

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 6, 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 Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr S.Geake Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCllr Robertson, KDCllr Keeling and Mr Sanderson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday February 7, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which are not covered in this agenda.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Sanderson again referred to the tipping of unwanted asphalt near the Tresowes Green junction on the A394. It was further noted by Councillors that fly-tipping of garden waste has occurred at the Wheal Grey lay-by. The Clerk agreed to report both incidents.

Cllr Mrs MacKenzie entered the room

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCCllr Robertson reported that

- the Cornwall Structural Change Order went through Parliament on February 25 and came into force on February 26 with the result that the twenty-four member Joint Implementation Committee has now become the Implementation Executive. The Executive is empowered to make decisions relating to the new Unitary Authority for Cornwall
- the Order allows the Boundary Committee formally to commence its review. It is anticipated that final recommendations will be presented to the Electoral Commission by October 31 and this will allow elections under the reviewed boundaries to be held in May 2009
- the County Council budget for the coming year has been set at £341.261m which represents an increase of 4.94%. An extra £1.1m has been allocated to the Fire Brigade and the increase in funding for Adult Social Care has been maintained at last year's figure of 5.5%
- an announcement concerning proposals to close some sixty Post Offices in Cornwall is expected to be made on July 14
- the new funding formula for primary schools will undoubtedly adversely affect Germoe School.

KDCllr Keeling reported that

- a recent meeting resolved that Kerrier's precept requirement for the coming year (its final demand on Council Tax payers) represents a rise of 1.5%
- the Electoral Review for the new Cornwall Unitary Authority is purely administrative in nature and will aim for electoral equality for each of the new members. It is anticipated that the number of elected representatives will be set somewhere between the present 82 and 164

- he now chairs the Scrutiny Committee which will challenge the recommendations and decisions of OneCornwall Officers and the new Implementation Executive
- Kerrier District Council has recently and successfully prosecuted someone who has repeatedly ignored a Planning Enforcement Order.

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that, in the last month, she has attended many and varied meetings throughout Kerrier including those of the OneCornwall Implementation Committee, the Helston Museum Committee, Parish Councils, and Code of Conduct training evenings.

6 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the police.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Chief Constable a vision for the future – *noted*

7 THE WAR MEMORIAL

Correspondence

English Heritage announcement of receipt of an application to assess the War Memorial for listing – *the Clerk reported that this application has been made by the War Memorials Trust (which awarded the grant towards the maintenance of the Memorial). Councillors agreed to let matters take their course.*

8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that Cornwall County Council has no funding available in this financial year either to fence the mine-shafts or to replace the sign on Greenberry Downs. The matter will again be looked at in April when an indication from Defra as to available funding is expected.

Following a request from the Chairman, the Clerk reported that he has asked for a quotation from Frederick Wearne and Son to repaint the wording on the information stone at St Germoe's Well.

Correspondence

CCC Addition of footpath from footpath 22 to the County Road at Millpool – *noted*

CCC notification of funding available through the Heritage Assets Single Issue Panel for roadside artefacts – *it was noted that limited funding is immediately available for repairs and rationalisation of roadside artefacts, but that no information on funding for replacement fingerposts is presently available. In view of the fact that this funding is only available until March 31, the Clerk was given delegated powers to request whatever work needs doing. It was agreed that a list prepared by Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Martin should form the basis of his request.*

9 PLANNING

Decisions

PA07/02036/F Mr J.Nowman – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Trevabyn, Helston Road – *noted*

Correspondence

Peter Wills planning questionnaire for Masters Degree dissertation – *Cllr Geake offered to complete this*

10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Noting that a recent advertisement in the *West Briton* naming those Towns and Parish Councils which had signed up to the new Code of Conduct had omitted Germoe, the Chairman asked the Clerk why this was so. The Clerk replied that, on Germoe Parish Council's behalf and having negotiating a financially favourable deal, he had placed an advertisement to this effect in *The Helston Packet* which had been published on June 20, 2007.

11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

KDC Older People's Forum Over 50s Life Skills Event – *noted*

OneCornwall Engagement Events 9:30 am – 4:00pm Truro on March 11, Pool on March 20 – *noted*

KDC Minutes of the proceedings of the Council for consideration at the Extraordinary Council Meeting – *noted*

KDC Parish and Town Council Liaison: questions and answers from the Penventon Hotel exercise: there are no assets owned by Kerrier District Council in Germoe – *noted*

Balwest Methodist Church increase in fee per evening session – *noted*

Enjoy England Celebrate St George's Day brochure – *noted*
Information Commissioner notification of information available – *noted*
OneCornwall Parish and Town Council newsletter number 6 – *noted*
KDC Full Council agenda for March 5, 2008 – *noted*
St Germoe PCC acknowledgement of and thanks for donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard – *noted*
Carleen Community Church Care Centre invitation to an open day – *noted*
Boundary Committee Electoral review for the new Cornwall Unitary Authority – *it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council will consider a response at the meeting in April*
Balwest Methodist Church acknowledgement of and thanks for donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard – *noted*
Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

13 FINANCE

The Clerk reported a request from Home-Start West Cornwall for help with funding. Members agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to contribute towards this organisation's work.

The Clerk reported a request from Shelter for help with funding the Cornwall Housing Aid Centre. Members agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to contribute towards this work.

The Clerk reported a request from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for help with funding. Members agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to contribute towards this work.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
RTS Garden Services Ltd	£ 58.06	£ 3.06
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 158.57	
telephone	£ 0.21	
office expenses	£ 21.46	
travelling	£ 21.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 221.84

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, all in favour that the above three 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 April 3, 2008 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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