

MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS
BREAGE ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr Mrs 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 I Davis
 Cllr P Greenough
 Cllr G Higginson

Mrs C Macleod (Clerk)
 5 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised that the meeting would be voice recorded.

1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Clerk read out the Fire Evacuation procedure

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Rashleigh who was unwell; Cllr Keeling who was attending another meeting and PCSO Fuller.

3. POLICE REPORT

To receive and discuss any police report received and other police matters

PCSO Fuller provided the following report which the Clerk read out:

'Police report compiled by PCSO 30640 Ashley Fuller for meeting on 02/12/2014

'Please accept my apologies as I will not be able to make this meeting.

'The amount of crimes reported in the Breage area for the month of November was 2.

'Breage:

Dwelling burglary- investigated but no offender found

Common Assault- crime was undetected due to evidential difficulties.

'Please also be aware and make other people aware of the telephone fraud that has been going on lately in Devon and Cornwall. I believe that I sent you some fraud prevention advice and posters earlier in the month. If you need anything else then get in touch.

'If you would like to be able to view the crime statistics for the area of Breage then you can also view the Police website police.uk and you can bring up full local statistics on there.

'If you have any crimes you would like to report please telephone 101, or should you have any concerns which you would like to discuss please call 101 and ask the call handler to email me your contact details. Alternatively, please email the team at helston@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk '

4. 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).

The Clerk declared disclosable pecuniary interest in items 30, 31 and 32 and they were matters concerning her.

c) To take consideration of written requests for dispensations

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

5. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2014 and MEETING WHERE THE PRECEPT/BUDGET WAS SET 20 NOVEMBER 2014

The Chairman led Members through each page of the minutes asking for accuracy corrections. **It was proposed by TA, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 2 November 2014 be signed as a true and correct record. It was proposed by PG, seconded by TB and resolved with two abstentions that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting where the Precept/Budget was set on 20 November 2014 be signed as a true and correct record.**

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had again been helping with Godolphin Village Christmas Lights and hoped they would be finished by Saturday.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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

Public Participation was held here from 7.10 to 7.13 p.m.

8. REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

As they had all received a copy of the Cornwall Councillor's report Councillors were happy that it was not read out. A précis version is given below. The full report may be viewed on the Cornwall Council website.

'Cornwall Council have voted to set an early budget at their meeting last Tuesday. The budget was set at £496,499 for 2015/16 and setting next year's budget early rather than in February 2015 will enable savings to be made earlier and will save the council around £7m to £9m. The decision which will involve making savings of £58.8m over the next twelve months, include an agreement in principle to increase council tax by 1.97%, just under central governments cap of 2%, thus saving on the need for a referendum with a higher percentages of council tax rise. This proposal will need to be ratified by the full council in February, and will mean an annual increase of £25 for a band D property – or 25p a week. Though not wanting to stand in the way of the budget going ahead, I could not support it because I continue to be deeply concerned about the level of cuts to frontline services and particularly adult social care, learning disabilities and mental health who will be taking a £14m cut in funding over the next four years. I also feel that the four year plan to save £196m has holes in it with too many areas stating that measures would be found or savings will be identified and I concur with my conservative colleagues that we don't approve of pulling out of services like public toilets when they are building new offices. Nevertheless, these are extremely difficult times financially for the council and 1,000 jobs are expected to go over the medium term financial period 2015/19.

'Devolution continues to have a massive following in local government and I attended a County Council Network (CCN) meeting in Marlow, Buckinghamshire for two days during the month. With 23 million people represented by 37 County and Unitary authorities; CCN represents a powerful voice in the drive for a shift of power from Whitehall to county areas with a strong sense that devolution is vital economically, socially and politically. Through partnership working between local partners and a pragmatic approach to governance we believe we could deliver better services, improved growth and balanced and sustainable growth. More on this later following cross-party debates on the matter at county hall.

'Several other meetings on matters such as flood risk management, review of the provision of toilets (again) and a very interesting meeting in Penzance on the Prospective West Cornwall Local Action Group of which I am a member. There will be nearly £2m of funding available for the West Cornwall area and to enable projects to be identified for the strategic objectives of: improving business vitality, creating more jobs locally and driving community resilience which includes town centre and village revitalisation; it is essential that local input via, the parish councils and other community groups, in the form of representation is made. Not quite sure how this is being organised at the moment but will provide more information in due course.

