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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2009**  
**IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE 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 B Nicholls  
Cllr M Phillips  
Cllr Mrs C Rashleigh  
Cllr Mrs R Wyvern Batt

5 Members of the Public  
PC D Vaughan  
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pryor and Hesketh – Jones who were unwell.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2009, THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2009 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2009**

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that, with one amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3 March 2009 be signed as a true and correct record. The amendment being: Page 19/09 item 1, Highways, third paragraph, remove the word 'chippings' replace with 'clippings'. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16 March 2009 be signed as a true and correct record. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23 March 2009 be signed as a true and correct record.**

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked that best wishes be recorded for Cllrs Hesketh-Jones and Pryor.

He reiterated that Andrew Le Boeuf had, sadly, resigned from the Council and that, as Chairman, he would write a letter of thanks to him.

**5. POLICE REPORT**

PC Dave Vaughan introduced himself as the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager, saying that he very much looked forward to working with the Council and gave the following report:

'There will be a new PCSO starting in May, Ceri Sadler, who will be responsible for your Parish, together with Germoe, Wendron, Sithney and Crowan. PCSO John Bell is responsible for Porthleven.

'I would like to make a slight change in the Police report. The report will cover the previous month, then in January I can give you a total number of crimes reported for the previous year. This makes it easier to do the research.

There were 10 crimes reported to Police in March, Criminal damage, Burglary to a shed, 2 Criminal damages to motor vehicles, Theft from a caravan and a Sexual assault - all occurred at Praa Sands; 2 Theft from motor vehicles and an attempted theft from a motor vehicle at Rinsey; and Possession of a class B drug on the A394 at Breage.

'This compares to 6 crimes reported for the same period last year.

'These figures are very disappointing, and I would urge everyone to secure their property and not leave anything on view. There has been an increase in vehicle crime across the area especially at beauty spot car parks, and I hope to place our capture car out over the coming days.'

The Chairman invited questions for PC Vaughan from councillors and the public. Cllr Ackland asked if there had been any success with the capture car. There had not been.  
PC Vaughan was thanked for attending the meeting. He left at this point as he had another meeting to attend.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was held here from 7.08 p.m. to 7.17 p.m.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND FINAL REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Robertson said that it was good to see so many Breage Parish Councillors at the Cornwall Council launch event. The elected 82 County Councillors will remain in office until 8 June 2009.

The application for the St Dennis incinerator had been refused by a vote of 20 against and 1 for. He added that SITA may appeal.

Cllr Robertson had made a Highways tour with Mr Biddick and reported the following had been dealt with in Breage Parish:

Posts had been positioned to help protect Mr Bowen's property from damage by large vehicles.

Part of the Pellor Road hedge had been removed to aid visibility from Pellor Fields' exit.

The flooding at Trew.

Mr Biddick had attended a meeting in Bodmin. 40 of the 387 Highways workforce were to be made redundant.

Cllr Robertson explained that he had decided not to stand for re-election in the Breage, Germoe, Crowan Ward. As he had now lived in Helston for more than two years he felt that he should now stand for election there.

He wished to thank the electors of Breage and the Parish Council, who had worked so well. He added that the Parish will always be special and dear to him.

The Chairman told Councillor Robertson that his work for the Parish was appreciated.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about the Troon Row sign that had first been reported in July 2007 and also the sand pile at Trewithick that is an eyesore and is preventing water drainage. Cllr Robertson said that someone had checked this and was satisfied that there is no problem.

Cllr Ackland asked about the Moffat's Corner problems and Cllr Robertson said that he would contact Mr Biddick about this.

Cllr Ann Greenstreet said that her time as Kerrier Councillor had passed very quickly and that the locks were changed at Kerrier on Monday. She felt for those who would be going into work not knowing if they had a job or not. A disco was held for Councillors. She felt quite sad but hoped that all would work out well.

Cllr Keeling reported that there had been a joint Scrutiny meeting in Liskeard on 20<sup>th</sup>. He had attended an IDA Leadership Academy for Scrutiny Chairs in Bristol at the Royal Marriot on 25<sup>th</sup> March and had enjoyed it. He stressed that this was a place that he had won and that it was not paid for from Council Tax money. People had attended from all over the south-west.

