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DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON 1 MAY 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.

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

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)
3 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 3 May 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Keeling seconded by Cllr Wyvern Batt and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2011 be signed as a true and correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for the year 2011/2012

The Chairman, Cllr Keeling, gave the following report for the year 2011/2012:

With 2011 now well behind us we can look forward to Spring and some welcome warmer weather. On reflection 2011 was an interesting year with some challenging planning matters; and in particular the potential delivery of 24 Local Needs houses in Breage. With 25% allocated to market housing, the rest social rented and shared equity; the prospects of those local families in housing need in the parish should be very much more enhanced. The council expects to see an application coming forward from the Devon and Cornwall Housing Association in due course and we will ensure that the comments of local people are taken into consideration.

Parish Councillors continue to be mindful of the national austere financial climate by ensuring the precept for 2012/13 was kept to the bare minimum to enable the effective operation of the council and delivery of services. We are very mindful of the excellent contribution community groups make to the fabric of the parish and every effort has been made to financially support those organisations where possible. The precept increase for the coming year was very modest at 4% which is well below the parish and town council precept increase across Cornwall of 8.56% for 2012/13.

The parish council "Adopted Beach" beach cleaning at Sidney Cove went ahead again for the third year in September. The Marine Conservation Society National and Europe-wide Beach Survey Weekend was conducted in good weather but wind and tide conditions were such that very few pieces of litter and items hazardous to wildlife were found. Nevertheless, a good clean up was achieved and I am pleased to report that the Cornwall Council's "Rapid Response" team do a great job of cleaning the beach at regular intervals.

For the first time the parish council has its full complement of councillors and I would like to welcome Tanis Board and Jan Anthony who took the plunge and joined our ranks in June last year. They should make a valuable contribution to the council; particularly given their combined local knowledge of Praa Sands. A welcome too to Simon Caddick who joined us in August last year.

A notable event last year was Breage Playing Field being designated as Queen Elizabeth II Field Breage. This is in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and dedicates the property as a public playing field and recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Breage and thereabouts. In general terms there are a host of advantages providing both immediate and long term benefits to the local community through improvements and through a lasting legacy, with connection to the Diamond Jubilee in the year of the Olympics.

A new outside light at the Parish Rooms costing £120.00 and a new shed in the Cemetery costing £451.42 were capital items from the budget.

Expected receipts for 2012/13 are £54,024.00 and expected payments £55,235.00, as listed in the budget figures.

After the accounts had been examined by an Accounts Team Councillor, Cllr Shrimpton on 18 April 2012, they were passed to the Internal Auditor, Mr D J L Gallie. The Annual Audit Return was completed and signed by Mr Gallie on 30 April 2012. He also approved and signed the Accounts. Mr Gallie has replaced Mr Wilkins as internal auditor this year as Mr Wilkins was unable to take on the work.

Mr Wilkins is thanked for his past work and for the invaluable help he has given the Clerk over the last few years. Mr Gallie is thanked for taking on the work at short notice and for auditing the 2011/2012 accounts.

5. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS

Cllr Board expressed her thank to the Clerk for being so supportive and helpful and being generous with her time. She felt that Mrs Macleod has had far more of a burden than previous Clerks. She also thanked the Chairman saying that the Parish Council is well run and long may it continue to be.

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.44 p.m. and was followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