'I would like to thank Breage Parish Council for supporting funding towards a plinth for the VAS in Breage Village. I will inform highways and this should be in place by spring next year. I noted the concern over the rather steep drop onto the beach at Praa Sands and though it is now closed off, Jon James will be seeking a solution to the problem before the summer season kicks in. The toilets at Praa Sands are again attracting attention and though understandable, the localism, team are resolved to either devolving this service to local councils or community groups or providing a tailored service such as is the case now. There is no budget to extend the winter opening times, but I am trying to talk to the businesses on how to improve on the present situation. In Sithney parish I am pleased to say that highways are installing a not suitable for HGVs sign on the Redruth-Helston Road, which hopefully will prevent the ridiculous situation of large vehicles causing damage and getting stuck in the narrow lanes in and around the Lowertown area of Sithney Parish. I have relayed to the clerk comments reference the Brown signs for the Helston Railway. Additionally, the Scrutiny Committee will be conducting an inquiry into Flood Risk Management in Cornwall and as a member of the committee I will be taking an active part in this.

'On the matter of planning if any parish councillor or member of the public wishes to discuss concerns over particular planning application; then my surgery on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Breage Parish Rooms 11am to 1pm would be ideal. An email or phone call to let me know which area and proposal you are interested in would be helpful. (jkeeling@cornwall.gov.uk 01736 763272) '

9. PLANNING

a) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

PA14/10183 – Mr and Mrs Fornear – 8 Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE TR20 9ST

Proposed Loft Extension, Internal Alterations and Parking Bay

Mr & Mrs Fornear had reported during Public Participation that they had already received a letter from Cornwall Council that their application had been approved. Councillors were very distressed by this and it was proposed by GH, seconded by AB and unanimously resolved that the Clerk write to Planning to ask how this had happened.

HB – a chalet bungalow, ridge height 1200, no overlooking windows, not too great a change or profile. Same form of roof. Good design, good internally. Similar to next door space, in keeping. Support. Would recommend use of dormer windows on front instead of velux.

It was proposed by TB, seconded by HB and unanimously resolved that the application be supported as it is a good design, in keeping, being similar to next door space, and there is not too great a change on the profile.

PA14/10768 – Mr Simon Moody – Pump House, Higher Road, Breage, HELSTON Cornwall TR13 9PJ

Re-pollard Ash Tree

No comments needed to be sent for this item but Councillors expressed support.

PA14/10525 – Mr C John – Land at Higher Row, Plot 1 Higher Row, Ashton, HELSTON

Construction of new dwelling with internal garage, formation of access and biodisc sewage treatment plant

It was proposed by TC, seconded by HB and unanimously resolved that the application be supported.

b) TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA UP TO 12 NOON ON 28 NOVEMBER 2014

PA14/11174 – Mrs Marianne Parsons -14 Trewartha Road, Praa Sands, PENZANCE TR20 9ST

Demolition of existing roof and replacement with a new room in the roof construction and associated works (amended design)

HB - The application is not very different to the previous one. It is still a 3 storey house with a ridge height increased by almost 2m above its present level. The roof structure has been turned 90 degrees and there is now a massive gable end wall facing the road. The huge sloping roofs overshadow neighbours at 13 and 15. It is felt to be an intrusive, out of scale with its neighbours, inappropriate and an unnecessary application to obtain a view, and that the existing rooms and their configuration could be altered and their use changed to achieve the same effect. A neighbour whose property is below this one and is two storey has fine views. GH – 2m is the actual roof line. By changing the roof there will be more space between the properties. Think it is fine. TC – Object, the roofs of houses in the road follow a definite line and this roof would not fit this line and would stand proud. Neighbourliness is cited as neighbours have expressed concern regarding the large, high window that will look directly into their bedroom and affect privacy to their back garden. TA - There was always in the past a stipulated ridge line and this has been constant. It was proposed by HB, seconded by TB and resolved with one vote against that objection be raised to the application for the following reasons: Having objected to the original application, the amended one was thought to be not very different. It still will be a 3 storey house with a ridge height increased by almost 2m above its present level. The roof structure has been turned 90 degrees and there is now a massive gable end wall facing the road. The huge sloping roofs overshadow neighbours at 13 and 15. It is felt to be an intrusive, out of

scale with its neighbours, inappropriate and an unnecessary application to obtain a view, and that the existing rooms and their configuration could be altered and their use changed to achieve the same effect. A neighbour whose property is below this one and is two storey has fine views. The roofs of houses in the road follow a definite line and this roof would not fit this line and would stand proud. There was always in the past a stipulated ridge line and this has been constant. It is felt that to permit this would create a wrong precedent, and could encourage everyone else in the vicinity that wants to maximise their view to extend their property from one or two to 3 storey, irrespective of the visual environmental and human impact.

c) **TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF CONDITIONAL PLANNING PERMISSION**