## 8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Breage Playing Field – ROSPA inspection will be held this month. The Clerk had received a letter from the Secretary giving details of repairs etc. that had been carried out after the last inspection.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that the committee were still not happy with the cutting of the grass in the playing field and requested that it be cut shorter. Councillors felt that the work had recently been carried out correctly. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Beard about the committee's request. The AGM will be held on Thursday 30 April at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Rooms.

Carleen Village Hall – Cllr Darby reported that there will be a Carne Cove production on 25 April. Posters will be out soon.

Carleen Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Higginson reported that there had been a meeting that morning. There is to be a public meeting in October. It is hoped to incorporate Ashton, Breage and Sithney villages on a monthly basis and a representative from each village would be sought. Cllr Higginson thought that a current Police report, rather than an earlier one would be more relevant for the Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Allotments – Cllr Phillips reported that he had missed the last meeting as he had been away. Mr Penrose had some land but he required time to look at the legality from his point of view so nothing had yet been done about this. The next meeting is at 7.00 p.m. on 17 April at the Social Club. The Clerk reported that £4,000 had been allocated from former district councillor, Loveday Jenkin's Portfolio Holder's Delegated Funds.

## 9. PLANNING

### a) APPLICATIONS

PA09/00391/F - Mr G Denman - Appletree Cottage Lower Polladras Breage Helston Cornwall TR13 9NX

Erection of a detached double domestic garage

Footpaths, rights of way and access were discussed and everything found to be in order. **It was proposed by Cllr Higginson, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

**10. THF LTD**

A letter had been received from Mr Mann of Breage, as had been stated by him during the Public Participation at the meeting of 3 March 2009. Copies had been circulated to Councillors. The Chairman agreed that there were relevant points in the letter and that it was good of Mr Mann to obtain this information but added that nothing could yet be done as no planning application had been made by THF Ltd. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that Mr Mann's letter be noted and filed and that it may be used later as evidence of local upset over possible housing development in Breage.**

**11. FINANCE**

## a) Audit Commission:

1. Notice of Conclusion of Audit 31 March 2008 received. These accounts must now be made available for inspection.

2. Annual Return 31 March 2009 to be advertised 21 days before audit date of 22 May 2009.

**It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the 2007/2008 accounts be advertised as being available for inspection and that the Audit Commission Annual Return 31 March 2009 be advertised.**

b) Resolution for the cancellation of cheque 102544, £60.00, Mr E Hosking for cleaning Godolphin Bus shelter – cheque lost and for issue of a replacement cheque 102573, £60.00. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that cheque 102544, £60.00, Mr E Hosking for cleaning Godolphin Bus shelter be cancelled as lost and that replacement cheque 102573, £60.00 be authorised.**

c) Resolution for payment for two Councillors, @ £17.50 each, to attend Planning Workshop, Bodmin 18 April 2009. The Clerk reported that both Councillors were now unable to attend and requested that the cheque be cancelled. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that cheque no: 102571, £35.00, be cancelled.**

d) Resolution required for Clerk to receive back pay. Arbitration revised salary award applied from 1 April 2008. £8.635 to £8.661. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the Clerk receive back pay to 1 April 2008 as per the arbitration award, from £8.635 to £8.661 per hour.**

## e) Payments

The payments had been checked by Cllr Nicholls. The Clerk explained that 119 was a direct debit payment and not a cheque payment as shown on the agenda. Therefore cheque number 102571 was now 102570. She apologised that three April payments had not printed at the base of the payments and said that she would include them on the May agenda.

