**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 02 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Present: Cllr A Woodhams (Chairman)

Cllr D Thomas

Cllr A J Best

Cllr G Smith MBE

Cllr H Bradford

Cllr C Tyler

Cllr L Tyler

Cllr R Rogers

Cllr R Jude

Cllr C Ralph

Cllr M Southam

CCllr J Hodgetts

Mr D Rutherford Clerk/RFO

Four Members of the public

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) No Apologies received – full attendance.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE** **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 05 AUGUST 2025**

**Proposed, seconded, resolved and confirmed.**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – was held between 07:05 and 07:16pm**

**6. FINANCE**

**a) To resolve to approve August payments**





**b)** **To resolve to approve August receipts**



**c)** **To receive bank balances as of 29 Aug 2025** – Petty Cash £150, Current - £2427.33, Savings - £ 137523.72,

Ashton - £ 16,129.51

**A composite resolution to approve item 6 a-c was Proposed, seconded, resolved and confirmed.**

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

i) MS/LT -Noted a decision letter had been received and accepted from the Planning Inspectorate regarding ROW/3312595 - Addition of Bridleways & Upgrade of Footpaths to Bridleways & a Restricted Byway at Tregonning Hill in the Parishes of Germoe & Breage DMMO 2021

ii) TW – noted that the Council would be generating a report in response to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Outdoor Recreation and Access to Nature, which is asking for ideas for new legislation and/or policy proposals that would enable more people to access green spaces, e.g. by enabling “more people to make use of existing access opportunities” including public rights of way, ideas which should help inform the current Government’s plans for improving access to nature. This is an opportunity for parish councils whose green lanes are affected by off-roading to provide evidence of the need for new legislation to protect their lanes. When complete this would be shared with Germoe & Breage Bridleway Association by the two nominated councillors who attend their meetings.

iii) TW – plans were being drawn up to apply for enhanced LMP funding to support the development of a circular walk incorporating Andiggy and lower Kenneggy and a route linking Ashton to Breage via bridleway 14 and footpath 69

iv) MS – reported a footpath post had collapsed on footpath 201/6/3 and was in need of repair – this has been arranged.

**8.HIGHWAYS**

i) TW – the Bus shelters at Rinsey lane & Newtown had been confirmed as being scheduled for replacement in October 2025 and re-positioning of the Bus stop is being investigated on Castle drive near to the car parks.

ii) The top surface of the road at prospect lane is clearly breaking up and would be reported to highways

**9. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**

i) Update TW – all is well with the cemetery. An audit of Grave Headstone angles and a conditions report of graves will be conducted over the winter and £1,000 will be set aside from the precept each year to replace top covers where appropriate.

ii) TW – Cemetery gates will be reviewed for widening to enable larger hearses access to the road enabling closer access to graves during inclement weather.

iii) The cemetery wall along Sethnoe Way will be trimmed in the next fortnight.

**10. PLAYGROUND & EXERCISE AREAS**

i) Safety inspections of equipment are carried out and reports provided each month

ii)Breage Field

Update GS – new sensory equipment had been installed and goals and nets, awaiting a risk assessment from BFC on these. The village is ready for Breage Festival on 20 September. A question was raised as to why Breaney Methodist Church was not involved in the festival.

iii) Ashton Field

Update TW – reported that all the benches and tables had been cleaned and repainted, and that the shelter would be installed at the end of September.

iv) Praa Sands

Update TW – all the gym equipment had been stripped back and painted; weedkiller would be applied now that Schools are back.

**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 – Cormac had cleared ditches and there was no flooding reported following the heavy rain on Saturday 30 August.

ii) Would like a data set detailing the Culverts in the Parish linked to What3words

**13. POLICE**

i) Advocate Councillor (GS) reported that a new scheme was being launched whereby the proceeds from crime would be diverted to prevent crime via a community group grant scheme more info available at *https://dcpcc.commonplace.is/en-GB/news/pcc-invites-community-groups-to-bid-for-share-of-330000-crime-prevention-funding*

**14. TREVURVAS POND**

i) A report has been circulated to Councillors DT/MS CWT have been in touch and funding maybe available for identification of the various critters lurking in the depths of the pond. Bob Sanders has cut the grass and cleared the gully which has made a tremendous difference.

**15. ASHTON VILLAGE HUB**

i) Update HB - Noted Fete cancelled due to the weather but it will be rescheduled for September. Broadband being installed to increase commercial bookings.

**16. S KERRIER COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

i) Update CMR – No update, next meeting scheduled for October.

**17. PRAA SANDS**

i) Update TW- New fence will start going up on 15 Sept. FOPS had made contact and advised they were starting a petition to include all of Pengersick in the 20’s plenty scheme and that they have submitted plans for the Steps to Cornwall Council for evaluation.

**18. CLERK’S REPORT** Previously circulated to Councillors

**19. CUSTODIAL TRUSTEES –** both Breage and Germoe Parish Councils are Custodial Trustees for Praa Sands & District Community Centre. Essentially Holding Legal Title to Trust Property, Assisting Managing Trustees in Legal Transactions and Safeguarding Trust Assets and Documentation. Neither Council own nor manage any of the facilities, that falls to the Managing Trustees.

**20. ASHTON LIGHTS** – An Ashton Christmas Lights Committeehas come forward; the Clerk will liaise with them to transfer ownership of the lights over to them and forward the £430 held in reserve following the dissolving of the last lights committee.

**21. MEMBERS’ REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

CT – Had been advised by MS4S that funding could be available from Cornwall Wildlife Trust to survey the green.

AB – Reminder that Carleen Village Fete is scheduled for 13 September 2025

CR – Attended Godolphin Cross Community Association – well run group, with a good program of events. They passed on the thanks to BPC for the donation towards there fair.

DT – Reported that the corner of the wall outside Pisky Cove has been badly damaged and cordoned off.

**22. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

Advised councillors that Area 64 would see active culling of badgers, so residents may here more gunfire that typically.

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

**MEETING TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PLANNING AND LAND USE MATTERS WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025; ORDINARY PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 07 OCTOBER 2025, TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.**