

**BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE  
ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024**

Present: Cllr A E Woodhams (Chairman)

Cllr A J Best  
Cllr C M Ralph  
Cllr N Roberts  
Cllr R Rogers  
Cllr M Southam  
Cllr D Thomas

17 Members of the Public

Mrs Carol Macleod Clerk/RFO

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Covid is rife again throughout the area. There will be no fire drills today. The meeting is recorded to aid the Clerk with the minutes.

**1. FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

**This was explained.**

**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) To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apology from HB was received and accepted. Cllr Keeling sent apologies.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Proposed, seconded and resolved confirmed.**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** To include Cornwall Councillor's report – previously circulated to Councillors

Public participation was held here from 7.03 to 7.55 p.m.

Papers referring to the Tregonning Hill DMMO had been circulated to Councillors at the beginning of the meeting.

**6. FINANCE**

a) To resolve that Mrs Barbara Goraus be appointed Breage Parish Council internal Auditor to audit the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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b) To resolve to approve March payments

No	Date	Pay	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
366	01/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	Administration	1,960.00		1,960.00
367	08/02/2024	dd	Cemetery electricity	Yu Energy	15.18	0.76	15.94
368	14/02/2024	bank	Enhanced LMP	R Sanders	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
369	02/02/2024	dc	Office supplies	Amazon	8.99	1.80	10.79
370	16/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	-389.56		-389.56
371	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	13.62	2.72	16.34
372	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	50.00	10.00	60.00
373	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	112.00	22.40	134.40
374	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	41.00	8.20	49.20
375	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	75.25	15.05	90.30
376	19/02/2024	bank	Ashton Village Hub	RGB Building Supplies	97.69	19.54	117.23
377	23/02/2024	dd	Electricity Parish Rooms	Engie Power Ltd	217.08	10.85	227.93
378	06/03/2024	bank	Play equipment inspection	SWPSI Ltd	33.33	6.67	40.00
379	06/03/2024	bank	Play equipment inspection	SWPSI Ltd	66.66	13.33	79.99

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380	22/02/2024	dc	Repairs and Maintenance Street furniture	Safety Signs & Stickers	13.32	2.66	15.98
381	29/01/2024	dd	Telephone and Internet	BT	10.00	2.00	12.00
382	15/02/2024	dd	Telephone and Internet	BT	145.70	29.14	174.84
383	29/02/2024	dd	Telephone and Internet	BT	10.00	2.00	12.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>4980.26</b>	<b>647.12</b>	<b>5627.38</b>

## c) March receipts

No	Date	Receipt	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
45	45336.00	bank	Cemetery fees	Sharon Symonds	60.00		60.00
46	45341.00	bank	Cemetery fees	F E Strike	1600.00		1600.00
47	45348.00	cash to PO to bank	Admin	F Conway	2.00		2.00
					<b>1662.00</b>		<b>1662.00</b>

The Clerk advised that item 370 should not include VAT. Amended totals were given. Cllr NR had checked the receipts and payments. It was asked why the salary payments were not on the list. The salaries had been paid but would appear on the next list as they had not reached the Scribe listings in time for this meeting. NR confirmed that she had checked this. The payment totals were queried but it was agreed that they are correct. **Proposed, seconded and resolved that payments as listed above were passed for payment.**

## d) To receive bank balances

As at 28 February 2024: Current: £4,447.24; Savings: £150,928.98; Ashton Amenity Area: £40.21; Petty cash: £150.00.

The Clerk confirmed that there is sufficient funding for liabilities to be met for the financial year 2023/24.

**7. FOOTPATHS**

## i) Report MS

No footpath issues have been reported. The Steps at Praa Green, Seameads end are eroding again. Clerk to report to Cornwall Council.

## ii) Update DMMO

MS asked to confirm date to meet with Clerk to confirm BPC's Statement.

**iii) To resolve that R Sanders is contracted to carry out Footpaths and Grass cutting in Breage Parish from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

Cornwall Council has provided a 4.9% increase over last year's grant for the LMP and SWCP. Mr Sanders increase for the grass cutting will be not more than 4%. **Proposed, seconded and resolved that R Sanders be contracted to carry out Footpaths and Grass cutting in Breage Parish from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

**8. HIGHWAYS**

i) Higher Road, Breage water is pooling at the layby. Drain is needing investigation.

ii) A394 Ashton before the Lion and Lamb towards Helston, the many large potholes have been refilled several times but the filling quickly empties out. More potholes have opened. The Clerk has reported this.

iii) Godolphin Cross Highways Scheme - Requested update has not yet been provided.

iv) Flooding again reported at Trescowe.

v) 20 is Plenty – NR reported that the Hi-Viz garments have been provided to Breage and Godolphin Schools and the schools are delighted. Godolphin has given thanks to BPC in its newsletter. Breage has asked for 20 is Plenty signs for poles they will provide. There is £441.09 remaining from the grant.

vi) Quotes have been received from Cornwall Council for a bollard for the parking area, Praa Green: £170 plus VAT and for the 'No Parking Passing Only' sign for Byway 47: £402.80 plus VAT. It was agreed that these prices are far too high for BPC to pay. The Clerk was asked to source alternatives.

vii) Prospect Row, Ashton – road surface is in an extremely poor state.

viii) Near Elysian Fields, A394 – the edge of a manhole is causing problems.

ix) Jew's Lane, Godolphin – many potholes. Clerk to report to Cllr Keeling.

