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**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE AT 7.00 pm ON TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 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

4 Members of the public  
Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Le Boeuf and Phillips who were taking holidays.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr Keeling asked the Clerk to make his usual declaration for item 9, 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 13, Ashton Post Office Closure. All members declared personal and prejudicial interests in Item 9, Planning, PA08/01546/F and PA08/01542/F as Mr Higginson is a fellow Councillor. Cllr Higginson declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9, Planning, PA08/01595/F and PA08/01670/FD as it is a similar business to his own.

## 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 Pryor proposed, Cllr Ackland seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2008 be signed as true and correct record. Cllr Keeling proposed, Cllr Higginson seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16 September 2008, with one amendment, be signed as a true and correct record. The amendment was Page 78/08, item 2, Declaration of Interests, last line – change name Hosking to Mead.

## 4. POLICE REPORT

As no police officer had yet arrived, this item was deferred.

## 5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was taken here from 7.05 to 7.12 p.m.

## 7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Robertson gave the following report:

### TOPICS

'One Cornwall – With only six months to go before the closure of Cornwall's District Councils, there is still, sadly no certainty on the make up of the new Unitary Authority or the timing of next year's County Council elections. It is hoped and expected that DCLG ( the Department for Communities and Local Government), will come to a final decision on these crucial matters in the very near future.

'Post Office Closures – Following on from Post Office Ltd's disappointing, but predictable response to the last round of 'consultation' on closures, the County Council's efforts to obtain a judicial review have, regrettably, been unsuccessful. I am now one of a small working group, set up by the Community Scrutiny Committee, to suggest possible measures to mitigate the resulting damage to our rural communities. I would welcome any thoughts Parishioners and Councillors may have.

St Dennis Incinerator Planning Application – The Planning Committee has been heavily occupied with this important matter throughout September. Members visited a similar plant, operated by Sita, in Teeside and held a large public meeting in St Dennis that was attended by around 2000 local residents.

Members' Community Grants Scheme – I have so far not received any bids from Breage Parish. Posters will be sent to village halls within my Electoral Division and I would be grateful if Councillors would advertise details in the meeting minutes'.

The Member Community Grant Scheme began at the end of July 2008. County Councillor Robertson has been allocated a fund of £3,000 to provide financial support to projects that benefit the local community.

An application form has to be completed that must explain clearly the purpose of the application and why funding is required. Applications must demonstrate a contribution to one or more of the County Council's vision and aims:

Improving individual development and wellbeing

Fostering the success of all our communities

Enhancing the living environment

Promoting Cornwall to the world

Grants will range from a minimum of £100 to a maximum of £1,000 and must not amount to more than 75% of the total project costs.

The scheme started on 30 July 2008 and ends on 28 February 2009.

Parish Councils can claim but for specific projects. There is a list of other organisations that may claim i.e. Scouts, Guides, Church groups, CAB, Halls, Age Concern, British Legion, PTA, Nursery Groups, etc.

The Chairman asked Councillors if there were any questions for Cllr Robertson.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about the pile of builder's sand, etc. in Trewithick Road that has been there a long time.

Cllr Robertson advised that the Builder had been approached and had said that it would be removed.

Cllr Rashleigh asked about the Troon Row road sign that had been knocked down by Cormac. The Chairman said that he would look into this as a Kerrier Councillor.

Cllr Hesketh-Jones asked about speed limits on the A394. Cllr Robertson there was a National moratorium looking to standardise such limits, but results from this would take at least another year. It is a Police matter.

Cllr Higginson asked about broken Street signs that had been reported, 3 years ago and frequently since, but nothing had been done. The Chairman will look into this.

District Councillor Greenstreet gave the following report:

'The Council is still awaiting the decision on the numbers that we all know well by now, whether to be 82 or 123. It seems that 82 will be the number worked to in the first place.