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
To 31 March 2009						
114	Southern Electric C	102566	Routine maintenance Street lights	£453.03	£67.95	£520.98
115	P O Ltd SW Water	102567	Water Parish Rooms	£8.86		£8.86
116	P O Ltd SW Water	102568	Water cemetery	£8.86		£8.86
117	EDF Energy	dd	Adjustment to quarterly bills	£26.59	£4.66	£31.25
118	Stephen Babbage	102569	Wall work Parish Rooms	£264.08		£264.08
119	EDF Energy	dd	Electricity Parish Rooms	£416.76	£62.51	£479.27
120	Audit Commission Cornwall & Devon Media Ltd	102570	Audit Fee 2007/2008	£285.00	£42.75	£327.75
121	Ltd	102572	Advertisement Tender Grass	£75.60	£11.34	£86.94
104	Cancellation EH Hosking	102544	Lost cheque	-£60.00		-£60.00
122	Mr E H Hosking	102573	Replacement cheque	£60.00		£60.00
123	CPRE Cornwall	102571	Cancelled			
				<b>£1,538.78</b>	<b>£189.21</b>	<b>£1,727.99</b>
	Mrs C L Macleod	102564	Clerk's Salary March			
	PO Ltd HMRC	102565	National Insurance	£61.93		£61.93
	PO Ltd HMRC	102565	PAYE	£102.60		£102.60
	PO Ltd HMRC	102565	Employer's NI	£72.07		£72.07
				<b>£236.60</b>		<b>£236.60</b>
	PO Ltd HMRC	102574	Additional N Insurance back pay	£3.68		£3.68
	PO Ltd HMRC	102574	Additional PAYE back pay	£6.80		£6.80
	PO Ltd HMRC	102574	Additional Employer's NI back pay	£4.28		£4.28
				<b>£14.76</b>		<b>£14.76</b>

			28/09		
Mrs C L Macleod	102575	Travel 55.5ml @ 53p	£29.42		£29.42
		Parking	£1.40		£1.40
			<b>£30.82</b>		<b>£30.82</b>
Mrs C L Macleod	102576	Petty Cash reimbursement	<b>£66.28</b>	<b>£3.67</b>	<b>£69.95</b>
R Treloar	102577	Caretaker Honorarium	<b>£25.00</b>		<b>£25.00</b>
Mrs C L Macleod	102578	Salary award backpay April 2008	<b>£16.69</b>		<b>£16.69</b>
Carleen Computer Group	102579	Transfer of Grant from CCC	<b>£335.00</b>		<b>£335.00</b>
			<b>£2,263.93</b>	<b>£192.88</b>	<b>£2,456.81</b>

**It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the accounts as listed above be passed for payment.**

f) Receipts: Burial fees £290.00, Monument fees £62; VAT repayment £1,542.81; LMP payment £560.04; £880.00 Cemetery donation; CCC grant for Carleen Computer Group £335.00 transferred. The Clerk had been asked to bank a £335 grant from the County Council for Carleen Computer Group. This had been done and had been paid to the Computer Group on 31 March 2009. Cheque number 102579.

g) Bank balances: Current: £3,699.68 – reconciled figure at 31 March 2009 £3274.16; Tracker: £19,475.08; Petty cash £30.05.

## 12. FOOTPATHS

- a) CCC – Wildlife and Countryside Act - Addition of Bridleway from A394 to Higher Lane Ashton – Confirmed Objections to be made within 42 days. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Cornwall County Council letter re: –Wildlife and Countryside Act Addition of Bridleway from A394 to Higher Lane Ashton be noted and a minute made that no objections have been voiced.**
- b) Knotweed – The Clerk had received communication from Mr Chell confirming that treatment using herbicide spray is carried out in the late summer- September/October, that he sprayed footpath 41 himself last year and footpath 46 is on the programme and will be treated again next year. Mr Chell will contact the Clerk when the contractor confirms that treatment has taken place.

## 13. CEMETERY

- a) Memorial request 1 – for Bessie Eustace and Joseph Edwin Polglase, Section 1 Row 17, Grave 329
- b) Memorial request 2 –for Ben and Frances James, Section 1, Row 15, Grave 280  
After discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the memorial requests as listed above be permitted.**
- c) The Clerk stated that the list of fees for the Cemetery needs to be reviewed.

