



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL / 810th MEETING OF BUDOCK PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT TREVERVA VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 19th MAY 2008**

PRESENT : Cllrs Bastin (Chairman) Fairbank, Gibson, Miss Pengelly, Tim McCabe and Trevor McCabe.

There were no comments from the public on matters on the agenda.

C2733 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2008/09

It was proposed by Cllr Trevor McCabe, seconded by Cllr Miss Pengelly and

RESOLVED that Cllr Bastin be elected as Chairman of Budock Parish Council for the year 2008/09.

Cllr Bastin thanked everyone for their support, and duly signed his Acceptance of Office.

C2734 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Brown, D Cllr Fryer, PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston.

C2735 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Miss Pengelly declared a personal interest in agenda item C2741 (c) (i), Planning Application PA08/00783/F (An Laity).

b) Of gifts of a value of more than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25.

C2736 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Meeting of Budock Parish Council, 28th April 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Trevor McCabe, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th April 2008 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

C2737 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Replacement of Litter Bins

The Clerk stated that the litter bins, which had been removed when the lamp posts had been replaced, were now back in place.

b) Possible provision of a Public Toilet outside Budock Village Hall

This had been further investigated by the Village Hall Committee, who did not feel that this was practical, given the internal layout of the building, and the location of mains services.

C2738 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Election of Vice-Chairman for the year 2008/09

It was proposed by Cllr Trevor McCabe, seconded by Cllr Miss Pengelly and

RESOLVED that Cllr Fairbank be elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2008/09.

b) Appointment of Portfolio Holders for the year 2008/09

The Council nominated portfolio holders for the year 2008/09, a full schedule of which is attached to these Minutes.

c) Appointment of Committees & Representatives for the year 2008/09

The Council nominated representatives to Committees and Outside Bodies for the year 2008/09, a full schedule of which is attached to these Minutes. It was agreed that Cllr Trevor McCabe should join the Policy & Finance Group.

d) To consider an invitation to assist in the formulation of Falmouth Town Council's Community Plan

The Chairman and Clerk had attended, as invitees, a meeting at Falmouth Town Council, which had also included representatives from Penryn, Mawnan and Mylor. The Chairman reported that the meeting had been a very open one, and it appeared that Falmouth and Penryn might be able to provide locally-based services to the surrounding parishes, post-unitary.

The council welcomed the opportunity to become involved in the Falmouth Community Plan, and it was agreed that Cllr Bastin and/or the Clerk attend the next meeting, which was scheduled for 28th May 2008.

e) Budget considerations with respect to the Speed Visor contribution

As requested at the April meeting, the Clerk had circulated 3-year budget projections, which had options for the funding of the Speed Visor, in advance of the meeting. He advised against borrowing £3,000 from the Public Works Loan Board for two reasons :-

- It was such a small amount that this could open the Council's low level of Free Reserves to criticism
- At 7.5% per annum, the repayments would be £407 each year, a total of £4,070, and a finance "cost" of £1,070

Beyond the current year, he expressed real concerns that, if the Precept continued to be "pegged" to inflation, then the Parish Council would run out of money in less than 2 years, which would not be legal, and would be likely to lead to an allegation of financial mismanagement. This would be the case whether or not the 2007/08 carried forward Earmarked Reserves for footpaths repairs (excluding the stream bank), Village Halls and Jubilee Garden were all consolidated into the council's Free Reserves.

As well as this, given the content of the letter from the Internal Auditor, concerning the projected low level of Free Reserves for 2009/10 and 2010/11, he advised that immediate consideration be given to future levels of Precept, rather than leaving this until the end of the calendar year.

He accepted that raising the Precept above the level of inflation would be commented upon by members of the public, but stressed that a £10,000 increase in the Precept equated to less than the current cost of a first class stamp per week, for each household in Budock Parish.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bastin, seconded by Cllr Trevor McCabe and

RESOLVED that this matter be considered in detail at the Policy & Finance Group meeting scheduled for 9th June 2008, with recommendations back to the June council meeting..

f) Consideration of a request for grant assistance from West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership

At its request, a letter from this organisation, for which there was unlikely to be funding available, post-unitary, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that none of the activities provided by the organisation directly benefited the residents of Budock Parish. The Clerk was asked to write, to say that the council's policy was that its limited grant funds be spent within the parish.

C2739 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on correspondence received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2740 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported on the following matters :-

- He thanked the Parish Council for its offer of £3,000 of funding for the Speed Visor, and stated that he would try to reduce this requirement, if at all possible.
- The first draft of the Boundary Committee's proposal was expected in early June, and that this would be followed by an update on Community Network Areas.

b) District Council

The Clerk had received a written report from D Cllr Mrs Fryer, who reported the following matters :-

- The planning application to build a new dwelling behind the Old Post Office in Treverva had been approved by the Planning Committee.
- The final AGM of Kerrier DC had been held the previous week, with a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman now in place, plus various cabinet changes, including D Cllr Mrs Fryer as Portfolio Holder for Social Inclusion.

C2741 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported on decisions received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

b) To Note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported that no enforcement complaints had been received in Budock, since the last meeting.

c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

- (i) PA08/00783/F – Mr & Mrs Edwards, An Laity, Orchard Lane, Kergilliack – Erection of porch extension to dwelling**
OBSERVATIONS : NO OBJECTIONS.

C2742 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Police Report

The Police Report had been received by email :-

- There had been 1 crimes reported during the previous month, as opposed to 2 in the same period the previous year. The crime concerned a theft from a vehicle.
- A complaint had been received concerning speeding vehicles on Trewen Road, Budock Water.

b) Playing Field Committee

Cllr Tim McCabe reported that an incident had recently occurred with youths retrieving footballs from a house garden behind the goalposts, and verbally abusing the householder. There had been a further complaint concerning noise when football was being played.

The householder had suggested that the goalposts be moved, but there was already some 18 metres between them and the boundary of the Playing Field, and relocating them elsewhere on the field would mean that there would be insufficient space for an air ambulance to land, if required.

The Clerk agreed to organise a Police presence at the next council meeting, and ask for permission to display the Helston Neighbourhood Beat Team's contact number on a notice in the Playing Field.

c)Village Halls

Cllr Miss Pengelly reported that she had recently attended the AGM of Budock Village Hall. The hall continued to be very well used, and there would be no requirement to increase hire charges for 2008/09.

C2743 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

a) Footpaths Maintenance

It was noted that Malcolm Rashleigh had commenced his cutting alongside Public Rights of Way.

b) Written report of Rights of Way from the local Ramblers Association

Cllr Fairbank reported that this had been received, and that he would consider the comments, after which the matters raised could be discussed at a future council meeting.

C2744 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Trevor McCabe and

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£487.29** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2745 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Budock Parish Council would be held on Monday, 30th June 2008, commencing at 7.30pm, at Budock Village Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Replacement Street Lights in Budock Water

It was felt that the new downlighters were a great improvement, with much less light pollution.

Signed : 30th June 2008
Chairman