There have been meetings regarding the closure of Post Offices and Kerrier have managed to save one at Close Hill, Redruth. The Ashton one was lost sadly and will be open only for four weeks from 23 September. I have attended meetings regarding the survival of Helston Museum, the only museum in Cornwall run by local authority. The Committee have been assured that it will be business as usual for the first year of the new Authority. It is hoped to put in place free admission for everyone. One Cornwall says it is aware of the importance of the museum and it will come under the heading of 'Historic Collections Service' in that new Authority. There will be a total handover so no loss of jobs is envisaged.

'There have been meetings regarding the development of the Helston Market Place to hold a small visitor centre, shops and offices. From 2009, Tourism Services will remain the same, under the auspices of Cornwall Development Company. A planning application will be submitted during this month.

'John Healey visited Cornwall and said that he could not commit to funding for the Cornish Language project. A Business Case would have to be presented.

'Free swimming for the over 60s will; be in place during 2009.

'Lots of activities from the Rural Services Network, reporting that rural areas are suffering in many ways, whilst urban areas flourish. Superfast Broadband is needed for these areas, (among other things), but this is costly.

'I have attended a Council Meeting on 3 September when Elections, Boundaries and numbers were given a great deal of attention. A further meeting will be held on 8 October. I have also attended 3 homeless review panels, 2 Old People's Forums and 2 Committee meetings with a further Forum and a Committee meetings next week.

Recycling has been big news too, with sacks for cans and plastic bottles, starting 22 September.

A Chief Executive has been announced for One Cornwall – Mr Kevin Lavery.'

Cllr Greenstreet asked about Godolphin Cemetery gate, as she had missed the last meeting and had read about it in the minutes, and was advised by the Chairman to talk to Cllr Phillips.

District Councillor Keeling gave the following report:

Numerous meeting and visits connected with One Cornwall/LGR.

An interesting visit to a Herefordshire unitary authority a couple of weeks ago was undertaken by members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee. They had been following the progress of Cornwall with interest and though they are 10 years down the road now the issue of LGR is very much alive. They were keen to point out some of the good points of being a unitary authority, particularly better resourced and staffed enforcement service and well development arrangements with town and parish councils in terms of service delivery. The lengthman's scheme was in use in Herefordshire and was considered a boon to the rural parishes in particular. Advice was given about the budget setting process and the importance of keeping staff member informed of developments.

\* *Definition of a lengthman as per "Wikipedia":-*

**Lengthman** is a term used mainly in [English National Parks](#) and originally used in the [Peak District National Park](#). It refers to a person who keeps a "length" of road neat and tidy. This person was responsible for a few miles

(3-6) of road. Employed by the local Parish Council, his job was to keep the grass and weeds cut down at the edge of the road and the drainage ditch clear. Litter would have been collected and wild flowers tended to.

More recently, lengthmen are allocated to specific villages. Their tasks now are to tend to areas of the central "common" parts of the village e.g. village greens, drainage into fields, public areas.

A meeting with the Chairman of the CCC to tighten up procedural issues to do with the OCJSC.

A discussion about diversity and equality with the One Cornwall Lead Officer to ensure that this important part of our work forms a thread running through every aspect of council work and at every tier of local government. I set up a member development group whose aim is to provide a broad outline of member training requirement and particularly induction training for the new members of the One Cornwall Council. To give the training status and meaning, there is a commitment to sign up to the SW Member Development Charter which provides a structured approach to both councillor development and building elected member capacity. Parish and Town councillors should also benefit from this initiative.

I had a meaningful meeting last week with officers from the IDea and Centre for Public Scrutiny, plus several other key officers about how the Scrutiny function should work in the new council. Scrutiny can be a very powerful tool in local government and is essential for good governance. Scrutiny should be the lynchpin of the new political arrangement and if scrutiny doesn't work in the new council, it will pose a significant threat to the success of democratic renewal.

I met with the One Cornwall Finance sub-group and they discussed and debated some far reaching issues such as: asset management and possible transfer to community groups plus the standardisation of rate relief, housing benefit, etc across the county. Nevertheless, I remain concerned at present about the overall financial management process leading up to the legal requirement of setting a "Balanced Budget" by March and the subsequent requirement to set the council tax.

