

**BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE  
ON TUESDAY 03 MARCH 2026**

Present: Cllr A Woodhams (Chairman)

Cllr D Thomas  
Cllr M Southam  
Cllr L Campbell  
Cllr A Best  
Cllr L Tyler

Cllr R Jude  
Cllr H Bradford  
Cllr G Smith  
Cllr C Tyler

CCllr J Hodgetts  
Mr D Rutherford Clerk/RFO

Two residents

The Chairman welcomed all. It was stated that the meeting would be recorded to aid the Clerk with the minutes.

**1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

This was explained, no fire drills tonight

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDERS**

Each Member to ensure that their register of interests is up to date - No declarations were made.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

a) Apologies received and accepted from – Cllr C Ralph and Cllr R Rogers

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 03 FEBRUARY 2025, Proposed, seconded, resolved and confirmed**

**5. Public Participation – 19:01 – 19:07**

Two residents spoke regarding the last years successful Breage Festival raising £3000 ( £780 for each of main groups involved), a date had been set for 20 June 2026 for this year's event and a working committee set up. A request for funding was made and the Chairman confirmed this would go on April Agenda for Council to discuss.

It was also reported that the defibrillator had been successfully installed at Breage Snooker Club and had been well received by the community.

Cornwall Cllr J Hodgetts updated members on the issue with potholes, normally CC respond to about 450 per year currently that figure is nearer 4500. He confirmed he had reported the damage to the verge on the A394 caused by a tractor and the pothole by the church in Breage as well as requesting a safety audit for Rimsey Lane and a beach sign for Praa Sands. He also reported the huge opposition to introducing charging to the Fairground carpark in Helston and was working with portfolio holders to see what the best long-term approach for the site was.

## 6. FINANCE

### a) To resolve to approve February payments

No:	Date	Paymer	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
297	28/01/2026	DD	Cemetery electricity	Engie Power Ltd	573.15	28.66	601.81
298	05/02/2026	Bank	Ashton public realm	S J Construction	2,430.00	486.00	2,916.00
299	09/02/2026	Bank	Trewvas Pond	Woodland Trust	9.12	1.83	10.95
299	09/02/2026	Bank	Trewvas Pond	Woodland Trust	18.25	3.65	21.90
299	09/02/2026	Bank	Trewvas Pond	Woodland Trust	10.95	0.00	10.95
300	09/02/2026	Bank	Trewvas Pond	Yimbly	31.65	6.33	37.98
301	15/02/2026	Bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	80.63	16.13	96.76
301	15/02/2026	Bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	80.64	16.12	96.76
301	15/02/2026	Bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	60.00	12.00	72.00
302	16/02/2026	Bank	Lengthsman	R Sanders	120.00	24.00	144.00
303	13/02/2026	Bank	Grass Cutting & weed killing	R Sanders	459.50	91.90	551.40
303	13/02/2026	Bank	Grass Cutting & weed killing	R Sanders	122.00	24.40	146.40
304	13/02/2026	Bank	Play equipment inspection	SWPSI Ltd	33.33	6.67	40.00
304	13/02/2026	Bank	Play equipment inspection	SWPSI Ltd	33.33	6.66	39.99
305	10/02/2026	Bank	Ashton public realm	Truro Sawmills Ltd	190.00	38.00	228.00
306	13/02/2026	Bank	Defibrillators	Ronnie Richards Memori	1,279.94	255.98	1,535.92
307	22/02/2026	DD	Cemetery GOODS	Biffa	38.08	7.62	45.70
308	15/02/2026	DD	Telephone and Internet	BT	107.76	21.55	129.31
309	10/02/2026	DD	Cemetery electricity	British Gas	14.40	0.72	15.12
310	02/02/2026	Card	Office Goods	Amazon	16.56	3.33	19.89
310	02/02/2026	Card	Office Goods	Amazon	14.16	2.83	16.99
311	18/02/2026	Bank	Miscellaneous expend	AE & AB Woodhams	7.58	0.00	7.58
311	18/02/2026	Bank	Miscellaneous expend	AE & AB Woodhams	32.80	0.00	32.80
312	27/02/2026	Bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	80.64	16.13	96.77
312	27/02/2026	Bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	3.00	0.60	3.60
313	12/02/2026	Bank	Adobe Subscription	Adobe	247.44	49.49	296.93
314	27/02/2026	Bank	Enhanced LMP	R Sanders	275.00	55.00	330.00
314	27/02/2026	Bank	Enhanced LMP	R Sanders	300.00	60.00	360.00
315	16/02/2026	DD	Mobile	EE	13.50	2.70	16.20
316	27/02/2026	Babk	Salaries	Administration	49.92	0.00	49.92
316	27/02/2026	Babk	Salaries	Administration	1,847.96	0.00	1,847.96
317	27/02/2026	Bank	Salaries	HM Revenue & Customs	234.60	0.00	234.60
318	27/02/2026	Bank	Salaries	HM Revenue & Customs	88.88	0.00	88.88
319	27/02/2026	Bank	Employer's NI	HM Revenue & Customs	261.31	0.00	261.31
320	27/02/2026	Bank	Donations	R Sanders	80.00	16.00	96.00
321	27/02/2026	Bank	Miscellaneous expend	R Sanders	300.00	60.00	360.00
					9,546.08	1,314.30	10,860.38

