minority submission to the Boundary Commission for 90 councillors on the new council; this minority submission has badly delayed the final decision by the Boundary Commission on how many seats there should be on the new council, and therefore how wards should be constructed.
- ❖ Whilst technically nothing can be formally agreed yet, in principle the plan is that all parishes should have (or should share with adjoining parishes) a "lengths-man" who will do verge trimming, tree lopping and other local maintenance tasks i.e., a much wider brief than for our current handyman. It is envisaged that the lengths-man would have at least his own van and tools (hedge-trimmers, chain saw, strimmer, warning triangles, etc). Provided a proper business plan is put up to ONE CORNWALL, the costs of this person, including our admin. cost, would be fully funded by ONE CORNWALL. (During question-time, I obtained confirmation that this new post and responsibility would be quite separate from and additional to our footpaths work and contract, which is expected to remain more or less unchanged.) Even if the mechanics for this new way of working are not in place by April 2009, it will definitely follow on at a later date.
- ❖ Training packages are being developed in conjunction with Plymouth University for Councillors, Clerks and Employees. Some of these will involve distance/Internet learning, others will be tutorials.
- ❖ LOCALISM – the relationships between ONE CORNWALL, the Community Network Areas and the Town & Parish Councils are still not clear and are still being debated, but the supposed objective of a Unitary Authority is to bring decision-making closer to the voters.
- ❖ PLANNING – the Government view and target is that in future, 94% of planning decisions should be taken by Officers under delegated powers. This obviously could lead to quicker decisions but it raised great ire amongst the councillors present, particularly when it was revealed that there would just be THREE planning offices for the whole of Cornwall. Just how this can be reconciled with LOCALISM is not yet clear

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- ❖ – unless Town & Parish Councils themselves become involved far more with detailed planning decisions – but this would involve/require a great deal of training in planning law etc and would go against the 94% target. (At this point I raised the matter of the 2009/10 Precept as we have to somehow make provision for numerous unknown variables. The only point that could be clarified was that the precept would have to be submitted to KDC in the normal way, even though the KDC budget website currently makes it clear that the 2008/9 budget is the last one they would set.)

ROB ANDREWS – COMMUNITY NETWORK AREAS

- The previous plan for 16 CNAs has been scrapped and there will now be around 20 or 21 – decision due shortly. CNAs will be closely related to wards, with no ward or parish split between different CNAs, therefore even this process is on hold until we have the answer from the Boundaries Commission on how many seats/wards there will be on ONE CORNWALL council.
- It is expected to take 3 – 4 years for all of the CNAs to become fully functional
- Town & Parish Councils will have some form of representation on the CNAs – details not yet formulated. Private business and bodies such as the Voluntary Services, Police and Fire will also be represented.
- The crucial point now agreed re the CNAs is that they will not be spending or organising bodies; our relationship re the precept will be with ONE CORNWALL and the CNAs will have no input or veto over our Precept .
- The CNAs should better be seen as “enabling” bodies setting out to help Town & Parish Councils to organise their Parish Action Plans; to point them towards sources of funding for projects or towards local partners. CNAs will have a small budget for helping us towards assessing and completing our objectives, and can help on methods of information sharing, IT, and best practice.
- The FIVE PARISHES plan was researched during 2003 and published during 2004. Re-reading it shows that excellent progress has been made on many of the objectives listed, whereas others have seen virtually zero progress. This plan was gently criticised by the Cornwall Rural Development Council (which had provided most of the grant funding) for focussing on day-to-day matters rather than on the strategic picture. There will be a need for a new Plan once the structure of ONE CORNWALL, the CNAs and the Community Hubs becomes clearer, and the CNAs will be able to help on the detailed work as well as to provide or source funding.

MARTIN EDDY – COMMUNITY HUBS

- The former name “One Stop Shops” has now been discarded, so Isaac House in Helston will become the Community Hub for the Helston-based CNA.
 - The objective of hubs is to bring officials closer to the public to allow more face-to face relationships. For example, St Keverne will still be a lengthy 10 mile bus journey from Helston, but it will be closer and more accessible than KDC in Camborne.
- Consideration will also be given to arranging for a mobile HUB service to visit outlying areas such as The Lizard, North Cornwall, Bodmin Moor, or major housing estate, etc.