I also met with the Governance and Service Design Strategic Sub-Groups and observed issues surrounding planning governance and though my overall thought was that the groups should be adopting an overarching view of governance arrangements, I nevertheless had some input into the planning delegation arrangements and my views on public participation at planning committees and site inspections were taken verbatim and included within the recommendations.

In addition, I had an opportunity to comment on the political management arrangements and in particular overview and scrutiny and policy development. I will be bringing a full report and recommendation back to the governance sub-group on the implementation of overview and scrutiny in the new authority and will be emphasizing the importance of scrutiny in policy development and establishing a clear and substantive role for non-executives in both policy review and policy development. There is probably no real separation between development and review of policy, if scrutiny committees review policy, then they will necessarily make suggestions for its development.

I strongly oppose any delays to the May or June elections next year, it is not for elected members to determine when the best time for the electorate to go to polls. If on vesting day (1 April 2009) the new council is not ready to hit the ground running, then that gives a clear indication that the transitional process to a unitary authority lacked sufficient focus and the necessary drive, and the executive should be held to account.

Cllr Hesketh-Jones added that the Lengthman title was changed from Yardsman when the County went metric. Various aspects were discussed including the changing of St Austell to parishes.

## **8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

### Breage Playing Field

Cllr Rashleigh said that the Playing Field Committee had asked about the possibility of the grass in the playing field being cut shorter at each cut as long cuttings were laying on the field in large clumps. Councillors agreed that the wet weather conditions experienced this year would have made it difficult to cut the grass shorter. The Clerk was asked to speak with the Contractor about this matter. A Cream Tea session had been held with a plant stall and £127.20 had been raised. Plans were going ahead to have a new goal post erected.

The Chairman was happy that grant requests be looked at by the Accounts Team and brought to the Precept meeting.

Next meeting 18 November 2008, Parish Rooms at 7.30 p.m.

Carleen Village Hall

Cllr Darby reported that the Village Show had been a great success with excellent flowers, fruit and vegetables on display. There is to be a Rock 'n' Roll night with 50s music by the Atlantics on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Ackland said there would be pantomime auditions held in the Parish Rooms on Monday and Tuesday, 13 and 14 October from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. The pantomime is Beauty and the Beast.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Higginson reported that there had been worries over a Solar Solutions meeting on Saturday and concern that 12 licences for such meetings had been granted. The area where it was held is down a narrow lane Sparnham Lane, amongst housing. The meeting was supposed to have ended at 11.00 p.m. but music had continued until 3 the next morning. It was not horrendously loud but the Police had been called. It had been very wet that evening but Parishioners were worried that good Summer weather would cause numbers to increase. The Chairman agreed to contact Andy Mead and would investigate and report back.

County Councillor left the meeting at this point.

Cllr Higginson left the room and did not vote on the first two planning applications.

**9. PLANNING:****a) APPLICATIONS**

PA08/01546/F - **Mr & Mrs G Higginson - Lower Polladras Touring park, Lower Polladras, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall**

Erection of a games building

There had been no complaints from neighbours and it was a quiet campsite. It was felt that the games building would compliment this quietness as noisier games could be played indoors. The building would be well concealed. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously resolved that this application be supported.**

PA08/01542/F - **Mr & Mrs G Higginson - Lower Polladras Touring park, Lower Polladras, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall**

Erection of extensions to dwelling and formation of a site shop/office

Councillors thought that the proposed changes were reasonable and it was stated that they had been fundamentally approved before, the position being changed a little. **It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

Cllr Higginson returned to the meeting at this point.

PA08/01590/F - **Mr Hill - 3 The Links, Pengersick Lane, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall**

Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling

It was felt that the conservatory was very much in keeping with the dwelling. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Higginson and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.**

Cllr Higginson did not vote on the 2 following applications.

