

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 7, 2008 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present:** Cllr G.Ross (Chairman) Cllr Mrs S.MacKenzie  
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke (Vice-Chairman) Cllr A.Martin  
Cllr A.Felstead Cllt J.Taylor  
Cllr S.Geake Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCCllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, KDCllr Keeling, Mr S.Nicholls and Mr Sanderson.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday January 10, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Speaking of the state of the Tresowes Hill road, the Clerk reported that both Cornwall Highways and Cormac are aware that there is a problem with the tarmac that has been used to fill the holes. A sample of this has been sent for chemical analysis, but importantly the project to resurface the road has not been abandoned.

## 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *(this item was taken following Agenda item 5)*

Mr Sanderson reported an incidence of fly-tipping at the junction of the A394 and the Tresowes Green road which KDCllr Keeling undertook to report this matter to Kerrier Direct Services.

Mr Nicholls expressed his concerns about the state of the Tresowes Hill road and also the recent addition of boulders to the verge at Tresowes Green near the entrance to the Wheal Grey lake, which he described as a hazard. He was assured by the Chairman that both these matters have been referred to Cornwall Highways. Speaking of the traffic island at Great Work, Mr Nicholls said that the work necessarily involved with the nasturtiums throughout the summer of 2007 had hardened his resolve to grass the bank this spring.

## 5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCCllr Robertson reported that

- despite the time constraint, the work required to propel OneCornwall into being still seems to be at an early stage
- key issues taxing Cornwall County Councillors at the moment are Waste Management, Fire Brigade cover, Newquay Airport and the Council's Comprehensive Area Assessment due in the Spring
- the budget for the coming year will be the subject of a meeting on February 19. The annual grant from Central Government has increased by £6.8 million
- Cornwall has identified £11 million of 'budget pressures' and a recent report has further identified a £100 million backlog in the repair and modification of County Council properties – a similarly sized problem is thought to exist with Cornwall's highways
- he has concerns about a change in the funding formula recently proposed by the Children, Young People and Families Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee, which, if implemented, will remove some funding from smaller (mainly rural) schools
- highway issues raised during WPC Ann Butcher's tour of the parish with Paul Wilkinson are being followed through.

KDCllr Keeling reported that

- in respect of OneCornwall, he has concerns that the Interim Scrutiny Committee is neither politically balanced nor fully empowered
- he had attended the PACT meeting on Wednesday evening in Helston and had found it worthwhile
- the owner of West End is not responding to letters from Kerrier District Council.

KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that she

- has attended a number of training days
- sits on the Homeless Review Panel
- has recently attended a meeting designed to raise the profile of the Helston Museum
- is full of praise for those remaining Kerrier Officers who continue to do their best for the public despite increasingly difficult circumstances.

## **6 POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the police.

## **7 PROVISION OF A CEMETERY FOR USE WHEN ST GERMOE'S IS CLOSED**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Bryant, who had restated his willingness to sell the field for use as a cemetery for a sum in the region of £14,000. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is not in a position to pursue the matter.

## **8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE**

### **Correspondence**

CCC confirmation of Modification Order for a bridleway from Trewithen Terrace to County Road – *noted*

CCC signage at Millpool – *Members agreed to ask for a village sign to be sited at Millpool*

CCC acknowledgement of letter concerning proposed future public path cutting regime – *noted*

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation orally that all the Council's suggested additions to the footpath cutting regime had been agreed. He estimated that this would suggest that the grant for the year 2008/2009 will be similar to that received in previous years.

Cllr Felstead proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk should have delegated powers to pursue to the best of his ability the anomalies apparent in the following Public Rights of Way

- footpath 9 at the eastern end (Coppernoon to County Highway)
- footpath 13 rural cul-de-sac at the eastern end
- footpath 19 rural cul-de-sac at the northern (Boscreege) end.

## **9 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

PA08/00020/F Mr F.J.B.Edwards – Erection of a replacement conservatory extension to dwelling – Tregonning Brea, Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

PA08/00079/F Mr & Mrs P.Batten – Installation of two windows in the south-eastern elevation of the single storey barn (holiday let) – land at Nevada House, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs MacKenzie seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

PA08/00108/TCA Mr J.Reddell – Lopping of one sycamore tree – Rooks Wood, Germoe. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned marked 'No observations'.

### **Decisions**

PA07/01812/FD Mr & Mrs C.Stevens Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of redundant barns to form dwelling without compliance with Condition 5 of Decision Notice PA05/00793/F dated 9 September 2005 incidental use) – Treweeth Farm, Germoe – *noted*

### **Correspondence**

KDC Planning – changes to Delegated Powers Information Briefing Sessions at 4:00pm in Cambourne on January 28 and in Helston on February 6 – *Cllr Geake and the Clerk had attended*

**Penwith District Council** Local Development Framework (Public Consultation) – *noted*

**Natural England** PA07/01969/F Erection of a replacement dwelling and installation of a septic tank at Bargess Croft response to concerns about wildlife – *noted*

KDC Planning Committee Training Programme invitation to Parish Councils – *noted*

Cllr Geake reported that he and the Clerk had attended an information briefing session in Helston organised by Kerrier District Council's Planning Department following the recent re-definition of delegated powers. He felt that there was nothing in the revised document which meant that Germoe Parish Council should change its way of dealing with planning observations.

#### 10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

#### 11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this time.

#### 12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### Correspondence

**KDC** appointment of Parish and Town Council Support Officer – *noted*

**CALC** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference County Hall Truro Saturday February 9 – *the Clerk will attend*

**Communities and Local Government** Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England – *the Clerk has responded*

**CCC** outcome of consultation proposed 40mph speed limit Ashton to Great Work – *noted*

**CCC Interlink** meetings to help develop a Vision for Cornwall – *noted*

**KDC** Full Council agenda for the meeting on January 30, 2008 – *noted*

**CRCC** small grants to assist in implementing Parish Plan projects – *noted*

**CCC** Annual Minerals & Waste Monitoring Report 2006/07 – *noted*

**One Cornwall** Newsletter number 5 – *noted*

**Audit Commission** appointment of External Auditor for the coming five years (comments invited) – *noted*

**Cllr Derek Thomas** Town and Parish Polls and an EU referendum – *the Clerk has replied*

**CCC** Environment & Heritage questionnaire survey February 2008 – *the Clerk to complete*

**Penwith District Council** Local Development Framework public consultation – *noted*

#### 13 FINANCE

The Clerk reported a request from the Parochial Church Council of St Germoe for financial help towards the maintenance of the cemetery. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs MacKenzie, seconded by Cllr Mrs Clarke all in favour that the sum of £300.00 be forwarded to the Parochial Church Council of St Germoe under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972

The Clerk reported a request from the West Cornwall 50+ Management Committee for help with funding this year's programme of Leisure Weeks. Members agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to contribute towards this programme of work.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HM Customs and Revenue	£ 134.20	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 158.57	
telephone	£ 3.07	
office expenses	£ 27.96	
travelling	£ 8.00	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 217.60

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

#### 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled

#### DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday March 6, 2008 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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