

# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt (Chairman)  
Cllr T Ackland  
Cllr A J Best  
Cllr Mrs T Board  
Cllr S Caddick  
Cllr T Coleman  
Cllr Mrs P Darby  
Cllr Mrs A Greenstreet  
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh  
Cllr P Shrimpton

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)  
8 Members of the Public

Cllr Wyvern Batt welcomed everyone and reported that as Cllr Keeling was away on Cornwall Council business she would be chairing the meeting.

### 1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Keeling who was away on Cornwall Council business, Cllr Anthony who was attending a family funeral and the Police.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare personal and prejudicial interest (including details thereof)**

Cllr Mrs T Board's permanent declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000: My beneficial interest in Breage Parish Council owned land registered V.G.621 Praa Green, is that my adjoining property has gate access.

**a) in respect of any items on this agenda**

There were none.

**b) in respect of gifts of a value of more than £25**

There were none.

**c) Members to give consideration as to whether their Register of Interest forms are fully up to date**

Members are asked to note that if they own homes in the Parish, these should be listed on the forms

### 4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7 FEBRUARY 2012

Cllr Board reported that the Minutes of the Public Participation where she had spoken needed amendment to read as follows:

Cllr Board endorsed the Trust Chairman's comments about Pengersick Castle. With regard to the Certificate of Lawfulness. As she had been resident in Praa Sands since 1964 she could confirm that she was fully aware of the Castle being used for the activities since 1980. She could vouch for everything except the jousting. Money had been raised through these activities. She said the Ghost Night she had attended.

Also an amendment was needed on page 15/12, item 19, Bus Shelters, line 3- remove 'at Pengersick Croft' and insert 'at the road entry to Pengersick Estate'.

**It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Board and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2012, with the 2 listed amendments, be signed as a true and correct record.**

### 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

As Cllr Keeling was not present there were no announcements.

## 6. POLICE REPORT

### a) To receive and discuss any police report received and other police matters

The Clerk read out the following report:

'Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your meeting.

'There have been six crimes reported to Police for the month of February. This is the same amount reported at the same time as last year.

'There has been a Burglary and an Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle in Praa Sands. The vehicle has since been recovered.

'There has been a Theft of a fire extinguisher in Rosudgeon and an Attempt to Supply Drugs in Millpool. Both of these are still under investigation.

'There has been a case of Causing Fear of Provocation of Violence in Godolphin where both parties have been given suitable words of advice.

'Finally there has been a case against the Communications Act in Carleen which has been dealt with by way of Restorative Justice.

'Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you see anything suspicious in your Parish.'

Cllr Ackland asked if the Clerk would contact PCSO Sadler to ask whether the final case on the list referred to Facebook.

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Members of the public may raise subjects they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Listeners should note that decisions cannot be made on items not on the agenda.**

Public participation took place here from 7.10 to 7.26 p.m.

## 8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

The Clerk read out the following report:

'I apologise for not being able to be with you tonight but I am travelling back from Sandwell Borough Council in the West Midlands.

'The main excitement during the month was the setting of the council tax for 2012/13 which holds Council Tax at its current band D level of £1,244.41 following the acceptance of the Government "Council Tax Freeze grant for 2012/13". The grant is one-off and will not be repeated next year; therefore resources may be reduced. Nevertheless, most councillors are committed to ensuring that the burden of council tax on Cornish Council Tax payers is as low as possible. To mitigate against this there is a contingency of approximately £7.5 million available that will be released from the Corporate Budget Equalisation Reserve in 2013/14 to fill the gap in funding created by accepting the Council Tax Freeze. There will also be significant changes in local government finances from 2013 onwards and this approach will mean that services will have time to develop savings and service efficiency plans to address both the loss of the Council Tax Freeze Grant and other reductions caused by the changing system.

'Town and Parish Council precepts for 2012/13 total £12,443,509.57 and the increase in the average band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Council's is 8.56% and results in an average band D Council Tax figure of £63.65.

I have not included the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority precept.