PA08/01595/F - **Haulfryn Group Ltd - Haulfryn Coast, Praa Sands Holiday Village, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall**

Siting of LPG storage vessels / erection of a fence

Concerns had been expressed re: the size of the LPG gas containers. Councillors wished to be assured that a comprehensive risk assessment would be held. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Rashleigh and resolved with 1 abstention that, provided a comprehensive risk assessment be held, the application be supported.**

PA08/01670/FD - **Haulfryn Group Ltd - Haulfryn Coast, Praa Sands Holiday Village, Praa Sands, PENZANCE, Cornwall**

Variation of Conditions 2 and 3 of Decision Notice Numbers 2/77/0388/BRE dated 15 June 1977 and 2/04/77/00388/FR01 dated 11 September 1981 (to allow for eleven month holiday occupancy)

Concerns had been expressed by Parishioners that the units would become residential if the 11 month occupancy was granted. 11 months was thought by some Councillors to be an odd length of time for a holiday let. It was agreed that the quality of the site is being improved. **It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Keeling and resolved by 6 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention that the application be supported.**

**b) NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

PA08/01106/F - **Mr I Brighton - 1 Greenbury, Rosudgeon, PENZANCE, Cornwall TR20 9QQ**

Erection of a dwelling and domestic garage

PA08/01239/F - **Mr D Parry - Avoncroft, Wheal Vor, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NQ**

Erection of an agricultural building for housing cattle

**c) SECTION 78 APPEAL**

PA06/01463/LD - **Mr G Fuller - Carnmeal Farm, Breage, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9NL**

Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of an outbuilding for purposes incidental to Carnmeal Farmhouse

**d) SECTION 174 APPEAL**

EN05/00041 - **Mr & Mrs G Fuller - Carnmeal Farm, Carnmeal, Carleen**

Appeal against enforcement notice - erection of a building

**10. FINANCE**

## a) Payments:

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
66	S Electrical Contracting	102492	Routine Maintenance Streetlighting	£906.06	£158.56	£1,064.62
67	RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	102493	Invoice 12 paths 36,39	£181.90	£31.83	£213.73
68	EDF Energy	dd	Electricity Parish Rooms	£133.38	£6.67	£140.05
69	R W Beard	102494	2 cuts Cemetery/Breage&God greens/ Amenity Field	£340.00		£340.00
70	R W Beard	102495	Reseeding work Praa Green	£400.00	£70.00	£470.00
71	Mrs C L Macleod (Tiscali)	102496	Internet	£12.76	£2.23	£14.99
72	Trelawney Security Systems	102497	Fire Alarm repair	£45.00	£7.88	£52.88
73	Stephen Babbage	102501	Handyman duties - Cancelled			
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>£2,019.10</b>	<b>£277.17</b>	<b>£2,296.27</b>
Mrs C L Macleod						
		102490	Salary September+ backpay			
PO LtdHMRev&Customs						
		102491	National Insurance	£61.45		£61.45
PO LtdHMRev&Customs						
		102491	PAYE	£51.80		£51.80
PO Ltd HMRev&Customs						
		102491	Employer's NI	£71.51		£71.51
				<b>£184.76</b>		<b>£184.76</b>
Mrs C L Macleod						
		102498	Travelling 37mls @ 53p per mile Parking	£19.61		£19.61
				£0.40		£0.40
				<b>£20.01</b>		<b>£20.01</b>
Mrs C L Macleod						
		102499	Petty Cash reimbursement	<b>£73.38</b>	<b>£8.85</b>	<b>£82.23</b>
R Treloar						
		102500	Caretaker Honorarium	<b>£25.00</b>		<b>£25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Payments</b>				<b>£2,322.25</b>	<b>£286.02</b>	<b>£2,608.27</b>

The Clerk reported that Mr Babbage had not submitted an invoice so no: 73 has been cancelled.

- b) Resolution required for cancellation of cheque 102488, w4webdesign.co.uk, £550.00 and raising of replacement cheque 102502, £550.00, John Harrop

The Clerk reported that Mr Harrop had asked if the cheque could be made out to his name as this was the name. He had returned the previous cheque. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that cheque 102488, w4webdesign.co.uk, £550.00 be cancelled and replacement cheque 102502, £550.00, John Harrop be raised.**

- c) Receipts: £82.35 Bank interest; £2,179.61 VAT claim

- d) Bank balance: £16,773.03. Petty cash £17.78.