The figure of 123 seats was said by Cllr Hesketh-Jones to appear reasonable as Durham with a slightly larger population than Cornwall has 126 seats. He remarked that there will only be 3 Planning officers for Cornwall and that 94% of Planning Applications would pass through them.

It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that the Clerk contact Steve Ford on the One Cornwall Parish Team asking for more information regarding pilot programmes for the proposed Lengthsman scheme.

21. REPORT FROM CLERK

The Clerk gave the following report:

- a) Fire Extinguishers have been checked. Fire Alarm tested on 21 July.
- b) A thank you has been received for the bus shelter at Praa Sands.
- c) The Clerk had eventually managed to contact the Valuer that Kerrier uses, regarding obtaining values for Praa Green, the Playing Field and the Cemetery, that should be shown on the Asset register but never have been. There is a minimum charge of £200 + VAT, and the charge would probably be around £400 + Vat. This is not exact as time is charged by the hour. **It was proposed By Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the Clerk obtain valuations for Praa Green, the Cemetery, The Playing Field and Godolphin Green.**
- d) The toilet door lock has been replaced by the Handyman. As stated he has cleared the area round the basketball court, erected the parking sign and repaired the benches. He used some wood that he had from another job and did not charge for it.
- e) The Clerk requested the return of the One Cornwall questionnaires as they should have been returned by 1 August.
- f) The Clerk had written to the Electoral review setting out Council's views on the council size and received a thank you. The views have been noted and were taken into account. A copy of the representations and submissions is available on www.boundarycommittee.org.uk. A copy of the committee's report will be sent detailing its recommendations.

- g) Letters were sent to Hazel Blears MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government re: the St Dennis incinerator and to Marazion surgery expressing Council's support.
- h) Thankyous for the Council's support have been received from Matthew Taylor MP and Marazion surgery.
- i) Mike Bartlett, Audit Commission telephoned and asked for an update on the recovery of the missing money. The Clerk had assured him that the Insurance had paid in full and sent a 3 page letter of explanation and confirmation.
- j) A LMP claim has been submitted.

22. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Keeling reported that the bench next to the bus stop at Breage was covered in vegetation growth as was the one in Pengersick Lane.

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be requested to tidy the areas round the bench next to the bus stop at Breage growth and the bench in Pengersick Lane.

Cllr Hesketh-Jones reported to the meeting that he and the Clerk had attended the final Kerrier Civic Service at St Keverne Church on 13 July and that 19 Mayors and Chairmen and many Councillors had attended. The weather had been glorious and there had been a parade led by a band from the war memorial to the Church. The Clerk had distributed a list of suggested new capital items/expenditure produced by Cllr Hesketh-Jones to Councillors. Cllr Hesketh-Jones said that these would be discussed at a meeting in due course and he urged Councillors to come to the next meeting with any further ideas and suggestions.

He spoke about Praa Green not being on the Asset register and that the Clerk needed to obtain a valuation to ensure that it was.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about the Trew Road sign that had still not been replaced.

She asked about the verge at the entrance to St Breaca Close at there were deep furrows in it caused by Rok's vehicles when building work was carried out. It has never been repaired and she felt that it needed flattening and reseeded. The Chairman said that he would look into this and would ask County Councillor Robertson about it.

Cllr Rashleigh asked if the Clerk had received a response from Cable and Wireless about the manholes outside Willavean, Breage. The Clerk had still been unable to make contact with the relevant people.

Cllr Darby asked if the Clerk would contact Paul Wilkinson again in regard to ownership of Godolphin Green.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

David Alton - Cornwall Motel Reassurance that suggestions in regard to the S106 obligations, contribution and tree preservation are agreed, also covers others issued raised by Breage Parish Council. The Chairman noted receipt of this letter and was pleased that Council's suggestions were agreed.

KDC – Summer Holiday Programme. New Manager of KDC's outreach team, Claire Hardy.

Out there, things to do, places to go.

KDC – Adoption of new provisions of section 20 of the Local Government Act 2003 which amend and update the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to include cosmetic body piercing and semi permanent skin colouring. New by-laws have been adopted. **Copy of each law.**

Our Money Your Dream – Money for groups or projects for age 13-19 year olds. Application form, posters.