PA14/08787 – Mr Graham Martin – The Lion and Lamb, Fore Street, Ashton, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 9RW
New Community Shop

d) **RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

PA14/08753 – Mr G Anstee – Poldown, Breage, HELSTON TR13 9PH
Change of use of mobile home from incidental use ancillary to the dwelling to holiday let

e) **TO CONFIRM THE DECISIONS NOT TO AGREE TO DISAGREE**

PA14/09048 - Headlands, Shute Hill, Breage –
Removal of condition 4

After the Parish Council objected to this application at the November meeting the following was received from the Planning Officer:

I refer to the above application on which I have received the following comments:

“Breage Parish Council unanimously resolved to object to the application. It was felt that the conditions that were attached to the original conditional planning permission are still relevant and are good reasons why condition 4 should not be removed. No justification for the removal has been made.”

The proposal seeks to remove condition 4 which stopped the occupiers of the dwelling utilising permitted development rights. In removing permitted development rights the National Planning Practise Guidance (NPPG) advises that restricting the future use of permitted development rights will rarely pass the test of necessity and should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

It is considered that given the plots location and its relationship to existing neighbours the condition no longer serves a useful purpose and would not be placed on such development were it granted now. Adjacent neighbours have permitted development rights and it is considered that it would not adversely impact upon the character of the area.

I have had a look at what they could potential build under permitted development rights and it would be relatively minimal; and as the dwelling is located within a Conservation Area this restricts permitted development in that they **cannot** have:

- **A side extension**
- **A two storey rear extension**
- **Dormer extensions**
- **Ancillary buildings to the side of the dwelling**

As such the Conservation Area already restricts permitted development such that this condition is rather unnecessary and its removal is considered acceptable, therefore I would recommend approval of the application.

Under these circumstances please can you contact me within five working days of this email to confirm if this is one of those occasions when we may ‘agree to disagree’.

This was passed by the Clerk to the 10 Councillors who had attended the meeting, all of whom replied. 4 Councillors wished to agree to disagree and 6 did **NOT** wish to agree to disagree. The Clerk informed the Officer of this decision.

To resolve to confirm that the above decision not to agree to disagree was made by 6 votes to 4

It was proposed by HB, seconded by GH and unanimously resolved to confirm that the decision not to agree to disagree was made by 6 votes to 4.

f) **TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL OF APPEAL AND COSTS ALLOWED**

Planning permission granted for
PA13/08997 – Mr & Mrs Christian Gordon – Pencair, Higher Road, Breage, HELSTON
Construction of dwelling and associated works

a) Cllr Rashleigh has requested to speak regarding this application but was not present.

Comment was made that the whole protocol appears to have been swept away by the inspector’s decision. It was asked if the rules had been correctly followed. **It was proposed by TB, seconded by RWB and unanimously resolved that the question be asked of Cornwall Council as to whether the correct procedure had been followed by Cornwall Council, in refusing permission for the application and if so, how the Inspector was able to override.**

g) **PLANNING CONFERENCE**

Report on the Planning Conference at St Austell on 18 November. Cllrs Board, Bradford and Wyvern Batt attended

The following report had been circulated:

Local Council Planning Conference 18 Nov 2014 at One Stop Shop St Austell

RWB, TB and HB attended.

We each have made our own comments and differing views on this Conference, and Tanis’s own comprehensive hand-written relevant Report is available separately.

Given the enormous amount of information presented to us in slide form, copies of which can be referred to in Documents to be forwarded to us at our request by Cornwall Council, my comments are restricted to our general impressions and not specific points. There are too many of them.

This Conference was one of several being held during the year, and was well-attended, well organized and managed on the day with individual delegate ‘packs’, name-tags, handouts, and refreshments etc.

The aim of the Conference was introduce and explain the new and changing ‘protocols’ relating to Planning Applications and the NPF National Planning Framework, how it will affect local Councils, and to solicit comment and feedback during ‘Workshops’.

My first impression was one of amazement that at a time of cut-backs, redundancies and the need to save so much money, Cornwall Council should authorize such an enormous amount of time, staff, resources and money not only on such a Conference itself this year, but on the preparation of it, and the fact that it was also one of several others given during the year.

The speakers were reading from prepared slides, but the content and subject were far too detailed and complicated to be able to be assimilated there and then, and in time for meaningful questions or challenges during question time which followed each presentation

MUCH better to have circulated all this information as an email/document to Parish and Town Clerks/Councillors several weeks BEFORE this Conference, so that the contents and their implications could be properly considered, assessed and then challenged constructively

The content was interesting and alarming, but these were NOT ‘workshops’. They were monologues, with just a few moments of Question Time to follow. As such, a waste of time.