- e) 2009/10 Precept - 2 proposals for Praa Green

The Accounts Team will meet on 14 October 2008, at a place to be arranged, to look at the Precept together with requests for financial aid and proposals and bring their comments to the next Council meeting on 28 October at 6.00 p.m.

**11. ALLOTMENTS**

South Kerrier Alliance meeting: Wednesday 22 October 2008, Porthleven Village Hall, 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Councillors were asked by the Chairman to support this meeting as SKA had given support to Breage's allotment quest. Cllr Hesketh-Jones agreed to attend the meeting as did Cllr Darby.

The Chairman reported that he had made enquiries as to whether Planning permission would be needed to use the field next to Breage Playing Field as allotments. Allotments do not fall into any specific class of use but permission would probably be needed. It was unsure if allotments on a conservation area would be viewed favourably.

The Clerk had still received no reply from Miss Hewitt. The Clerk had obtained details from CALC of the correct procedures for borrowing money and advise on from where. It was thought that if possible Miss Hewitt should be pursued and in the meantime other suitable areas should be sought. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Hesketh-Jones and unanimously resolved that the Clerk pursue funding in the form of a loan of £30,000.**

**12. WEBSITE**

Many favourable comments had been received. The Chairman thought the website a good way of engaging with Parishioners. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk and Chairman work together to issue a press release re: the website.**

Cllr Hesketh-Jones asked if the front page of the website could be put on all notice boards. The Clerk to look into this.

### 13. ASHTON POST OFFICE CLOSURE

The closure of Ashton Post Office had been confirmed for 27 October 2008. The Clerk reported that a standard reply had been received to Council's letter and that no questions that had been raised had been addressed. An Area Plan Decision booklet had been received if anyone wished to read it. Disappointment was expressed that County had turned their back on the judicial review but they had apparently been advised to do this by their lawyers.

### 14. FOOTPATHS

- a) Three Councillors, Darby, Hesketh-Jones and Keeling had attended the footpath meeting as had three members of the public, the Contractor, Colin Bayes and Linda Holloway. There had been several path problems but Cllr Darby had met with the Contractor and things had been sorted. The first cutting was almost at an end. Some things that should have been cut have not been as there is some misunderstanding with the paperwork. Cllr Darby had obtained some way marker posts and the Contractor was willing to put them in the correct places. Cllr Darby asked if path numbers could be put on the way marker posts as an aid to walkers. She had obtained a quote of 50p a number + VAT and about £150s worth would be needed. Cllr Darby said that problems could be e-mailed to Colin Bayes and that he would respond.
- b) Bridleway 71. Linda Holloway has agreed to meet with Mrs Overton on Thursday.
- c) Rambler's Association – Asked to discuss newsletter and give details of path representative. Cllr Darby agreed to be a path representative for Breage.
- d) The Planning Inspectorate: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 (Addition of Bridleway from the A394 to Higher Lane, Ashton in Parishes of Germoe and Breage) Modification Order 2007 – No-one has asked to be heard. Anyone wishing to view statements of the case may do so at CCC. Timetable listed.

WPC Butcher arrived during footpath discussions.

### 4. POLICE REPORT (deferred)

WPC Butcher gave the following report:

'This report covers the period from 3 September 2008 to 7 October 2008.

'There have been six crimes this month with one of the offences resulting in the charging of an offender for theft. There has been an attempt to enter one of the show homes at the caravan park in Praa Sands and theft of a Cornish range from an empty property. There has been a theft of a pair of shoes left on the roadside and two top covers of milk churns have been taken.

'Mark is at present on a cultural exchange to Italy, to exchange the workings of the Police, especially in the role of the PCSO but he will be back soon.

'There has been a problem with an event in Carleen and this has unearthed underlying neighbourhood problems that I am in the process of trying to resolve. The granting of the TENS, (Temporary Events Notices), licence is a matter for the licensing department. However, I did make my concerns known prior to the event. Their application had no previous applications and therefore the licence could not be rejected.

'Full details of the weekend events have been logged by the Neighbourhood Team and will remain in file for future reference.'

The Chairman asked for questions for WPC Butcher.

Cllr Ackland asked about the licences for the event in Carleen as it had been thought that 12 licences had been granted. WPC Butcher assured the meeting that licences are issued individually and application be made for each event.