'I have now spent the majority of my Cornwall Councillor's Highway Budget based on comments and concerns from the public and include: 2 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) sockets (Ashton and Leedstown) with a solar powered VAS that will be shared between the two villages. More sockets could be installed in other villages with help from parish council funding. Moving the VAS around is a proven method of maximising the effectiveness of these devices. Traffic measures under a Traffic Regulation Order include: double yellow lines in Praa Sands and Leedstown to alleviate the parking congestion issues, and extension of speed limits on Bosence Road in Townshend to take into account the extended residential development. I will bring forward suggestions for implementing the double yellow lines and speed restriction for parish councillors consideration prior to commencement of public consultation. There is a highway survey ongoing for the A394 and it is envisaged that the 40 mph signs will be replaced by 30 mph between Ashton and Breage villages. I have requested a speed monitor to be placed at the western end of Townshend to provide updated speed data. I have passed speed data to a resident of Townshend following a request from the occupier of "Toadhall".

'An informal planning site visit was held at the Engine House, Poldown and was a good opportunity for a fact finding event without the formality of a site panel meeting. Concerns were expressed about the access to and from the development and other design considerations were offered. An amended design may be forthcoming following the visit and parish councillors and members of the public will be able to comment accordingly.

'I continue to offer to broker a meeting between the Pengersick Residents Association and the Pengersick Trust following the recent submission of a Certificate of Lawfulness for activities associated with the Castle. Both the senior planning officer and case officer have offered to be included in any discussions to answer questions of a planning nature.

'There are ongoing negotiations about the Cornwall Motel that are both frustrating and laboriously slow and I recently visited the planning office at Camborne for discussions around the matter. Both planning and enforcement are involved in this issue because whilst enforcement wants a result regarding the condition of the land; planning are insistent about the bat and owl survey that needs to be completed before the buildings are demolished. There is an ongoing dialogue with the absent landlord (a London Company) to secure a solution, to the untidy nature of the site, by way of negotiation

which if unsuccessful formal action can be taken. There are a number of actions that can be taken including serving a notice under S215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to remedy the adverse affect of the Motel on the local area. The drawback with the legal route is the length of time it can take and the recipient has the right to appeal to the Magistrate Court. It is the same with the large signs and unauthorised advertising, the local authority don't have the power to remove these signs and the only formal route is to prosecute. (This is in contrast to the case of small A Frame type signs which can be removed by Highways). Again this can be lengthy and will not always result in the removal of the signs. However, this does not mean that legal action will not be taken; but Cornwall Council would be criticised if we did not try to secure a solution by way of negotiation in the first instance.

'As part of the negotiations I have asked enforcement to consult with the owners to get a local company to remove the many items of furniture and rubbish that are strewn all over the front of the site. The situation is not made any easier due to difficulties getting hold of any representatives of the company.

'The alleged unauthorised stationing of two semi residential caravans, land adjacent to Sunnyvale Farm Higher Kenneggy. The matter has been formally registered IAW the Cornwall Council's prioritisation scheme and the Council will visit in due course. Following the visit the Council will be in a position to determine the appropriate course of action.

'First Bus Routes. There is general dissatisfaction with the way First have removed the bus service to and from Praa Sands, particularly about the 3 hour gap in the schedule for Praa Sands, and I would be strongly in support of a letter being sent by the parish council to First with a copy to Nick Truscott, Network Planner, Passenger Transport Unit, Cornwall Council, Fal Building, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY. Further to this, I am still in discussions with Nick Truscott about a change to the journey which leaves Helston at 0915 to divert via Praa Sands. It is worth mentioning that changes to daytime services are as a consequence of commercial decisions made by the Bus Company and not Cornwall Council. For completeness I include the schedule for both Praa Sands and Perranuthnoe:

**'The buses towards Penzance from the respective villages are**

<b>Praa Sands</b>	<b>0751, 0816, 1128, 1328, 1528 (ssv) or 1552 (sd), 1641 (sd), 1728, 1836</b>
<b>Perranuthnoe</b>	<b>0944, 1039, 1234, 1434, 1634 (ssv), 1809</b>

'There is an additional furore over transport matters following on from the suspension of the West Cornwall Community Wheels and in particular the 6 Parishes Dial-a-Ride service that may be a useful service for those people in our community affected by the loss of services to Praa Sands. Hopefully, this can be resolved soon and the service resumed accordingly.'