### b) To resolve to approve February receipts

No	Date	Receipt	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
45	28/01/2026	Cash	Photocopying	Parish Resident	5.00	0.00	5.00
46	05/02/2026	Bank	Ashton public realm	Ashton Amenity Area	2,480.00	0.00	2,480.00
47	16/02/2026	Bank	Enhanced LMP	Cornwall Council	720.00	0.00	720.00
48	19/02/2026	Bank	Adobe Subscription	Adobe	3.48	0.00	3.48
49	23/02/2026	Bank	Cemetery fees	Pendle Funeral Services	600.00	0.00	600.00
					3,808.48		3,808.48

c) To receive bank balances as of 28 Feb 2026 Petty Cash £155.00, Community account £3529.04, Business account £157,227.91, Ashton £2.58

**A composite resolution to approve item 7 a,b,c was Proposed, seconded, resolved and confirmed.**

## **7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW)**

- i) MS passed on the thanks from a resident who was very happy with the path repairs at Praa Sands.
- ii) TW – confirmed that the LMP & SWCP grant offers had been received and accepted for 2026/2027.
- iii) TW – Confirmed that the fingerpost signs at Higher Trevurvas and Rinsey would be fixed back into position following wind damage.
- iv) GS – noted that FP 69 at Trevenna Cross was very muddy and could wood chippings be laid to absorb this? Obviously having the wettest winter on record has impacted on Footpaths generally, so it was suggested Bridleway 14 which runs parallel was a better option in the short term.

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

- i) TW – There is an issue with the new bollard on the A294 at Germoe Crossroads, which needs looking at. Basically, if two buses stop at the same time it clogs up traffic both ways and renders passing impossible.

A range of other issues would be discussed at a meeting with the CC Highways Manager and TW/GS.

## **9. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**

- i) Update TW – a request to clean the relevant graves had been submitted to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

## **10. PLAYGROUND & EXERCISE AREAS**

- i) Safety inspections of equipment are carried out and reports provided each month
- ii) Breage Field  
Update GS – did not receive an invite to the BFC annual meeting. TW – Budleigh tree needs attention and Field needs a good tidy up and the land drain needs checking, once the weather improves. There will be an Easter Egg extravaganza at 10:30 on 03/04/2026
- iii) Ashton Field  
Update TW - 71 Trees planted and the creation of a secondary orchard. The road leading to the field has been resurfaced with plainings. Two memorial benches have been installed and utilized the last remaining spaces.
- iv) Praa Sands  
Update TW – awaiting a dry spell to do repairs and weeding. Following a question raised by Cllr's Tw confirmed that Praa Green is protected under the Commons Act 1965, therefore riding a bike on it is a criminal offence which carries a fine of £5k for non-aggravated damage to 3 months & £2,500 as a maximum penalty.

## **11. PARISH ROOMS**

- i) The Clerk will continue to work from the office in accordance with Lone Worker Procedure as directed.

## **12. LENGTHSMAN**

- i) Update AB – system holding up well in the main. Given Jan & Feb rainfall records.

## **13. POLICE**

- i) Advocate Councillor has circulated reports to Councillors throughout the month GS 3 main areas of focus: 1. Anti-social behaviour. 2. Rural Crime. 3. Cyber Crime. GS will be meeting with the PCSO and inviting them to attend a Parish Meeting.

## **14. TREVURVAS POND**

- i) A report has been circulated to Councillors DT/MS French drains are being investigated and the re-routing of the path across the common to protect an English Walnut Tree. Planning underway for a pond dipping session.

## **15. ASHTON VILLAGE HUB**

- i) Update HB – weekly meetings still well attended, sign off and funding received for the moisture trap. A kick-boxing club has shown some interest in potentially hiring space for classes.
- TW – projector and screen due to be installed and guttering at the rear of the building to protect the back wall. 28/03/2026 - Easter event, 18/04/2026 – Jumble Sale, 18/07/2026 – Summer Fete.

## **16. S KERRIER COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

- i) Update RJ - CAP highway funding proposed project Breage to Porthleven walk submitted.

## **17. PRAA SANDS**

- i) Update TW – FoPS have signed the lease to take on management of the Steps.
- ii) Due to anti-social parking on Sea Meads, we will need to add an agenda item to block the passing bays to prohibit parking but still act as a refuge for pedestrians.

## **18. STORM RESILIENCE**

- i) Starlink – **It was Proposed, seconded, resolved and confirmed that the council would source a mini-starlink and Jackery portable power station to support resilience capabilities.**
- ii) GS/LC provided a short presentation and outlined a data collection form to identify support required and who can deliver it post similar future events. The intention is to provide a more detailed report and presentation at the August meeting.

## **19. CLERK'S REPORT** Previously circulated to Councillors

## **20. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**21. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS –**

- i) Coastline have released a new scheme in Rinsey that is now open to residents to apply for details on the website.
- ii) The proposed community led conservation area behind Pengersick is going to Cornwall Council for a decision.
- iii) The Breage Branch of the Royal British Legion has folded, the flag etc is being retained in the Parish rooms in case or until it is formally re-constituted.

**22. DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**MEETING TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PLANNING AND LAND USE MATTERS WEDNESDAY 25 March 2026; ORDINARY PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 07 APRIL 2026, TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.**

**23. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** To resolve to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

- i) Legal in confidence – not required

Meeting closed at 8:33pm

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