Cllr Higginson expressed people's concern that the ground was booked to show renewable energy but it ended up as a music event.

Cllr Rashleigh asked what the yellow signs with a large black circle were for. WPC Butcher explained that they are Holiday Route signs.

WPC Butcher provided the Clerk with details of speed checks of which the Clerk could obtain details.

### 15. CEMETERY

Path Tenders - Closed session

### 16. HIGHWAYS

The question of people needing to walk to Breage, now that Ashton Post Office is closing, was raised. Councillors referred to the comments made by Mr Richards and agreed that the A394 is a very dangerous road to use. It was wondered if people could be asked to donate some of their land for a pavement to be created. It was agreed that the problem needed highlighting once the new Unitary Council is in place. The Chairman explained that a Councillor may call upon the Unitary Authority for action and it would have to listen. He would investigate how this would work. He reminded the Council that it had been thought to be unlikely to get a pavement into Ashton but it had been done. It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that a letter be written to the County Council expressing concern over the dangerous road from Ashton to Breage. It was felt that now that Ashton Post Office would be closing more people would

need to walk this road. Indeed, the Parishioners living in the middle section of the road had no alternative but to use their entrances to and exits from the road to enter and leave their properties. These folk are extremely worried about the situation and had expressed their concerns to Councillors and the Clerk. The meeting was reminded that the Police had refused to allow a protest walk from Ashton to Breage Post Office along the road as it is considered to be so dangerous.

#### 17. STREETLIGHTING

There was nothing to report.

#### 18. PRAA SANDS/GREEN

- a) A request had been received for rabbit holes to be filled on the Green. It was agreed that this is an ongoing, never-ending task.
- b) Signs have been purchased re: warning of possible rabbit holes/adders and would be sited by the Handyman.
- c) Query from Parishioner re: bylaw enforcement - dog fouling on footpaths. It was agreed that checks were rarely carried out. Kerrier is responsible for the enforcement.

The Chairman had attended a Beach Watch clean up on 20 September at the eastern end of the beach. About 20 bags of rubbish were collected and removed. The Marine Conservation Society were keen that pressure be applied on those supplying the products that were being washed up on the beach from ships at sea. These items collected included nylon netting and even a tab from a seal's ear. There is an Adopt-a-beach Scheme. It is hoped that businesses may be persuaded to use paper cups instead of plastic or polystyrene as these cups are killing wildlife. It was also hoped that user-friendly litter bins would be provided. The Chairman asked for support to pursue the scheme along with Cllr Le Boeuf if he wishes to be involved. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Pryor and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Keeling and Le Boeuf pursue the Beach adoption for Praa Sands.**

#### 19. TREWELL GREEN

A letter re: flytipping at the Green had been written to Kerrier, giving details and whereabouts of the tipping but the Clerk had received no reply.

#### 20. BREAGE VILLAGE PUMP

Quote for engraving received from Wearne's, £119.85. This would be accounted for in the budget for next year.

#### 21. PARISH ROOMS

- a) Cllr Pryor reported that a 6ft x 3ft metal cupboard would cost £85 plus £15 delivery and a plastic shed £119.98. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that Cllr Pryor be given delegate power to purchase the metal cupboard.**
- b) The Clerk reported that on Saturday 13 September she had received a phone call from Cllr Rashleigh advising her that the fire alarm at the Parish Rooms was sounding. Cllr Rashleigh kindly collected the Clerk and who went into the building and silenced the alarm. There was no sign of fire. The Clerk telephoned Trelawney Security and reported the fault. There was no-one there at the time. The alarm went off again in the early hours of Sunday morning and the pub landlord phoned the Police and received no help. He was so cross that he cut the wires. The Clerk was contacted about this on Sunday afternoon. Trelawney contacted the Clerk on Monday and sent an engineer. He replaced a sensor, repaired the wires and reset the alarm. The call out and replacement are covered by warranty but the cut wire repair would be charged at £45 + VAT, Trelawney's standard charge for a small repair.