**9. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS**

## i) Update TW

Once weather improves: Graves to be checked and bench shelters and workshop to be repainted. Quotes to be obtained from tree surgeons regarding yew trees in the War Memorial graveyard.

ii) Burial: David William Stephen Pearce on Monday 19 February, Section 21, Row 1, Grave 10

**10. PLAYGROUND & EXERCISE AREAS**

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

ii) Breage Field

Full Report on planned work AB:

It appears that a plan was not worked to. There were pipes left and right on the field and in the middle. Matting was removed in the swings area and sand has been put in place. Matting will be needed but there appears to be no plan for that. No-one from the Committee appears to have signed off the drainage work. It appears that grass seed will be used when the field has dried out.

A plan of the land drains is needed.

Full Report on Committee Activity CMR:

3 Members did see the work at different times. The Committee Members all have full-time employment. Work was done as specified. AB had asked the Committee Chairman about the new roundabout as the cost seemed extremely high. CMR explained that there are 4 potential new quotes and the two joint-Chairmen are to meet with Contractors on Thursday.

An Easter Event is planned for Good Friday, 29 March. Dry out weather is needed. The Clerk will receive a Risk Assessment.

The Clerk explained that the field is far too wet, slippery and dangerous at present for her to agree to an event.

Concern re. lacking responses to BPC e-mails

This would be passed on to the Chairmen.

iii) Ashton Field

Update TW

A broken tree has been cut down and is to be removed.

iv) Praa Sands

Update TW

The exercise equipment mats are to be cleaned and the perimeter of the area treated with weedkiller.

#### **11. PARISH ROOMS**

i) The Clerk will continue to work from the office in accordance with Lone Worker Procedure as directed. The Clerk, as Lone Worker will text Mr Macleod two-hourly when she is at work. He will return the text as soon as is possible

ii) The interior is due to be repainted and the exterior paintwork to be refurbished.

#### **12. POLICE**

i) Reports have been circulated to Councillors throughout the month DT

DT reported that she had contacted the PCSO regarding the black Mercedes parked on the pavement on Pengersick Lane, as mentioned at the previous BPC meeting and the following response was received: I have popped down to Praa Sands to check the vehicle situation and there was not one parked there. Looking at the photographs, while I agree the vehicle should not be parked on the pavement there is not an obstruction. For the police to deal with an obstruction the offence has to be absolute.

Councillors felt this to be an incorrect interpretation as it meant that if someone in a wheelchair or with a pram phones the Police as they are not able to get through on the pavement then they have to remain there until the Police arrive to witness the obstruction.

It would not need to be an offence. If someone cannot get through the highway is blocked. DT was thanked.

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

i) Update CMR

Levelling up bids close on 15 March.

CIL4 money also available – Clerk to send details.

#### **14. LENGTHSMAN**

i) Update AB

Redallon work has been completed = an excellent job done. Lengthsman invoice not yet approved for payment – list of where signs have been cleaned has been requested.

#### **15. TREVURVAS POND**

i) A report has been circulated to Councillors DT

The pond is looking great. A well done to all the workers.

#### **16. ASHTON VILLAGE HUB**

i) Update on activities NR

Floor cleaning to be done on Friday. Floor covering has been ordered. Walls to be painted and architrave and finer bits to be completed.

Easter fete 31 March, using the Amenity Area as well

ii) Update building work TW

**17. CLERK'S REPORT** Previously circulated to Councillors

**18. MEMBERS' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES 191. MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE OF AN URGENT NATURE**

#### **19. DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND LAND USE MATTERS MEETING WEDNESDAY 27 March 2024; ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2024. MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS AT 7.00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

**DRAFT NOTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE**  
**ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024**

At 7.03 p.m. the meeting was closed and Public Participation opened.

A Parishioner asked when the traffic calming and improvements would commence on the A394. He was informed that after a delay it was underway and back on schedule. Details are on-line and the BPC website, further details can be obtained by contacting Cllr Keeling.

Representatives of the Breage and Germoe Bridleway Association were present at the meeting. Members of the Association presented their evidence of previous equine use of Tregonning Hill in support of the DMMO to the Council Members. It was reiterated that BPC is not the final adjudicator or decision maker in this matter and that this is properly the province of the inquiry. Any additional evidence from whatever source needs to be sent to the Inspectorate in line with the published timetable. BPC was requested to review its position as an objector to the proposed DMMO, and it was explained that the evidence both from the supporters and the objectors was less than persuasive and it was concluded by BPC that the most just and fairest way of reaching a conclusion was by inquiry and test of the evidence. It was further stated by BPC that whatever the decision arrived at by the inquiry that all parties would accept it and draw a line under the issue. Cllr Keeling's monthly report had been circulated to the Councillors and was noted by BPC.

Public participation ended at 7.55 p.m. and the meeting was re-opened.