## 14. HIGHWAYS

- a) To investigate the possibility of a footpath on A394 Ashton to Breage  
Cllr Nicholls had not thought that there was room for a footpath from Ashton to Breage, but having seen the one being installed at Rosudgeon had made him realise that it is indeed a possibility. Councillors agreed that a footpath is needed, especially since the Post Office at Ashton had closed causing more people to have to walk from Ashton to Breage on a very dangerous road. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that a letter be written to Cornwall Council, inviting them to investigate the possibility of the provision of a footpath and asking them to give reasons if they consider it not to be possible.**
- b) Stones piled in field between Ashton and Breage  
Huge piles of stone have been moved from Mr Oliver’s Farm to a field off the A394 between Ashton and Breage. The Clerk and Councillors had received complaints from members of the public. The Chairman reported that Mr Blackshaw knew about this and that he had been told that the stones were to be used to rebuild the hedge adjoining the field and the A394. Planning permission would be needed for this. If the stone has just been transported and left there a tipping licence would have been required. The stones had been reported as being an eyesore. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to:**
  1. Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement Section,
  2. Cornwall County Mineral, Waste and Environment Section and
  3. The Environment Agency,**expressing the Council’s concern over the appearance of the stones deposited in the field off the A394 between Ashton and Breage and stating the Council’s objection to this kind of activity in a sensitive rural area**

## 15. STREETLIGHTING

There was nothing to report

**16. PRAA SANDS/GREEN**

- a) Tarmac path progress – The Clerk was asked to ensure that Mr Beard cuts back the footpath in preparation for the tarmac surface. Ross Theobald had made contact with the Clerk and she had asked Mr Theobald to contact the Chairman.
- b) Benches S106 agreement  
The Clerk reported that she had not ordered the benches that had been agreed at the previous ordinary meeting as she had since discovered that the benches were not wholly of cast iron construction, but had wooden slatted seats. After consideration, Council agreed these benches would not be suitable. The Clerk had already spoken with the Chairman about this matter and he referred Council to one of the Contractor's who had tendered for the grass cutting contract. Mr Peter Oates constructs and fixes granite benches with no backs. Council discussed the practicability and cost these benches and it was agreed that these would be suited to Praa Sands as people could use them to look out to sea or to watch their children on the Green.  
As per Standing Order 36, paragraph a) **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that a rescission of the following resolution made on 3 March 2009, - 'It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that 2 Lion benches be ordered from the Cast Iron Company and these should be fitted by the Handyman by being bolted on to concrete plinths, made by him.' - be made, on the grounds of the report that the said benches were not in fact suited to purpose. It was further proposed by Cllr Ackland and seconded by Cllr Greenstreet that the relevant part of the s106 donation regarding benches be used to purchase granite benches from Mr Oates of Arvensis and that the Chairman and Clerk should make arrangement for this purchase.**
- c) The Clerk reported that Mr Beard's son is filling in the rabbit holes on the green as time allows.

**17. TREWELL GREEN**

The history of the build-up of garden and concrete waste that has been left on Trewell Green was recalled by the Chairman. The fly tipping incidents had been reported and Kerrier had sent someone to photograph the site but there had been no report issued to Breage Parish Council. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Cornwall Council Environmental Sustainability and Protection Section requesting that action be taken regarding the rubbish that had been dumped at Trewell Green. Cllr Higginson felt that it may be better for the Parish Council to deal with the matter. **Cllr Higginson proposed that Breage Parish Council arrange for the waste on Trewell Green to be removed.** Other Councillors still felt that Cornwall Council should be given opportunity to act. The Chairman asked if there was a seconder for the proposal. There was no seconder and the proposal was lost. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Cornwall Council Environmental Sustainability and Protection Section requesting that action be taken regarding the rubbish that had been dumped at Trewell Green asking for a response as to when action would be taken.**

**18. BREAGE ALLOTMENT GROUP (BAG)**

The Clerk had received a request from Kerrier Council to bank the £4,000 grant awarded by Cllr Jenkin from her delegated funds budget, to Breage Allotment Group. She had reported this to the Chairman. The money is to be ring-fenced for the Breage area to set up allotments. Council were happy for the Clerk to bank this grant once it has been received.

