

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

08/25

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DRAFT MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

Present: Cllr A Woodhams (Chairman)

Cllr A J Best

Cllr H Bradford

Cllr C Oxford Pope

Cllr CM Ralph

Cllr R Rogers

Cllr G Smith MBE

Cllr M Southam

Cllr C Tyler

Cllr L Tyler

CCLl J Keeling

2 Member of the public

D Rutherford Clerk Designate

Mrs Carol Macleod Clerk/RFO

The Chairman welcomed all. It was stated that the meeting would be recorded to aid the Clerk with the minutes. Covid cases are still strong in the Parish & Porthleven.

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) To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apology from DT received and accepted.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 JANUARY 2025

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 – 7:38

6. FINANCE

a) To resolve to approve February payments

No	Date	Pay	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
366	05/02/2025	BAnk	Amenity Areas	R Sanders	120.00	24.00	144.00
367	09/01/2025	DC	Office supplies	Alta & Co Trading Ltd	6.41	1.28	7.69
368	13/01/2025	DD	Admin	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	0.00	35.00
369	05/02/2025	bank	Godolphin Shute	Jones Drainage & Groundworks Ltd	1,381.44	276.29	1,657.73
370	05/03/2025	BANK	Amenity Areas	RGB Building Supplies	174.89	34.98	209.87
371	10/02/2025	DC	Amenity Areas	NextDayPaint	24.78	4.96	29.74
371	10/02/2025	DC	Amenity Areas	NextDayPaint	3.33	0.66	3.99
372	05/03/2025	Bank	Amenity Areas	RGB Building Supplies	40.75	8.15	48.90
373	18/02/2025	DD	Cemetery electricity	British Gas	14.20	0.71	14.91
374	03/03/2025	DD	Cemetery Water	Source for Business	31.08	0.00	31.08
375	03/03/2025	DD	Parish Rooms Water	Source for Business	24.57	0.00	24.57
376	10/03/2025	dd	Loan Repayment	PWLB	1,818.18	0.00	1,818.18
377	10/03/2025	dd	Loan Interest Cemetery	PWLB	480.00	0.00	480.00
378	20/02/2025	bank	Amenity Areas	A Whitehead	920.05	0.00	920.05

379	05/03/2025	bank	Travel	Clerk D	94.68	0.00	94.68
380	05/03/2025	bank	Travel	Clerk	24.48	0.00	24.48
381	05/03/2025	bank	Lengthsman	R Sanders	1,920.00	384.00	2,304.00
382	26/02/2025	DD	Electricity Parish Rooms	Engie Power Ltd	266.29	13.31	279.60
383	05/03/2025	bank	Amenity Areas	RGB Building Supplies	16.36	3.27	19.63
384	15/02/2025	DD	Telephone and Internet	BT	146.59	29.32	175.91
385	01/03/2025	DD	Telephone and Internet	BT	10.79	2.16	12.95
386	09/02/2025	DC	Office supplies	My Shop	5.22	1.05	6.27
387	05/03/2025	bank	Computer IT	Primary PC Solutions Ltd	78.66	15.73	94.39
388	28/02/2025	bank	Salaries	Administration	1,403.22	0.00	1,403.22
389	28/02/2025	bank	Salaries	Administration	1,033.48	0.00	1,033.48
390	28/02/2025	bank	Salaries	Administration	54.12	0.00	54.12
391	28/02/2025	bank	Salaries	HM Revenue & Customs	207.60	0.00	207.60
392	28/02/2025	bank	Employer's NI	HM Revenue & Customs	211.16	0.00	211.16
393	07/03/2025	DD	Salaries	NEST	331.27	0.00	331.27
394	07/03/2025	DD	Pension Employer	NEST	49.69	0.00	49.69
395	07/03/2025	DD	Salaries	NEST	14.12	0.00	14.12
396	07/03/2025	DD	Pension Employer	NEST	10.59	0.00	10.59
Total					10,953.00	799.87	11,752.87

b) February receipts

No	Date	Receipt	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
38	04/11/2024	Bank	Cemetery fees	Pendle Funeral Services	250.00	0.00	250.00
39	08/11/2024		Ashton Village Lights	Ashton Village Hub	430.00	0.00	430.00
40	13/01/2025	CHQ to PO to Bank	Cemetery fees	Sandra Harris	135.00	0.00	135.00
41	22/01/2025	Cash to Po to Bank	Admin	F Conway	1.00	0.00	1.00
42	23/01/2025	bank	Cemetery fees	F Wearne	135.00	0.00	135.00
43	21/01/2025	bank	VAT refund	HM Revenue & Customs	0.00	2,360.79	2,360.79
44	07/01/2025	bank	Cemetery fees	Godfrey Richards	540.00	0.00	540.00
Total					1,491.00	2,360.79	3,851.79