Want young people for panel members.

Kerrier Local Development Framework – Area Action Plan for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth, Summary document. Questionnaire enclosed – **reply by 12 September 2008.**

Postwatch – Post Office Closure programme – Cornwall area plan.

KDC – Premises suitable for Polling Stations – forms to complete listing disabled access, disabled toilets, parking, heating, toilets, tables/chairs and kitchen facilities.

CALC – AGM was 29 July . There was to be a question about dates for Annual returns. Some Clerks are not coping with the return having to be in by the middle of May and are asking for the date to be May one year then July next, then June the next.

SLCC – National Conference – Friday 17 October 2.p.m. to Sunday 19 October 2 p.m., Wokefield Park, Reading, Berkshire.

One Cornwall - Newsletter Issue 11.

Additional

Marazion Surgery – Will send an update when available.

Interlink Cornwall – Issue 5.

T. J Bray – 17 August, Harbourhead, Porthleven, Carolaire. If wet in Methodist Chapel. Raffle and proceeds to Choir and Band. Used stamps wanted for Guide Dogs and Old People's Forum.

NALC – A National Conference on Participatory Budgeting, Monday 15 September, 2008, Manchester.

The Chairman

said that this is very important and asked the Clerk to consider attending.

24. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

A granite pillar and inscribed plaque for Breage water pump.
Cemetery Path continuation. Tenders should be obtained for this work.
Street Light repairs.

25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS –Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2 September 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**26. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Pryor and unanimously resolved that 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.

27. CEMETERY FENCE

Prices received for a Cornish hedge, a post and railing fence and a hit and miss fence for the area behind the bungalows in the Cemetery were considered. Payment for this will be met by a donation from Mary Goodyear. After discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that an estimate for a 5ft high 6x1 inch tanalised plank hit and miss fence, clear of the ground fixed to cemented 4x4 inch wooden planks for £1,316 including VAT be accepted.** The Clerk was instructed to arrange for work to start as soon as possible. Cllr Higginson asked if the fence could be constructed vertically. This to be investigated.

28. PRAA SANDS

Cllr Higginson did not vote on this proposal as he has work done by this Contractor. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that the quotation of £400.00 + VAT to clear bracken, ferns and debris, level area, rotivate and reseed with grass seed on the rough area on Praa Green should be accepted.** The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the work to be carried out. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2008

At 7.07 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 Darby asked for an update on the offending materials at the lower end of Frog Lane and was told that the Chairman had e-mailed and asked for it to be removed. He was thanked by Mr Darby.

Mrs Parker complained of a camper van being parked at the top of Higher Road, Breage. It was extremely difficult to see to get round the vehicle. The Chairman suggested WPC Butcher be asked about this.

Mike Hardy from the National Trust spoke about the area of Trewavas Cliff near Rinsey Head, an acquisition by the Trust. CCC Historic Trust has undertaken an archaeological assessment. Two copies of the assessment were left with the Clerk for Councillors to view. There was concern over the deterioration of the mine building. Scaffolding was brought onto the site but work had to stop for 6 to 8 weeks as Choughs were nesting. Work should start again early in October and the chimney work done by the end of February. It is hoped that schools, etc. will visit and Mr Hardy would like Councillors to visit. He will contact the Clerk.

Mr Doeser spoke about the Post Office closure at Ashton and urged people to attend the walk on Saturday 11 August, meet at 10.45 a.m. for an 11 a.m. start and the meeting in Ashton Church on 13 August at 7.30 p.m. Andrew George MP would be in attendance. He gave his phone number: 01736 763876 and his e-mail address: bernie@doeser.org for people wanting more information.

Mrs Tresidder, a member of Breage Allotment Committee, spoke about the request to the Council for allotment space. She described the 22 people who are interested in this project as a 'mixed bunch'. Land needs to be suitable for disabled people's access and the committee would like it to be eco friendly with no ugly sheds. She spoke of the vision of raised beds for school children, compostable toilet, trees, a potting area, a tap, reservoir using solar or perhaps wind power and an organic growing area. She very much hoped that the Council would look into the possibility of a suitable area of land being obtained for allotments.

Public Participation ended at 7.19 p.m.