**19. GODOLPHIN BUS SHELTER**

The Clerk reported that graffiti inside Godolphin bus shelter needed to be covered. Mr Laity had agreed to do the work for £25. **It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously agreed that Mr Laity be asked to paint the inside of Godolphin bus shelter for the cost of £25.**

**20. PARISH ROOMS**

Cllr Nicholls had asked for this item to be put on the agenda as several Councillors were not happy with the new room set up as no area had been provided for their paperwork. The Clerk had circulated some notes that Cllr Nicholls had provided. The matter was discussed and Cllr Nicholls expressed his wish to make the proposal he had listed on the notes. **Cllr Nicholls proposed that a) Council adopt a circular or hollow-square pattern of seating for council meetings, b) a top table be provided for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk and c) a minimum amount necessary, (in the current economic climate), is spent on additional equipment.** However, Cllr Higginson felt that any proposal should consider the line pattern of seating as well as the circular pattern listed in the proposal. **Cllr Higginson proposed the amendment that the line pattern of seating with staggered chairs be considered for council meetings.** There was no seconder for this proposal and the amendment was therefore lost. **The original proposal by Cllr Nicholls that a) Council adopt a circular or hollow-square pattern of seating for council meetings, b) a top table be provided for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk and c) a minimum amount necessary, (in the current economic climate), is spent on additional equipment was put forward, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved with one abstention.**

The second part of Cllr Nicholls' notes were then considered, looking at trestle tables or individual tables. It was also suggested that a valuation be obtained from David Lay for the large wooden table and the three Church pews in the Parish Rooms. If Councillors agree to the sale, sufficient may be raised to fund any new purchases. The Chairman said that he would speak to the Vice-Chairman about this. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and resolved by 7 votes for and three against that the selling of the Parish Rooms table and pews be investigated and the possible proceeds be considered for purchasing new equipment.**

## 21. CASUAL VACANCY – BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the notice of vacancy for the office of councillor, vacated by Andrew Le Boeuf, be advertised after 16 April 2009 so as not to clash with Cornwall Council elections

## 22. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk reported that she had made a start on the Risk Assessment review but that she had not yet completed it. She said that any assistance would be appreciated.

## 23. CALC AGM/CONFERENCE

### REPORT ON CALC AGM AT BODMIN, 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008

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

#### MARTIN EDDY

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

#### CARL HEARN

- ❖ Before he started his PowerPoint presentation he focussed on Planning as this had raised so much frustration in Martin Eddy's Q & A session. In Cornwall there are 12,000 planning applications every year – some small, others huge. There is a proposal that the list of all applications would only be published in the Western Morning News – not in any local papers. This too raised great anger from the floor. There will be further discussions at the Implementation Executive meeting on this contentious matter. He pointed out that the law and the rules governing planning are so complex that it was totally unlikely that full planning control would ever be devolved to Town & Parish Councils.
- ❖ His screen on WORKING TOGETHER listed the Implementation Executive; the Constituent Councils; the PDT; Work-streams; and Leads. Incredibly, no mention of Town & Parish Councils!

❖ On the matter of CNAs he referred to a “Joint Committee having voting rights on resource-based decision” yet all of the previous info on CNAs (and also the current ONE CORNWALL website) states that CNAs will not be major fund-holders. His CNA screen also mentioned “Partnerships” but from the way he explained this aspect it became clear that he was really talking about more and more delegation to officers – and not just on planning.

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

The Chairman worked through and spoke on the report previously produced by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, covering many issues. Councillors discussed some of the matters, particularly Planning and the matter of the structure being under ‘one roof’.

**Cllr Keeling proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hesketh-Jones for all the work he had carried out in attending the meeting and producing such a formative report, this was seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved.**

#### 24. QUALITY COUNCIL

The Chairman was loath to hold further discussion on Quality Council without the presence of Cllr Hesketh-Jones and the item was therefore deferred until Cllr Hesketh-Jones is well enough to return to Council.

#### 25. CONSULTATION ON TAXI PROVISION FOR CORNWALL

The Chairman gave a brief explanation of the consultation on taxi provision in Cornwall and worked through and answered each question, the Chairman recording the answers. Advantage could be seen in abolishing zones but there was slight worry that an ice cream wars situation may arise. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that the completed taxi provision consultation questionnaire be returned to Carrick by the Clerk.**

County Councillor Robertson left at this point.