They raised more questions than answers and lots of problems, but offered no solutions.

It was made very clear that there are far more and greater problems to come and I heard no answer to any of the questions asked that was reassuring helpful or optimistic.

With the unravelling and apparent loosening of all the present planning controls and even long-standing planning principles, it seems that planning is going to get MORE complicated and MORE difficult for Parish and Town Councils and for the Planners themselves.

One statement from a Speaker/Planner in response to my question still rings in my ears, that given the changes that are in place or in the process of being adopted “it will be very difficult for the Planners to prevent anything” and that “Virtually anything now will get Planning Permission”.

It was as if the Planning Department is throwing up its hands, telling US what a difficult and near-impossible task they now have, that they are unable to stop this ‘progress’ or cope, and ‘Over to you’, and whatever happens “It’s not our fault” and all down to Mr Pickles!

And all this, with the enormous overhead of their planning staff still in place!

All the emphasis on Neighbourhood Plans, which is encouraging Parish/Town Councils, unpaid councillors, and local communities to undertake something themselves so drastic and so demanding, is VERY worrying.

How can 'lay-people' fairly and democratically get involved in important matters such as planning principles and 'zoning, to the degree which the task demands and needs, tasks which until now have been the role and responsibility of professional and paid planners?

If planners are not able or needed in this formative initial process and can't be responsible or accountable, and if expensive external planning consultants have to be needed then to consider these proposals and recommend their acceptance by the Council instead of our own Planners, why are in-house Planners needed at all?

It was suggested that the Localism Act 'gives more importance to Neighbourhood Plans'.

NPPF '12 (National Planning Policy Framework) "indicates that weight be given to existing Local Plan Policies", and that there is "a presumption in favour of sustainable development", that there is a change in attitude to the conversion of agricultural buildings, and there is now a List of Open Spaces. This encourages everyone to undertake making a Neighbourhood Plan but nevertheless, even with a Neighbourhood Plan in place, and in addition to the total support of the local Community, the Parish Council, the Planning Department and Cornwall Council, planning decisions STILL can and will be overturned by an Inspector, notwithstanding the existence of a Neighbourhood Plan!

So this is not progress, of no benefit and no improvement for anyone and nothing will change.

Even more concerning it is that for every new point of policy or intent cited, there appears to be even a greater and a more flexible range of possibilities for 'extenuating circumstances' to be brought to bear - the listed is too long and depressing - that all can be used to counter and negate these new 'policies'.

We were told that from now on, when trying to refuse an application, "the bar has been raised VERY high" and will make it "nearly impossible" to refuse anything.

The whole planning process appears to be even more woolly and indecisive, trying to cover all sides and all eventualities, and as such will be ineffectual, without authority, consistency, clarity or power, naïve and an 'easy touch', wide open to manipulation and exploitation and the already-dwindling trust in its transparency and integrity and value will be totally lost.

Most delegate, including us, are not equipped or trained or have the time to be able to 'adjudicate' fairly or professionally on such detail and the finer points of this new planning policy. It is a nightmare! and it risks being a monument of wasted good intentions and a labyrinth of 'dead ends'. nor are the Planners able to cope or control things, or so it would appear from this Conference, especially when faced by 'creative' external planning consultants, and the fear of losing Appeals, and incurring even more costs for the Council.

'Localism' will be ignored even more than now. Sustainable, Affordable and Renewable at any cost to the Community and the environment, will become all powerful

We came away with headaches, disillusioned and very depressed.

GH confirmed that these comments were very similar to those he had given following the previous conference.

h) **FURTHER APPROVED DECISIONS**

PA14/09048 - Mr C Kelly and Mrs K Jones - Headlands, Shute Hill, Breage, HELSTON

Removal of condition 4 in relation to decision notice W2/PA06/01099/F dated 24.08.2006 Permitted Developments Rights restriction

PA14/09662 - Thomas Homes (Cornwall) Ltd - Poldhu, Helston Road, Germoe, PENZANCE

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling with integral garage

i) **TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL THAT APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS AMENDMENT**

PA14/07102 - Mr A Ballard - Former Sea Acres Castle Drive Praa Sands Penzance Cornwall

Non-material amendment for the provision of 2 metre high timber fence to eastern boundary of unit 2 in place of stone wall. Application no. PA13/09942 dated 20/12/13 relates

TB raised matters that a Parishioner had raised with her and was advised that the correct form be completed and sent to Cornwall Council. The Clerk was asked to provide a copy of the form.

10. ASHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FIELD

a) To discuss suggested proposals that arose at the informal meeting held on 24 November 2014

The Chairman asked PG to report. He said that the meeting with the Trustees had been very good and outcomes had been positive, with the Trustees wishing for Breage Parish Council to take over ownership of the field. It had been suggested that a nominal fee be paid. Both parties would need to instruct their solicitors and Ashton Trustees had agreed to pay up to £500 of the Parish Council's costs. It was not certain if the Trusteeship would be dissolved. The Trustees wished to ascertain whether Ashton Village Committee might wish to retain the Trusteeship. TC said that the Village Committee did not wish to take on the Trusteeship.

b) To resolve to confirm that Breage Parish Council wishes to become the owner of the Amenity Field at Ashton and will, following legal advice, proceed with the purchase

Some of the Councillors that had not attended the meeting felt that the Trustees should pay all the legal fees. After further discussion it was proposed by AB, seconded by RWB and resolved with one abstention that a letter be sent to the Trustees advising that Breage Parish Council wishes to take on the ownership of the field providing the Trustees are willing to pay all legal fees. If this is agreed the Clerk may request that Jonathan Sleeman, Senior Legal Officer, Property, Legal Services, Cornwall Council will act on behalf of Breage Parish Council in the purchase of Ashton Amenity Field

c) To resolve to request that Jonathan Sleeman, Senior Legal Officer, Property, Legal Services, Cornwall Council will act on behalf of Breage Parish Council in the purchase of Ashton Amenity Field, Ashton Community Association Trustees having agreed to pay the first £500 of any payment due

See c) above.

d) To resolve to agree that the grass cutting of Ashton Field will be included in the Grass cutting contract once the purchase of the field has been finalised

It was proposed by PB, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved the grass cutting of Ashton Field will be included in the new Grass cutting contract to go out to tender in January with the proviso that it will only be included once the field purchase has been completed.

11. FINANCE

a) To discuss the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing the defibrillator on behalf of Ashton Village and to resolve to do so

TC advised that this would not now be necessary as enough money had been raised for the defibrillator. It was proposed by GH, seconded by ID and unanimously resolved that the Parish Council would not purchase the Ashton defibrillator as sufficient funding had been raised.

b) If 10.b) & c) are resolved To resolve that £500 be added to the Precept figure for Receipts and £500 to the figure for Payments in respect of additional legal fees.

Not now applicable. See 10.b)

c) To resolve to approve December payments

no.	Name	cheque	Service/item	Net	VAT	Total
139	Trelawney Fire & Security	103455	Fire Alarm service	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00
140	Stephen Babbage		Handyman duties			
			remove fence at Praa Sands	£70.00		£70.00
			Take down and replace plaque Breage Field	£56.00		£56.00
		103456		£126.00		£126.00
141	BT	dd	Mobile	£17.50	£3.50	£21.00
142	SW Water	dd	Water Parish Rooms	£12.05		£12.05
143	SW Water	dd	Water Cemetery	£12.05		£12.05
144	R W Beard		1 cuts Cemetery/B&G greens/Breage Field			
			Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10	£213.50		£213.50
			Brush Cemetery Path	£30.00		£30.00
			Cut Lay-by growth opp Vicarage Row A394	£66.00		£66.00
		103457		£309.50		£309.50
				£552.10	£18.50	£570.60
145	Mrs C L Macleod	103453	Salary November			
146	PO Ltd (HMR&C)		PAYE	£238.40		£238.40
	PO Ltd (HMR&C)		Employer's NI	£113.35		£113.35
		103454		£351.75		£351.75
147	Mrs C L Macleod	103458	Travel 20 mls @53p	£10.60		£10.60
148	Mrs C L Macleod	103459	Petty cash reimbursement	£21.54	£3.20	£24.74
149	P Treloar	103460	Caretaker salary November	£32.00		£32.00
				£967.99	£21.70	£989.69

Cllr Caddick confirmed that he had checked the payments. **It was proposed by SC, seconded by RWB and unanimously resolved that the payments as listed above be passed for payment.**

d) To acknowledge receipts

There were no receipts in November.

e) Clerk to provide Bank balances

As at 30 November 2015: Current account reconciled: £6,303.54; Tracker: £42,133.95; Petty cash: £125.26; Total including Petty cash reimbursement: £48, 587.49

12. FOOTPATHS

PD reported that there were no new problems but still the two in the pipeline: Hamish Gordon would clear path 58 where it is overgrown and the Parish Council would then take over the cutting. The 2 stiles were not good and not up to standard. One stile was not connected to anything. The hedge had been bulldozed and the stile taken with it. This is ongoing. TB asked about 39. PD advised that a modification takes a long time.