#### 22. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of Kerrier requesting that he please arrange for wreaths to be laid at Godolphin and Breage war memorials on behalf of Kerrier District Council. The Chairman was willing to lay the Breage wreath and Cllr Greenstreet the Godolphin one on behalf of Kerrier. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling, seconded by Cllr Ackland and unanimously resolved that the Clerk obtain two poppy wreaths, under LGA 1972 section 137, to be laid on behalf of Breage Parish Council at Breage and Godolphin.** Cllr Pryor will lay the wreath at Breage and Cllr Wyvern Batt the wreath at Godolphin.

#### 23. PARISH TREE WARDEN

The Council had been asked by letter if it wished to appoint a tree warden. The Clerk had details of available training sessions. Cllr Higginson agreed to provisionally be a tree warden. **It was proposed by Cllr Ackland, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that Cllr Higginson be provisionally appointed tree warden for Breage Parish.**

## 24. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) The Clerk had received a query about the Cornish wording on the road signs erected in Breage earlier this year. Apparently the For, (Road), is a modern abbreviation of Fordh and there should be an apostrophe after the r – For'. Kerrier obviously did not offer this on their choice list. The Clerk had been asked if the Council would reconsider the spelling in future and use Fordh, which is what other Councils apparently use.  
Concern is expressed because the sign for Trewithick Road reads, For Trewithick and it is thought that people will interpret it as the road leading to Trewithick and not as Trewithick Road.
- b) The Valuation Officer called yesterday and has completed his valuations. He will send the information to the Clerk as soon as possible.
- c) The VAT claim has been completed and a payment received.
- d) Re: cessation of recycling at Carleen Village Hall – The Clerk has received a reply saying that the recycling will continue for October and November and then stop.
- e) The bus shelters were cleaned on 3 October 2008. Human faeces was found in the shelter at Germoe. Mr Laity has removed it for a charge of £25 and has painted over the graffiti in Ashton shelter, again, for £25. These were events that had needed immediate action.

## 25. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL

Cllr Hesketh-Jones had supplied Members with a copy of his report on Quality Councils, a training session he had attended at County Hall on 22 September.

He felt that Parish and Town Councils needed to improve their service to the electorate as the 123 Councillors on the Unitary Authority would have little time to help. The Council should probably examine what it does in order to promote doing what it does better. Breage Parish Council meets 80 -90% of the qualifications needed to obtain Quality status. Proper presentations to voters were needed, especially to people who do not have computers. The Unitary Authority proposes to give additional services to those Councils who are Quality Councils. These would be devolved to Parishes in 2 to 3 year's time.

**It was proposed by Cllr Hesketh-Jones, seconded by Cllr Keeling and unanimously resolved that a small group be set up to look into what is involved and report back to the Council at the next full meeting.**

Cllr Rashleigh asked about the verge that was damaged by Rok at St Breaca Close, Breage. The Chairman suggested that contact be made with Cornwall Housing Association. It was agreed to raise this at the next full meeting.

Cllr Rashleigh reported that 3 kerbstones are loose and sticking out dangerously at Breage pub. This matter should also be raised at the next meeting.

It was asked if the second heater could be replaced in the Parish Rooms in time for the winter cold.

Mrs Beard had been sprayed with dog faeces whilst strimming under the fence at the Cemetery. The Chairman suggested that mesh fencing be erected at the rear of the dog owner's garden to prevent the dog entering the Cemetery.

The Chairman spoke about Breage Silver Band's request for a £5,000.00 donation, saying that he had contacted District Councillor Jenkin and Rachel Osborne, the Assistant Regeneration Officer to see if sources could be found to help with this request.

Cllr Ackland spoke of his concern that Carleen telephone box might be removed by BT. He referred to the newspaper cutting spoken about by Mr Darby. BT has applied for permission to remove 21 red phone boxes. Under a new BT scheme Councils can adopt a phone box with the phone removed for £1.00 a year, or sponsor them to remain active by paying £500.00 a year towards their upkeep. The Clerk was asked to look into this. Cllr Ackland had been asked to raise the possibility of money being made available to repair erosion of sand dunes at Praa Sands. The Chairman said that it was hoped to allocate money for Praa Sands in the budget.