## 9. PLANNING

### a) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

**PA11/05232 Amended - Mr & Mrs T Oliver - Lowena, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NQ**

Conversion and extension of barn to form a dwelling

Mr Bott, the agent, attended the meeting and had spoken in public participation and felt that all the Parish Council's previous concerns had been correctly addressed. However, Neighbours had expressed concern both by letter and in public participation at the meeting and Councillors also expressed their concern about parking and the septic tank. It was stated that the septic tank will be only one metre from the dwelling wall that is made of cob and soil that is apparently not substantial. **It was proposed by Cllr Coleman that the application be supported.** There was no seconder for this proposal. Councillors requested any information that could be offered by the Planning officer about the parking problems that have been raised and ask if clear advice could be given as to the correct distance the tank should be from the dwelling. There is a question of Neighbourliness as apart from the septic tank and parking issues The neighbours had felt that access to their property has been intensified as two lots of house owners will now have access whereas it was previously only one. Cllr Caddick spoke about how two byways had historically served the area. The Council felt that the question of Neighbourliness needed to be resolved and **it was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Best and resolved with one vote against and one abstention that that more information, as listed above, be requested from Cornwall Council at that at this stage the application not be supported by the Parish Council.**

### b) **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON 2 MARCH 2012**

**PA12/01987 - Mr & Mrs T Dyke - Chymleas, Forth Vean, Godolphin Cross, HELSTON**

Extension to create workroom and garage, covert existing garage to study and creation of a new vehicular access After discussion and some concern being expressed about the safety of the proposed access road **it was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Coleman and resolved by 8 votes to 2 to support the application.**

### c) **TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE SYSTEM OPERATORS**

**PA12/01000 - Val Hurlstone- Openreach**

Installation of a modular cabinet A394, Opposite Penanvil, Newtown, Germoe, PENZANCE

**It was proposed by Cllr Wyvern Batt, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved to accept the notification of the proposed development.**

**d) TO RECEIVE CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

PA12/00226 – Mr & Mrs P Harris – Grove Cottage, Trescowe, PENZANCE TR20 9RW

Sunroom and bedroom extension

This was noted by Council.

**e) TO RECEIVE S52/S106 & DECISION TO DISCHARGE CONDITION**

PA11/10592 – Mr & Mrs P Megguyesi – An Skyber, Rinsey, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall

Submission of details to discharge Condition 4 in respect of decision notice PA10/05984

This was noted by Council.

f) Cllr Coleman reported that the rubbish had today been cleared away from the front of Ashton Motel.

**10. FINANCE****a) To resolve to approve March payments**

The Clerk advised that the cheque number for invoice 88 should be 103027, for 89, 103030, for 95, 203038 and the three last cheque numbers 103035, 103036, 103037. Cheque number 103034, Councillor Training, was now for £10.00 not £15.00 as Cllr Rashleigh is unable to attend. The invoice for Appliance Alive has now been received and amount of £25.00 has been added to the list of invoices. The statement as shown below is now correct.

Cllr Shrimpton reported that he had checked the payments and the alterations and was happy with them.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
88	Chown China	103027	Jubilee Mugs One cut Cemetery/B&G	<b>£1,102.50</b>	<b>£220.50</b>	<b>£1,323.00</b>
89	R W Beard	103030	greens/field	<b>£180.00</b>		<b>£180.00</b>
90	e-on	dd	Electricity Streetlights January	<b>£234.20</b>	<b>£46.84</b>	<b>£281.04</b>
91	Viking Direct	103032	Inks/stationery	<b>£414.12</b>	<b>£82.82</b>	<b>£496.94</b>
92	BT	dd	Internet	<b>£46.80</b>	<b>£9.36</b>	<b>£56.16</b>
93	Martin Luck Group Ltd	103033	Stationery	<b>£29.50</b>	<b>£5.90</b>	<b>£35.40</b>
94	Cornwall Council	103034	Councillor Training	<b>£10.00</b>		<b>£10.00</b>
95	Appliances Alive	103038	Electricity check Parish Rooms	<b>£25.00</b>		<b>£25.00</b>
				<b>£2,042.12</b>	<b>£365.42</b>	<b>£2,407.54</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103028	Salary February			
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	103029	PAYE	£220.20		£220.20
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)	103029	Employer's NI	£89.74		£89.74
				<b>£309.94</b>		<b>£309.94</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103035	Travel 30 mls@53p	<b>£15.90</b>		<b>£15.90</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	103036	Petty cash reimbursement	<b>£34.78</b>	<b>£0.83</b>	<b>£35.61</b>
	D R Treloar	103037	Caretaker honorarium	<b>£24.00</b>		<b>£24.00</b>
				<b>£2,426.74</b>	<b>£366.25</b>	<b>£2,792.99</b>

**It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the payments as listed above be passed for payment.**

**b) To acknowledge receipts**

Cemetery fees £33; Admin £45.50

These receipts were acknowledged.