13. HIGHWAYS

a) Cornish hedge, Pellor Road update

The Clerk had received a message from Tom Marks that he could find nothing wrong with the repair and it appeared to be secure.

He said that you could clearly see where the hedge was dismantled from the top down to repair it and can see no reason for this to be done again.

The Clerk inspected it again and found that it had indeed been repaired but for a second time and was a much better repair.

b) The matter of Quarry Lane, Poldown regarding ownership and whether it is an unclassified public highway

The Clerk had received a map from Mike Peters, Highways that shows the maintainable highways with a coloured line down their centres, in the vicinity of all the properties with a TR13 9NW post code (brown dots). No Quarry Lane could be found in the area. He had spoken to SC. SC felt that it should be possible to take a tractor and trailer down it but vehicles cannot get down it. It was felt that it should be found out how many people are actually interested and would support it being opened. Mark Peters had contacted SC stating that just because they are not carrying notice of it being a ROW that does not mean it is not. **It was proposed by TA, seconded by PG and unanimously resolved that PD check on this on behalf of the Council and report back to the next meeting.**

14. STREET LIGHTING

It was reported that the light at Trew is still very bright. The resident is not sure if shields have been fitted as it seems just as bright as it was when it was installed. He believes that the problem is the pole on his property, on which the lamp is secured, is set back about two metres from the road and the light does not overhang the road. The light head is in line with the front of his building and, as a consequence, the lamp illuminates the front of his house and his bedroom is the nearest to the light. He is still not happy with the amount of light being cast into our bedroom and, if there was an alternative, would ask that the lamp is moved to a different location or turned off completely. On the plus side, the light now comes on at dusk and off again at dawn. It was agreed to bear in mind that the switch off at midnight cell could be used. It was agreed this matter would be left with TA.

15. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

a) To resolve to contact the home owner regarding the removal of the border wall hedge at the rear of the middle bungalow at Coaches Corner, backing onto the Cemetery wooden fence

As well as the wall being removed wooden panelling has now been erected and affixed to the parish Council's wooden fence.

It was proposed by AB, seconded by GH and unanimously resolved that a letter be send to the resident at 2 Coaches Corner asking that the wooden fencing attached the Parish Council fence be removed and the boundary hedge replaced.

b) Interment of Janie Bennett Harris on 27 November 2014 c) Interment of ashes of Robin Adair on 5 December 2014

16. PRAA GREEN

- a) Steps at Praa Green – update - TB had reported this to Cllr Keeling
- b) Rock armouring update – TB had reported this to Cllr Keeling. Apparently very unsatisfactory materials and work. TB gave an update saying that the workmen are not happy and neither is Mr Coward. It changes the aspect of the beach, the whole ecology changes from marram to ordinary. The rocks are apparently too small for rock armouring.
- c) Request for a reply to Grace Fisher re: Project into the impacts of the 2013/14 storms
TB felt this to be a starting point for the future that maybe pursued in regard to future erosion. Council agreed that it would be a good idea for Ms Fisher to hold a meeting at PSDCC once her work has been completed.
- d) **Condition of donated granite bench update and to resolve what action should be taken**
It was proposed by TC, seconded by TB and unanimously resolved that the Handyman be contacted to see if he could drill and bolt the seat on. If he cannot do this, TC said that he could arrange for it to be done.

17. ASHTON AMENITY FIELD

To report on meeting held on 24 November 2014 and to make a resolution as to the way forward if possible

See item 10.

18. GRANTS POLICY

To resolve to approve amendments to Grants Policy Postponed – amendments not yet made.

- a)

19. PARISH ROOMS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

With the Accounts Teams permission the Clerk has been in contact With Nicholas Taitt, Energy Consultant at Utilitywise as the EDF contract has now expired. He has researched the Parish Rooms Electricity bills and found a cheaper supplier

- a) **To resolve to authorise a 2 year contract with British Gas to supply electricity for the Parish Rooms**
The day rate is 0.39p per kWh less and the night rate 0.45p per kWh less.
It was proposed by TA, seconded by PD and unanimously resolved that a 2 year contract with British Gas to supply electricity for the Parish Rooms be authorised.
- b) **To resolve to authorise cancellation of the dd with EDF and authorise dd payments to British Gas in respect of Electricity used in the Parish Rooms**
It was proposed by TA, seconded by ID and unanimously resolved that the dd payments with EDF be cancelled and add payments to British Gas in respect of Electricity used in the Parish Rooms be authorised.

