

**MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr R Wyvern Batt (Chairman)

Cllr T Ackland
Cllr A J Best
Cllr Mrs T Board
Cllr H Bradford
Cllr S Caddick
Cllr T Coleman
Cllr Mrs P Darby
Cllr Mrs K La Borde
Cllr Ms C Rashleigh
Cllr T Woodhams

Cllr J V Keeling MBE

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)

The Chairman called this meeting because some Councillors wished to amend the draft letter regarding, before it is sent to Cllr Duffin as agreed at the last meeting. The Chairman was not happy to sign the letter until it had been agreed by Council.

1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from CMR as he had other commitments.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) 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.

b) To note declarations of interest in accordance with LGA 2000 - Members and officers to declare non-registerable interests or disclosable pecuniary interests (including details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda and unless you have the benefit of a current and relevant dispensation in relation to these items you must:

(i) not participate, or participate further, in any discussions of these items at the meeting;

(ii) not participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on these items at the meeting; and

(iii) remove yourself from the meeting while any discussion or vote takes place on these items, to the extent that you are required to absent yourself in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders or other procedural rules.

Where a Member has a non-registerable interest in an item that does not benefit from a valid dispensation and that interest only arises from the Member's participation in or Membership of a body whose objects or purposes are charitable, philanthropic or otherwise for the benefit of the community the Member may, (with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting or until such time as the Chairman directs the Member to stop) address the meeting to provide such information as they reasonably consider might inform the debate and decision to be made before complying with b).

There were none.

c) To take consideration of written requests for dispensations

There were none.

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

There were no changes made.

SC arrived.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or in respect of something they wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention for inclusion on a future agenda and may speak for a period of time which is at the Chairman's discretion

b) A question asked by a member of the public during this public participation session shall not require a response or debate

c) The Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for oral response or to the Clerk for a written or oral response

d) A record of the public participation session shall be included on a separate page in the minutes of the meeting

Cllr Keeling spoke to say that he would be meeting with Jo James and Joyce Duffin, The Portfolio Holder, on Monday afternoon and would hopefully find out what is happening. He would e-mail the Clerk.

5. PRAA SANDS TOILETS

TO DISCUSS AND TO RESOLVE TO FINALISE THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND TO WHOM IT SHOULD BE COPIED

a) Cllr Ackland

felt it depended how forceful the letter was to be. He would listen to any proposed amendments.

b) Cllr Best

could not see the point of the meeting as he felt that the draft letter was fine with the wording about the devolution grant removed.

c) Cllr Board

had no comment to make.

d) Cllr Bradford

Felt the letter needed a little more bite. It should be clearly shown where the matter stands in regards to the resolution made in November and this should be strongly emphasised.

e) Cllr Caddick

felt there were other issues regarding bacteria and viruses in the fields. He had confidence in Jon James and felt Council could be more open minded and flexible so that it works for the Parish Council. He felt that there was no point in making it a showdown.

f) Cllr Coleman

could not support the letter because of everything that has happened since November. He felt that it was not a bad job so far. The percolation tests are due next week. He understood the situation of the next few weeks. After the percolation tests the prices for the pump building is in place. If there is a yes, this will start in October. He realised that he had voted to send the letter.

g) Cllr Darby

It is so close now. With the TAW things can stop any time at all. She feared that if the toilets were handed back to CC they would be closed for Easter and that would be a disaster.

h) Cllr La Borde (Chairman Praa Sands Toilets Committee)

The new sewage system recommended by R Jones is completely different to what is there now. Four pumps and a steady flow to circumvent and control the flow. Cannot support the letter as BPC will appear to be out of touch. In September the waste costs were so high that a meeting was arranged with Jon James. Prices were invited to reduce costs. JJ attended the Precept meeting and agreed to meet with the Contractor regarding a soakaway. Met with Metrod and the car park was suggested as a possible site. The procedure began and CC asked R Jones to do the percolation tests. R Jones attended a Toilet Committee meeting with a design plan. He felt the car park to be inappropriate but suggested the two fields above the car park. The EA was advised and R Jones worked on it. In January everyone got together. All agreed the time frame and R Jones sewage plant was a better option. EA approval could take 3 months. The Landowner does not wish to lose the car park in the summer months so the work would begin in October. Peter Thomasson's figure work and clear information astounded Cormac. Cannot see that this is slow. If the letter goes to JD they won't think they have been slow.

i) Cllr Ralph

Did not attend.

j) Cllr Rashleigh

k) Cllr Woodhams

The resolution can only be changed by 3 Councillors giving sufficient notice. Cllr Keeling should be copied into the letter. There is no reason to copy JJ or RW. They must do what the Members wish them to. There is no-one who does not want the toilets to remain open.. JJ needs to come back with a workable solution that is legal and paid for and with a running cost for next year. There is £29,505 in the Precept, ring fenced. JJ needs to come back by the end of March. The e-mails that have been received are not consistent. This is not efficient. It was November that things were decided and clearly laid out. The percolations are yet to be carried out. If CC come back with positive answers for the three headings then the Parish Council can put the money in. BPC has demonstrated commitment and spent wisely within an agreed budget. 1. An alternative treatment plant needed to be sourced funded and installed by Cornwall Council to mitigate the prohibitive cost of emptying the system. 2. Full legal safeguards were to be in place with respect to land appropriation and subsequent use for pipe work and the necessary drainage field. 3. Projected costings for the future operation to be made available to enable budgets to be set by Breage Parish Council.

l) Cllr Wyvern Batt (Chairman BPC)

There was further discussion: Cllr Board wished to know what assurances there are that the fields can be used if the percolation tests are successful. TC said that Legal has contacted the owner and he has signed. TB said that this was just an agreement to the percolation tests not to the actual work going ahead. TB – What about the field in the future with erosion? TC There is already a soakaway on the left hand side and another on the other side. KLB costs have been cut. TC There is devolution money to come, £4,600. TW The Parish Council is not walking away it just wants a plan. The Toilet Committee has done a sterling job. HB A letter of intent is needed. KLB does not believe there is any necessity for a letter. SC Could the letter be tempered? KLB Cannot endorse.

m) Resolution to finalise

After further discussion **it was proposed by PD, seconded by TB and resolved with 1 against that TW's amended letter be used.**

KLB gave apologies and left the meeting at 7.49 p.m. restating that she did not endorse the letter and did not wish for it to be sent. It is unnecessary and a waste of time.

Cllr Keeling volunteered to deliver the letter.

It was proposed by TW, seconded by AB and resolved with 1 vote against that the letter be written to Cllr Duffin and copied to Cllr Keeling, signed by the Chairman and delivered by Cllr Keeling on Monday afternoon as he is to meet with Cllr Duffin and Jon James.

6. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY FURTHER ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Additional cutting on Praa Green. Accurate costings for the Toilets next year.

7. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOM

This was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.