**c) Clerk to provide Bank balances**

As at 29 February 2012: Current Account reconciled: £5,052.83; Tracker Account: £17,027.60; Petty cash: £64.39. Total, including Petty cash reimbursement of £35.61: £22,180.43.

**11. HIGHWAYS****12. STREET LIGHTING**

a) A shade has been fitted free of charge to the light that was causing problems for Mr Roberts at Praa Sands

b) List of prices for streetlight repairs in the next 5 years

Concern was expressed over the cost of repairs, being £15,314.21 plus VAT. Cllr Ackland explained that Cornwall Council will not take on some of these lights and others need repair before they can be taken on.

**13. CEMETERY/CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**

**To approve an additional inscription in memory of the late Royston Charles Watts**

**It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that permission for an additional inscription in memory of the late Royston Charles Watts on grave 338, Section 1 Row 18, be granted.**

**14. PRAA SANDS**

Cllr Board reported that it had not yet been possible to arrange a meeting with Cllr Keeling, Colin Bayes and Steve Schotel regarding the erosion problems at Praa Sands as there was at present difficulty in arranging a date to suit all. She also reported that Environment had still not installed a warning sign at the stream. People continued to throw bagged dog faeces on the ground. Cllr Board had remonstrated with someone who had eventually put their bag in the bin. She felt that a dog bin is needed at the western end. Cars are now parking on the slipway past the pub. An emergency vehicle would not get through. They will not use the 'pay and park'. That access needs to be kept clear. The Clerk said that she would contact PCSO Sadler. The rabbit holes on Praa Green are again huge.

**15. OLYMPIC TORCH**

- a) Report on the meeting in Parish Rooms 10 February 2012 at 7.00 p.m.  
The Clerk reported that Cllr Coleman, Rachael from the Ashton Committee, Terry Reed the Breage Band Musical Director and the Clerk had been the only ones who had attended the meeting so it had not been possible to deal with many matters. Cllr Coleman and Rachael will walk Ashton to find suitable places for people to stand to watch the Torch procession. Cllr Coleman has been promised the use of two fields for parking at Ashton.
- b) Tregonning District Guide Commissioner will be bringing Guides/Brownies/Rainbows and they will hold an Olympic event in the School field afterwards.
- c) Cllr Keeling is to contact Godolphin School to see if they wish to attend the event at Ashton.
- d) There is to be a meeting at County Hall on 28 March 2012, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The Clerk needs to know if anyone wishes to attend.
- e) The Clerk had received a message from Mr Treloar who was very disillusioned with Cornwall Council's never-ending list of rules for hanging a few metres of bunting in the villages, so much so that he does not wish to be involved in any meetings. However, he will still help to hang the bunting.

**16. BUS SHELTERS**

The possible location of a new bus shelter in the Parish  
The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs Izatt, Praa Sands, supporting an application for a bus shelter at the entrance to Pengersick Estate. The Clerk read out the letter, which included support in the form of a list of 23 signatures, 13 of which were from Senior Citizens. Cllr board had also provided information, forwarded to Councillors stating that a bus shelter would be available for some 130 properties in that area.  
The Clerk had spoken to a gentleman from Breage who had long hoped for a shelter at the bottom of Shute Hill where many young mums with babies often stand as well as elderly folk.  
**It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that a bus shelter at the entrance to Pengersick lane should be pursued by the Chairman and if later funding becomes available then Shute Hill, Breage should be next in line.**

**17. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

- a) Mugs received – payments of £3.50 each to Clerk.
- b) Breage School provided 20 letters about why they would like a Jubilee mug  
The Clerk read out one of these delightful letters.
- c) **To nominate Cllrs Greenstreet and Wyvern Batt to present mugs at Godolphin School Friday 1 June 2012**  
**It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Greenstreet and Wyvern Batt be elected to present Diamond Jubilee mugs at Godolphin School Friday 1 June 2012 at 9.30 a.m.**
- d) **To nominate Cllr Keeling to present mugs at Breage School Wednesday 30 May 2012**  
Cllr Rashleigh and Shrimpton, who are both Breage residents, expressed interest in attending. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Keeling, Shrimpton and Rashleigh be elected to present Diamond Jubilee mugs at Breage School on Wednesday 30 May 2012 at a time to be agreed with the school.**

**18. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported on the progress of the report and asked the relevant Councillors to supply their reports as soon as they possibly could. The report should be ready for the next meeting.