#### 26. WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that the additional page on the Council’s website for listing the Council’s strategies and policies would cost £60 and that she had asked for this to be actioned.

#### 27. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a. Mr Beard has signed the contract for grass cutting. The Clerk asked that if members wished to meet with him they would let her know when so that it could be arranged.
- b. The Clerk had received quotes from 2 electricians for the rewiring and she will put this on the next agenda.
- c. She had written to Bob Sanders regarding his contract for footpaths and asked him to supply a quote for the work and dates when he is able to meet with the Chairman and Clerk to sign his contract.
- d. The Clerk has not contacted Royal Mail about Cllr Higginson’s query. The Chairman had provided some contact details but these appear to be telephone and website for complaints and there are no addresses or e-mail addresses. Cllr Higginson asked that this matter not be pursued and that the comments just be noted.
- e. The Clerk has contacted Cornwall Records Office about retention of records and they have given her a helpful list of what should be kept and what disposed of. They will take the old minute books that the Clerk recently unearthed and store them at the Records Office if Council wishes. The internal auditor said that the Clerk should get the old records ‘weeded’ so time is needed for this. Some Councillors were unsure as to whether the minute books should be lodged with the Records Office. Cllr Phillips explained that the Church had housed records with the office and that they were kept at the correct temperature, a list was provided and they could be accessed and recalled when required. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that items that the Records Office staff were willing to house should be forwarded to them.**
- f. The Clerk had written accepting the LMP grant.
- g. Letters have been sent to those whose tenders were unsuccessful.
- h. Mr Stephens THF Ltd was written to on 12 March but there has been no reply.
- i. The Clerk reported a problem with BT Broadband in that they keep charging for a router that was supposed to be free. She has e-mailed them several times and phoned but cannot get a definite reply. They have threatened to cut off the Broadband connect if I do not pay but the last person I spoke to said that there is a note not to do this as they are looking into it.

- j. Cllr Hesketh-Jones has advised that another Bank Account be considered as the interest rate has dropped so dramatically but they all seem to be much the same at the moment The Clerk has spoken to someone at CAF who are offering a good rate but as the Council is not a Charity or exempt from Income Tax an account may not be held there. It was agreed to note Cllr Hesketh-Jones' comment.

## 28. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Darby expressed concern over the Knotweed on footpath 46 and asked that the Clerk ask Mr Chell if the path would be treated this year as his e-mail appeared to suggest that it would be treated the following year. The Knotweed here is 7 ft high and being by a stream is apparently the quickest way for spread to be encouraged. Cllr Keeling spoke about Praa Sands: the proposed beach clean, the fact that Praa Green itself needed a trim and that the triangle and entrance at Sandways Lodge are in poor condition. There are no bins on the beach. He said that he would contact Tom Marks about this. He also spoke about the state of the Motel at Ashton and had already contacted Enforcement about an untidy land notice. He felt that the owners needed to be made aware and asked the Clerk to obtain Bronzemill's address.

Cllr Rashleigh was very pleased that the Pellor Road hedge had been lowered. She complained that the Memorial Cemetery hedge was full of long brambles. The Clerk explained that this was a closed Churchyard and that Cornwall Council would now be responsible for that. She explained that many times County had been contacted in the past by the Parish Council but the Council had often not received replies to questions raised. She asked, now that there is a new Council, if Mr Lavery could be contacted and asked if letters could be replied to. **It was proposed by Cllr Rashleigh, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Lavery regarding replies to the Parish Council's letters asking if letters might be automatically acknowledged and if no help can be given, an explanation as to why provided. If assistance is available, could the Parish Council be informed of when the problem is likely to be dealt with?** This should ensure that the Clerk does not have to make continuous enquiries into the matters.

Cllr Darby will arrange a footpath meeting and invite Bob Sanders and Colin Bayes.

Cllr Phillips had been asked by Parishioners why dog bins had been removed. The Clerk explained that the ordinary litter bins may now be used for this purpose.

## 29. CORRESPONDENCE

Clean Cornwall – Clean Cornwall Weeks 18-26 April, 19-27 September

Modification Order 2007 – Confirmed

Six Parishes Dial-a-Ride. Councillors were supportive of this system.