20. TENDERS

- a) **To nominate Councillors to assist Clerk in the update of Tender details for Grass cutting and Footpaths.**
The updated documents need to be approved at the January meeting and advertised that month with a return date before the March meeting, when a decision as to whom the contracts are awarded must be made as the Contracts will need to be offered in time for 1 April start
It was proposed by RWB, seconded by TA and unanimously resolved that GH and PD assist the Clerk in the update of Tender details for Grass cutting and Footpaths.

21. PHONE BOXES

- a) The owner of the land on which the telephone box at Praa Sands Post Office is situated does not wish the box to remain there
The two boxes at Praa Sands will therefore be removed
- b) One telephone box only, at Carleen, has been requested for adoption by Breage Parish Council

22. SAILING CANDIDATE

To discuss problems arising with the S137 grant allocation

This is the 2014/15 allocation. No Breage Parishioners have been found who wish to take part in this, probably because they have to have carers attend them and funding for this would have to be found. There are people from Helston who wish to take part but the Clerk has explained that it must be only be made available to people from Breage Parish. It was agreed that the search could continue until the end of March 2015.

23. REPORT FROM CLERK

- a) Fibre Optic. Now been moved to 5 January. The Clerk told them she is not available on Tuesdays but they keep making appointments for Tuesdays that she has to cancel. Then the line people came out on a Tuesday – one came today and couldn't find the place so it was phone calls all morning until he eventually got to the Old Mortuary and thought that was the Parish Room – so I the Clerk kept him on his phone and directed him here. He eventually did his check and he can run it from the green box across the road next to the closed graveyard but he needs a pole to connect it to. There is no other pole around that is high enough so they have to put up a new pole. May they put it at the back of the green waste bin at the rear of the building? I have to phone him tomorrow and say yes or no. **It was proposed by TA, seconded by GH and unanimously resolved that permission be given to erect a new telephone pole at the rear of the Parish Rooms.**
- b) Reply from the Solicitor received today regarding the deeds/title documents of the Playing Field. It is the same solicitor who originally dealt with matters and he says he will try and trace the file in the archives.
- c) Licensing of Vicar on Thursday. Cllr Bradford has volunteered to attend as neither the Chairman or Vice-Chairman are available. **It was proposed by TA, seconded by TC and unanimously resolved that Cllr Bradford represent Breage Parish Council at the Licensing of the Vicar for the United Benefice of West Kerrier.**
- d) Cormac had contacted giving a list of charges for weed killing along highways, giving a quote of £1,910 + VAT. It had been previously agreed that no action be taken for a year. **It was proposed by PD, seconded by TC and unanimously resolved that weed killing matters be looked at again later next year.**
- e) **The Clerk reported that the Clerk's Salary increase figures had now come through, payable from 1 January 2015 and that there would be a small lump sum to be paid on 14 December to cover from April to December 2014.**

24. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIESCarleen Village Hall

There will be a Flea Market on Saturday. A Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch will be held. There will be an Evening Carol Service, with free entry, on 13th. There would be a Soup and Pudding lunch on 19th, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and a Quiz on 20th.

The Breage defibrillator is at present at the School due to the closure of the Queen's Arms. It is hoped that St John's will provide a box so that the defibrillator can be left outside as accessibility is not good.

Ashton Lights switch on is Friday at 6 p.m. There are Carols at Ashton Church in the evening on 19th. There is a trip to see the local Christmas Lights. HB has spoken with Jo patient who has been very helpful in finding information and reporting back.

ID expressed concern over the corner of the Queen's Arms where the guttering has fallen. Since he has left the safety barrier is no longer there and stone work is falling. **It was proposed by ID, seconded by TA and unanimously resolved that the Clerk contact Punch Taverns in regard to a repair/barrier for the Queen's Arms.**

GH reported that he has banked £2,000 and there is more to come in for the Poppy Appeal. This is up slightly on last year's figure. TC confirmed that the Ashton Lights switch on is Friday at 6 p.m. The outing to see the local lights is fully booked. This is on 16th. The Ashton defibrillator money had been raised through the Loe Bar walk, the Quiz Night and Coffee Morning and the Auction, which had raised a wonderful £750. The training to use the defibrillator would cost £95 per person via St John or £39-£50 through a Charity but someone living in Ashton has offered to train 10 people for no charge. The outside box for the machine would have a security lock and the number would be given via a 999 call. Ashton was congratulated on its work to attain the defibrillator. AB reported that the routine ditch clearance is abysmal and not good enough. HB asked if a rock at Trevena could be removed as it has sat in the middle there for 3 years. TB reported that pampas grass has been removed at Praa Sands but just put on the other side of the road. She reported that the potholes are recurring on Byway 47.