**19. ALLOTMENTS**

Request from BAG that Breage Parish Council are invoiced for new polytunnel and so reclaim VAT  
**It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Best and unanimously resolved that Breage Parish Council be invoiced for a new polytunnel for Breage Allotment Growers.**

**20. INSURANCE**

- a) **To accept quotation 2011/2012 £1,010.04 – slightly less than previous year**  
**It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously resolved that the Came and Company quotation 2011/2012 for £1,010.04 be accepted.**
- b) **To consider extra cover - Lorega Loss Recovery**  
 This, being for a Claims expert was considered by Council to be unnecessary as CALC can be used by the Parish Council.

**21. FIRST BUS SERVICE CUTS IN PARISH**

To discuss the effect of the reduction in public transport within Breage Parish and possibly write a letter to First Cllr Keeling had included his expression of concern in his Cornwall Councillor's report. Parishioners had also contacted the Parish Council's particularly expressing concern over the three-hour gap between the buses at 0816 and 1128. Cllr Board had sent in copies of the previous and new timetables. It was wondered if the 0915 bus from Helston could be diverted via Praa Sands and the 1128 be deleted. It was realised that a reduction in the service is necessary. After discussion **it was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Greenstreet and unanimously resolved that a letter be written to First with a copy to Nick Truscott, Network Planner Cornwall Council, expressing the Council's concern for Praa Sands' residents in the cutting of the bus service by First.** Comment was made that the new bus shelter may not be needed at Pengersick estate if there are to be no buses.

**22. PARISH ROOMS**

To consider the sale of the Parish Rooms

Cllr Best explained that he was suggesting that the Parish rooms be sold and the money shared between the village /community halls in the Parish in order to enable them to obtain matched funding and to keep the halls thriving. It was felt to perhaps be unfair on the villages that do not have halls. Cllr Rashleigh felt that because of the importance of the Parish Rooms in the historical sense, when it was used as a vestry to give alms to the poor of the Parish, the building should be kept. She could appreciate that the local village halls need help.

It was suggested by Cllr Best that a room could be provided for the Clerk at Carleen Village Hall but Cllr Darby assured him that there is no such room available. Many Councillors felt that the Clerk's presence and work in the Parish Rooms should be valued more than the possible monetary value of the building. It was noted that a secure, lockable room for the personal use of the Clerk would be needed. The room would also need to ensure the best safety of the Clerk as a lone worker. It was asked if the Village Halls could raise money through grants rather than through the sale of the Parish Rooms. Cllr Ackland added that if the rooms were sold the Council would not get them back.

Cllr Board wondered about the fallibility of the Village Halls and whether they would stay open. She said that the Clerk had stability in the Parish Rooms and it had been a condition of her contract that she worked from there.

Cllr Best asked if the Village Halls personnel could be offered a meeting to discuss matters but Council felt that it would be better to write a letter.

**It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that letters be written to Breage and Carleen Village Halls and Praa Sands and District Community Centre asking what was thought about the suggestion that the Parish Rooms be sold and what they could possibly offer the Parish Council by way of secure office space if such a suggestion was ever progressed.**