GS had checked the payments and receipts. The Clerk gave amendments to 345/352 & 353 and figures as shown above were approved.

Proposed, seconded and resolved approved

c) To receive bank balances

Current - £7,92.10; Savings - £ 180,347.47; Ashton Amenity Area - £ 40.81; Petty Cash £ 241.00

7. FOOTPATHS

i) Report MS

No issues raised

ii) **Modification order** WCA 829 to modify Definitive Map addition of a Restricted Byway from Classified Road C0162 to Classified Road C0162, and the upgrade of part of Footpath 17 and Bridleway 17 to Restricted Byway at Granny Polly Lane.

To receive councillors' comments and **resolve to submit consultation observations by 10 February 2025**

Agreed to stand by previous application submitted comment. Clerk to send.

iii) **To resolve to accept SWCP and LMP grants 2025/26**

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the Grants.

iv) **DMMO Tregonning Hill**

BPC resolved to be bound by the Inspectorate finding. So no further comment necessary.

8. HIGHWAYS

i) Update 20 is Plenty 2025 TW

Cameras were not installed at time of trial in Pengersick Lane, this has now been resolved and data is awaited. Disappointment was expressed that CC does not seem to be in favour of the scheme for Pengersick Lane.

ii) DT reported that the money for the school project has been fully utilized and grateful thanks had been received from Breage School.

9. CEMETERY AND CLOSED GRAVEYARDS

i) Update TW – Cornish Hedge work will begin in February subject to weather.

ii) Clerk Designate to oversee cemetery planning, including software review.

10. PLAYGROUND & EXERCISE AREAS

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

ii) Breage Field

Update GS/AB

The Chairman updated Cllrs on the function of the Breage Field Committee in regard to land use, such as daily litter clearing etc.

A conversation was held regarding budget and income to support maintenance and play equipment and **it was proposed, seconded and resolved that H&S reports are produced quarterly for Breage Field, that £5,000 be vired from the Yew tree budget to a ring-fenced reserve for play equipment maintenance.**

A suggestion was made that the Committee and anyone else that could help may wish to repair and waterproof the Rotunda under the supervision of A Whitehead. It was noted that the Land drains were working well and the problem on the Higher Road drain has been resolved.

iii) Ashton Field

It was noted two football goal hoops were broken

iv) Praa Sands

The Gym equipment was noted as being popular and well used. Cosmetic repairs are taking place to keep equipment in good order.

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) After consultation with and confirmation of Fire Brigade rulings **it was proposed, seconded and resolved to not renew the contract for the fire alarm service and 24/7 cover with Trelawney Fire & Security and not to purchase a new alarm box, as a fire alarm is unnecessary in a single story, two-room building.** The Clerk was asked to contact Matley for advice on smoke detectors.

12. LENGTHSMAN

i) Update AB – no issue with drainage despite the weather. Some underground drains will need inspection, AB to advise contractor.

13. POLICE

i) Advocate Councillor has circulated reports to Councillors throughout the month DT

ii) There will be in all likelihood a 4.99% figure for the council tax 25/26 equating to about £28 per house extra.

14. TREVURVAS POND

i) A report has been circulated to Councillors MS

ii) MS reported that algae was not being cleared at present as amphibians are spawning.

15. ASHTON VILLAGE HUB

i) Update HB

Tabletop sale 15th February.

New Shed had been ordered and quote for blackout blinds.

There will be a new lunch club on last Friday of the month for a 3-month trial period.

Pleased to report the Lion and Lamb had kindly agreed to the use of their carpark for meetings.

Last Wednesday saw 20+ attendees at the Coffee and Cake morning.

First Aid defibrillator training had been excellent.

The Committee is really doing an excellent job.