## 26. CORRESPONDENCE

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Liaison Meetings: Thursday 16 October 2008, The Wesley Centre, Wesley Methodist Church, Chapel Street, CAMBORNE TR14 8EG

Communities and Local Government – The making and enforcement of byelaws: Views on the proposed new procedure which will enable authorities to make certain byelaws without the need for scrutiny by the Secretary of State. Comments are invited by Thursday 20 November 2008

KDC – Out There October – December 2008

Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard Issue 3

CCC – Family Information Service: Information sheet & booklets

Matthew Taylor MP – Copy of letter received from Baroness Andrews re: St Dennis incinerator

KDC – Blue box and bag recycling scheme – Change of collection days

Councillors were concerned that the recycling trucks were being followed by second vehicles delivering the blue bags. They felt that one vehicle should have been able to carry out both actions. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter at Kerrier.

CALC – AGM in the Shire Hall Suite, Bodmin on Wednesday 8 October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Hesketh-Jones agreed to attend the meeting.

Matthew Taylor MP – St Dennis Incinerator update

**27. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Quality Council; Carleen Telephone Box; Money for Praa Green.

**28. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – Accounts Team Meeting Precept/Budget on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 6.00 p.m., Parish Council Meeting to set 2009/2010 Precept/Budget on Tuesday 28 October at 6.00 p.m., (at a place to be confirmed as the Pantomime Group will be using the Parish Rooms), and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4 November 2008 at 7.00 p.m.**

**29. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**30. PARISH COUNCIL PROCEDURES RE: ALLOTMENTS**

A letter of complaint, regarding Cllr Rashleigh, who had acted alone in a matter concerned with the provision of allotments, had been received. The letter was read aloud by the Clerk. The Chairman advised that the complainant, being a third party, did not want to pursue the matter through the official complaints channel. Cllr Rashleigh was given the opportunity to respond to the complaint. The Chairman reminded the Council that none of them were permitted to act independently or without a mandate. He asked Councillor Rashleigh for reassurance that she would not act alone in the future and she gave that assurance. The Chairman said that if anyone breaches these rules they will be reported to the Standards Board.

**31. TENDERS FOR TARMAC – CEMETERY PATH**

Four tenders had been received and had been opened by the Clerk in the presence of Cllr Pryor. Copies had been circulated to Councillors. Concern was expressed over the variety of specifications listed in each of the tenders. After discussion it was agreed that a new set of specifications should be formulated and the Contractors asked to re-tender. **It was proposed by Cllr Keeling and seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that Cllrs Pryor and Keeling look into formulating new specifications for the Cemetery path, after which, new tenders should be sought.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

## **BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2008**

At 7.05 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 reported that there is Knotweed in Trewell Lane. He produced a copy of a newspaper cutting about the preservation of red Telephone boxes and BT's application to remove boxes. He referred to past action taken by the Council when the made attempts to get the box at Carleen listed.

Mr Richards who lives between Ashton and Breage is concerned about the speed of the traffic on the A394. He and his neighbours feel intimidated. He asked if a footway could be provided. 80 people live in the 30 houses along the road and they feel as if they are being ignored. The road is so dangerous. Mr Richards has spoken to County Councillor Robertson. Cllr Robertson did not believe that the speed limit would be amended because of the spacing of the houses.

Cllr Higginson spoke about his two planning applications, the first for a games room at his caravan park. This had been previously applied for but the area on the park did not have legal status as it now does. The application had been resubmitted. It would be locked from 11.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. He felt it would reduce noise because children would be playing indoors. The children would be monitored and supervised. The room would be used for table tennis, table football, board games, etc. It would not be visible from adjacent properties. The second application, for a shop and office was submitted last year to be situated at the front of the living area but it would have blocked the view of the park from the living area. The same size floor area was now proposed to be situated at the side of the living area. The proposed build is of a higher standard than the previous one and would have a better carbon footprint. For three months of the year the area will be closed. The substantial build would provide better living accommodation and better visibility.

Public Participation ended at 7.12 p.m.