**23. REPORT FROM CLERK**

- a) The Clerk reported that the ceiling in the main room at the Parish Rooms has suddenly shown water damage at the far end. The Handyman has checked the outside and there are no loose tiles, guttering, etc. There were a couple of holes in the outside plaster work and he has filled these. We now have to await the next rainfall to see if there is still water coming through.
- b) The Pat testing has been carried out very efficiently by Appliance Alive and all electrical equipment has passed and certificates have been received. This is an annual check and will therefore be carried out again in March 2013.
- c) The Clerk has written to all funeral directors and monumental masons giving details of the new Cemetery fees.
- d) The Clerk had received a query from Mrs Beard regarding row 18 in the Cemetery which is now designated as headstones only, no kerbing. Mrs Beard had thought that the area was to be classed as a flat, lawned area so that the grass could be cut by mower rather than strimmer. The Clerk had checked the minutes and there is no mention of this. From minutes, 4 April 2006: *'It was noted that a new row of graves would soon be needed to be started in the graveyard and with this in mind it was proposed by Cllr Higginson and seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt that only headstones would be allowed to be placed. No other stones to enclose the grave area would be allowed.'*  
 The Clerk will write to Mrs Beard to inform of this.
- e) Former Councillor Richard Pryor's mother was buried in the Cemetery today.
- f) Mr Roberts offered to help with a Community Resilience Plan if it is required.
- g) Mr Beard has provided prices for grass cutting 2011/2012. These have been forwarded to Councillors
- h) Mr Wilkins had agreed to carry out the Internal Audit for the Council and the Clerk asked that a resolution be passed to confirm this. It was proposed by Cllr Shrimpton, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Mr W Wilkins carries out the Internal Audit 2011/2012 for Breage Parish Council.

**24. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**Breage Playing Field

Knotweed growing in field again – correspondence from CC

Cllr Keeling had received notification from Adam Chell that the Playing Field should have been treated last Autumn and that it will be treated/monitored again this year. He will keep a close eye on the site. The Playing Field Secretary is not convinced that the knotweed on the Playing Field has been treated. Cllr Caddick told Council that a salt water and soot solution has been experimented with. It does kill off the grass as well as the knotweed but the grass apparently re-grows in 3 months time. It was thought not to be suitable for a children's playground. **It was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the treatment of the knotweed be brought to Cornwall Council's attention again and that a reminder be sent in the Autumn.**

Photo shoot held at Breage for QE II Fields in Trust

A photo shoot had been held on the Playing Field on 29 February. The Lord Lieutenant, Col Edward Bolitho, Cllrs Keeling and Rashleigh, Jane Ratcliffe – (the Playing Field Secretary) and the Clerk had attended. This was to show that the Field has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field. The article will appear in the West Briton on Thursday. A commemoration plaque will be received.

Cllr Caddick spoke in regard to the buses/bus routes asking if Hopper buses might be a better idea.

He also spoke of a garish sign advertising a taxi service on the road from Ashton, near the driveway of a property. He asked if permission was needed from Cornwall council. Cllr Rashleigh explained that if Cornwall Council remove the signs they have to return them to the owners. The meeting was interrupted by a member of the public who said that the sign was his son's and that Cornwall Council had given permission for it. The gentleman was asked not to speak during the meeting.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby spoke of the very successful pantomime and expressed thanks to Tony Ackland who not only had a huge part in the pantomime but also extra responsibility due to sickness.

There will be a Quiz on 17 March.

Cllr Coleman asked about the Olympic bunting and asked whether it could be kept. The Clerk assured him that she had been told that the bunting could indeed be kept and that she had ordered black and gold bunting.

Cllr Best reported that two half moon shapes had appeared in the road at Lower Polladras 100 yards down from the junction. He wondered if it could be a mine shaft.

Cllr Ackland thanked Cllr Darby and all the pantomime team and their spouses and all volunteers and supporters. Without their support there would have been no Pantomime. It was good fun and a good show.

Cllr Board said that she had attended the Pantomime and had thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a great effort and it was good to see the community working together. It was great fun and she said, 'Keep up the good work'.

**25. CORRESPONDENCE**

Helston and Lizard Community Network - Meeting 28 March 2012 at Helston Methodist Hall

Dog Welfare – Re. dogs' waste at Praa Sands

CALC – The Week issue 04

Gilles Couturier – Engine House petition

CALC – Prayers at Council meetings

CC – Olympic Torch

Anna Druce – Olympic Torch newsletter 7

Kim Whaley – PA11/05232

Arthur Roberts – Letter of thanks re. Streetlight shade

Parish online – mapping service

Inter-link – Monthly e-news February

CRCC – Cornwall Memory Cafe Network

SLCC – Minutes branch meeting 21 October 2011

Ordnance Survey - use of digital geographic information

Anna Druce - Olympic Torch newsletter 8

CRCC – Cornwall Core Strategy

Mr Newberry – To CC Re. new bus timetable

CC – Reply to Mr Newberry

CALC – The Week issue 05

rsnonline – newsletter 20 February 2012

David Ramsbottom – Wind turbine petition

CC – Leader message

CC – Localism

Communities and Local Government – Freedom to pray

CALC – Agenda AGM 29 February 2012, County Hall. 7.30 p.m.