16. S KERRIER COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

i) Update COP. CAP meetings are taking a single topic focus meeting by meeting. The January meeting had a Youth theme, focusing on Young People Action Plan Priorities. The old Budgens building, in Helston, will be delivering services aimed at supporting youth with the provision of a downstairs climbing wall and other services. A GP medical centre opens on 1 April.

Attendees at CAP asked if more space can be allowed in the meetings for attendee participation over presentations, which take up much of the allocated time.

There is a reported £43m available in the Shared Prosperity Fund of which £54,000 has been allocated towards community capacity funding, and projects are welcome supported by a bid document.

17. PRAA SANDS

i) Making Space for Sand report CT/LT

15 people attended the January meeting. There was some mention of the formation of a "Friends of Praa Sands" Group to replace the now defunct but once powerful Praa Sands Resident Association. Some discussion was held on alternative step arrangements to those already agreed between parties. It was felt important not to unpick that agreement by suggesting alternatives at this juncture.

18. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

i) **To decide by resolution to retender or extend for 2025/26 contract**

It was proposed, seconded and resolved not to retender but to renew the existing contract with R Sanders, permitting a 1.5% increase.

19. CLERK'S REPORT Previously circulated to Councillors

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

- i) Carleen Village Hall secured planning permission for the new kitchen work.
- ii) Purdah begins on 14 March.
- iii) The new publicans at the Lion and Lamb, Ashton have settled in.
- iv) Godolphin Shute work has mostly been completed.
- v) Issue with shattered sleeping policeman in Byway 47 - to be referred to C Crow.
- vi) Godolphin School – several buildings have been offered to help with housing lessons during the installation of 2 classroom huts at Godolphin School.
- vii) Kei Wei planning application all properties are now affordable.

21. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- i) Breage Snooker & Social Club - to discuss request for grant **and make any necessary resolution**

After discussion **it was proposed, seconded and resolved that an s137 grant be made available from the 2025/6 budget towards an external defibrillator for Community use. The Snooker and Social Club to be responsible for electricity, insurance, upkeep and necessary maintenance.**

- ii) Update on bus shelters Newtown and Ashton

Sent through by e-mail: *The bus shelter at Newtown had sustained substantial damage to the roof during the last storm, CC was asked to remove it, which they did. On its removal evidence of illegal drug taking was evident in the form of discarded hypodermic syringes. Public and environmental services were requested to safely remove them. The police will be informed to take any necessary action. Cornwall Council were asked to replace the shelter asap.*

The scheduled shelter at A394 at Hendra Lane is still on track for delivery.

22. DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

MEETING TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON PLANNING AND LAND USE MATTERS WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025; ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025. MEETINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS, BREAGE AT 7.00 P.M.

Confirmed.

23. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To resolve that Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that agenda items that have been allocated here from the meeting may be discussed, due to the likely disclosure of exempt information

Proposed, seconded and resolved. Cllr Keeling left the meeting.

24. UPDATE LEGAL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

BREAGE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS BREAGE ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

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

A Praa Sand resident and friend, asked for guidance, looking to form a Friends of Praa Sands group with the hope of restoring the original steps to the beach down from Praa Green that have now been replaced by a set of wooden steps 80 metres further down the beach. They provided an outline of how they felt this could proceed using group members when formed and other volunteers. The Chairman explained that Breage Parish Council and Cornwall Council were working together on an agreed plan re. the new wooden steps and cautioned that any potential proposals should not undermine existing agreed work for fear this may jeopardise this contract. The Chairman provided a great deal of background including reports (Cormac Report, Shoreline Management Plan and others) that indicated that it was neither feasible nor sustainable to reinstate the old steps, as stated in the Cornwall Council Feasibility report. Any plan brought forward by third parties would need to be fully costed and include insurance, maintenance and security of funding before coming back to Parish Council. A full Committee with a Constitution would need to be in place.

A BPC Councillor asked Cllr Keeling if he supported a Mayoral approach, he replied that Mayors require a population of 5 million, so would mean Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay, Dorset and Wiltshire merging under one Mayor. The strong feeling within Cornwall was that Cornwall should stay as a foundation Authority and a Mayor would be opposed.

Public participation ended at 7.38 p.m. and the meeting was re-opened.