25. CORRESPONDENCE

RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 CALC – LAIS docs
 MEP – Debate on Immigration
 RSN – Seminar Local Economies
 MEP – Visit to Five Acres Site
 CC – Budget Engagement Summary and Cabinet Response
 Cornwall Museums – Looking for venues for training sessions – preferably heritage sites
 MEP – Unscientific barriers to GM Farming
 Public Sector Network – newsletter November 2014
 Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – Minutes of meeting
 CC – Christmas Recycling and rubbish collections
 Vital Venues – newsletter November 2014
 RSN Weekly news 24 November 2014
 RSN – Spotlight on the heart of the village
 PCDT - November e bulletin

To note any correspondence received since the agenda was published

PCDT – Winter Signpost magazine

The Clerk said that additional correspondence would be put into the correspondence folder.

26. TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ashton Field; Praa Green: Rabbit and badger holes; Guidelines on predetermination of planning matters; yes or no to Neighbourhood Development Plan.

27. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING/EVENT

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 P.M., THE SANDBAR, PRAA SANDS – PLEASE PAY CLERK REMAINDER OF MONEY DUE ASAP; ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015, 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOMS

28. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the agenda items below be discussed, due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1, schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

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

29. PLANNING APPLICATION QUERIES

To resolve to formally approve the reply to a letter received

It was proposed by AB, seconded by ID and unanimously resolved that the reply to the letter received had been approved and sent.

It was noted that the letter received had been delivered to the Clerk in her home. It was proposed by GH, seconded by PG and unanimously resolved that an update be added to the website and that a public announcement be made at the next meeting that the Clerk is only to be approached at the Parish Rooms and that an appointment should be made to see her so that another person can be present.

It was proposed by TC, seconded by GH and unanimously resolved that the person who wrote the letter be advised that the Clerk should not be approached in her home.

30. CLERK/RFO'S APPRAISAL MEETING

To report on the meeting and discuss any matters arising

This meeting will not be held until 8 December and will be reported on at the January meeting.

31. CLERK/RFO'S ANNUAL LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

- a) To resolve to attempt find a way that would enable Clerk/RFO to take the full Annual Leave entitlement
 i.e. To consider a suggestion that has been made that no August meeting be held

The Clerk had provided details of Annual Leave that she had taken this year and to what she is entitled.

32. CLERK'S CONTRACT

To authorise necessary updates to the Clerk/RFO's Contract

This will be done after the 8 December meeting.

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 ON 2 DECEMBER 2014 IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE

At 7.10 p.m. the Chairman invited members of the public to put forward any concerns they had, or issues they wished to make known to the Parish Council, in regard to any items on the agenda.

Mr and Mrs Fornear spoke regarding PA14/10183, saying that this application had been approved and that they had received notification of this.

Mr Rayment had sent an e-mail to the Parish Council objecting to Planning Application PA14/11174 for the following reasons:

1. The whole area lies within the Cornwall AONB and I consider this application contrary to its aims.
 2. I believe the proposal is not necessary to get good coastal views. My house is 4 properties below No 14 on a fairly steeply sloping road and yet I have views of two lighthouses and the bay without lifting my head from the pillow in my first floor bedroom. I know that one of the previous owners of No 14 utilised one of the first floor front bedrooms as a sitting room precisely to get the advantage of the coastal views. Further I cannot see the point of publishing a photograph of the back of the sofa in the existing ground floor sitting room – presumably the photographer was kneeling at the time. What does this photo prove?
 3. If the object of this application is to improve coastal views from the house, why is it necessary to provide a large window on the back of the proposed 3rd floor extension looking towards the valley behind?
 4. Drawing 2060-06A shows the existing and proposed street elevations. If a line is drawn from the western edge of the roof of No 11 to that of No 15 it will be seen that No 14 falls within this line, which is parallel to the street line. In the proposed element portion of the drawing the new third floor would stand vertically proud of all the other roofs.
 5. In the Design and Access Statement it is suggested the new roof height would be an increase of 160mm. However, drawing 2060-06A shows before and after ridge levels of 53.18 and 55.10, which is difference of 1.92m. WHICH is the correct figure??
 6. There is another possibility which would allow the owner excellent sea views without all the complication and cost of a major building project. This would entail changing the house round with bedrooms moved to the ground floor and the living areas to the first floor and combining the existing front first floor rooms into one would provide a large sitting room with excellent views.
 7. Thus I consider building such a prominent vertical extension to give a third floor would look out of place in a road of single and two storey properties, would be contrary to the requirements of Cornwall Council's AONB rules and would set a precedent. I urge Breage Parish Council and Cornwall Council to reject this Application.
- Public Participation ended at 7.13 p.m.