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Meeting

Campaign to Protect Rural England – Planning Workshop, Saturday 18 April, 10.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. Lakeview Country Club, Lanivet, Bodmin "Understanding your involvement in the Planning System"

CPRE – Cornwall Best Kept Village Competition – entry by 12 May 2009

The Cinnamon Trust – The Trust needs help with dog walking for an elderly owner living in the area and with assistance for a blind lady at Greatworks with ear drops and general health checks for her cat. Council agreed that poster could be displayed.

CCC- Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy – Rights of Way improvement Plan. 7 positions on the Access Forum

Dogs Trust – Poster permission to display. Council agreed that poster could be displayed.

Four Lanes District Projects Group – Thanks for past support – Various Appeals

Carleen Community Church Care Centre – A thank you for the s137 donation had been received from Treasurer Dr K Whittle, saying that this would be spent on raised comfortable chairs for the Centre.

Truro Hospital Radio – grant appeal

Open Spaces Society – Spring magazine

SLCC – Regional Conference -13 May 2009 10.00 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. The Holiday Inn, Plymouth

KDC – Easter Holiday Activities

## 30. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The possibility of a picture gallery of old photographs on the walls in the Parish Room.

## 31. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 5 MAY 2009 at 7.00 p.m. to be followed by the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman asked that the Annual Parish Meeting be set for 6.00 p.m. After discussion it was agreed that the time for the meeting should be 6.30 p.m.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.**



# BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2009 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

At 7.08 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 thanked the Chairman for his visiting Trewell Green. He expressed ongoing concern about the desecration of the area. He very much looked forward to something being done about this matter.

The Chairman had granted Mrs Board a little extra time to enable her to deliver of the following:

'Thank you to, the now ex, District Councillors, Mr J Keeling and Mrs A Greenstreet for their hard work and endeavours to get the best deals for the community during the last year's particularly stressful preparation for smooth transition of Kerrier District Council business to County Council.

'The roots of the District Council are in 1894, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the Helston Rural District Council held at the Board Room of the Union, (the Workhouse), Meneage Street, Helston. 31 members attended. Page 4 of the minutes book records that Breage Parish Council wrote 3 letters asking the District Council to repair the various water shuts, pumps in the Parish. It was decided that Breage Parish Council should be called upon to carry out the work. In 1893 the Local Government Board had issued an order conferring Urban Powers on this District Council – a code of byelaws being drawn up for its approval. Planning was already in force.

'Pengersick Lane Drains below Castle Drive to Praa Green: The covers were cleared last week and the soil pressed against the walls. The soil on the ground, that I have pressed for the removal of over the years, remains in place. Thus, Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> – the rain swept the water down the road, the usual way, and the road detritus covered the drain by the Green.

'The Basketball area, Praa Sands: A large plastic Tesco carrier bag found

on the ground became a receptacle for the rubbish that I picked up going round the court this morning. I filled the bag and placed it in the litter bin.

'The car parking sign on the chain has two notices stuck over it and I am unable to remove them. 1. 'Nikita' covers Parking and 2., at the bottom, 'Free Riders. Falmouth Cornwall Surf Shop'.

'There are still plenty of rabbit holes to be filled on the Green.

'At the bottom of the Green, down the main steps, the cliff is wet and slippery and there is quite a drop to the beach. This makes it difficult for the infirm and children to get down onto the beach.

'Regarding the minutes for 3 March, page 18/09, first paragraph, re: Wingletang, Trewartha Road is adopted, **not** unadopted.'

The Chairman suggested that the ferreter be spoken to regarding the rabbits on Praa Green. The Clerk advised that the ferreter had already stated that he will not work while baby rabbits are being born.

Mr Richards spoke about his belief that there should be a reduction in the speed limit on the A394 Ashton to Breage. The Police are unable to carry out speed checks here as there is nowhere to park and it seems unlikely that the speed limit will be altered. Mr Richard also expressed concern over the pile of stones that had appeared in the field off the A394 between Ashton and Breage.

Public participation ended at 7.17 p.m.