Carleen & District neighbourhood Watch – Minutes 7 February 2012

Anna Druce – Torch Relay

CALC – Local Government Finance Bill – business rates

CC – Cornwall Conversations with the Leader of CC Helston 26 March, Helston Community College, 7-9 p.m. Please book with Clerk

CC – Buses at Praa Sands

Chown China – Final print of Jubilee mugs

Rsnonline - Rural Opportunities Bulletin March 2012

Rsn online – newsletter 27 February 2012

Royal Cornwall Hospitals – Public Meeting, Wednesday 14 March 2012, St Clare, 6.30 p.m.

**To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published**

CC – Town and Parish Council Localism newsletter edition 5

CC- Public Convenience Review Update

Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine March 2012

CC – temporary Road Closure Pentreath Lane, Praa Sands 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012

CC – Engineering Design Group no longer issue paper copies of consultations

Carleen and District Neighbourhood Watch – February minutes

Open Spaces – Open Space Spring 2012

rsnonline - newsletter 5 March 2012

Cllr Board spoke about the Engine House petition. She said she could understand the feelings of people wanting to retain the engine house but that it would cost a lot of money. Pengersick Castle was proving this point. Some houses had been tastefully altered for use as dwellings but if this was not to be done grants would need to be obtained.

Re. the Cornwall Council Leader's message, saying that there are some 22,000 people on the Housing Register, Cllr Board asked that a suggestion be made to Alec Robertson that a cheaper alternative to Affordable Housing be considered, i.e.

Mobile Home sites . **It was proposed by Cllr Board, seconded by Cllr Ackland and resolved by 7 votes to 3 that a letter be written to Alec Robertson suggesting the use of mobile homes for the homeless and people on the Housing Register.**

**26. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

There were none

**27. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**ORDINARY MEETING TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the PARISH ROOMS**

This was confirmed.

**There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.**



# **BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE PRECEPT/BUDGET PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.**

At 7.10 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.

Messrs Chris Smith and Stephen Bradley had nothing to share.

Mr Newberry spoke re. Item 21, First Bus Service Cuts in the Parish. He expressed concern that he had previously forwarded to Council, by e-mail, in that bus services were to be so badly cut at Praa Sands that from 0816 to 1128 Monday to Friday there would be no buses to Praa Sands. This three hour gap was causing great concern. He was also concerned because the service alteration had not been publicised and people had been waiting for non-existent buses. On Sundays the service was a little better with a 2-hourly service. Mr Newberry felt that both residents and holidaymakers alike would be badly affected by these cuts.

At this point the Clerk said that there was some news from Nick Truscott, Cornwall Council that she would give out under item 21.

Mr Bott, the agent for Planning application PA11/05232 - Amended said that he felt that the barn was worthy of conversion and this was supported by the case Planning Officer. He felt that concerns raised by the Parish Council after the original application had been addressed and that the character would be enhanced. There would be new vehicular access parking spaces and a private drive of granite chippings over hardcore. The curtilage had been altered at the north-west end and would be hidden by a new fence and the boundary wall. There would be rear access from the private drive to the shed and septic tank. Regarding the neighbours' privacy there would be a south access to parking and the south boundary both within the curtilage of the property.

Ms Whaley spoke on the same application, as a neighbour. She has problems with the amended parking as there would be a reduction in spaces for visitors as one space would be removed and with Lowena losing space it therefore had less parking. If the family had two cars the visitor site would have to be used. She felt there was a need for more parking spaces not less. She felt that neighbourliness was not being addressed with the access past her property as the access had been intensified and now two lots of homes would have access to her property rather than the previous one. Ms Whaley said that the septic tank is very close to the property. She asked the Parish Council for their support.

Mr Beard, also a neighbour, added that the septic tank was only about one metre from the dwelling wall that is made from cob soil, approximately 150mm thick. He expressed concern that the soakaway from the septic tank could push the wall over and take away half the front of the buildings. The septic tank is block built and if for any reason it may need moving in the future there would be an easement into the garden area. If this is taken away, both Lankidden and Lowena would have nowhere for a tank.

Public participation ended at 7.26 p.m.