

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 1, 2008 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe. Chairman of the Council, Cllr G.Ross presiding, Mr C Chapman (Clerk) in attendance.

Visitors: CCCllr A.Robertson, KDCllr Mrs A.Greenstreet, KDCllr Mrs L.Jenkin, KDCllr J.Keeling, Cllr Mrs E.Clarke, Cllr A.Felstead, Cllr S.Geake, Cllr A.Martin, Cllr J.Taylor, Mrs Foster, Mrs Hoyland, Mr Nicholls and Mrs Smith.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs McKenzie, WPC Ann Butcher and PCSO Mark Mitchell.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 8, 2007 are a true record: they were signed as such by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 7, 2007.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Graham Ross said:

“Good evening every one and welcome to Germoe’s Annual Parish Meeting. I would like to thank all Germoe Parish Councillors for the work they have completed over the last twelve months and for the outstanding work of our clerk, Mr Colin Chapman, without whose help we would not have achieved half of what we have. I would also thank our County Councillor and District Councillors for their support.

“We are in the middle of a great change in local government and parish councillors have spent a lot of their own time attending meetings and presentations regarding the new Unitary Authority due to come into force next year.

“As a consequence of the elections for that authority, Parish Councillors have been told that their positions will not be contested until May 2013. This is an extremely long period to be a Councillor without members of the public being able to remove members at the ballot box. I can only hope that if local people are not happy with the way their council is performing that they attend meetings and let their views be known.

“What have this council achieved in the last year?

“During the year we co-opted Cllr Jim Taylor onto the council and we welcome him as a member. We now have our designated number of seven councillors.

“We now maintain the adit at Tresowes Hill and have provided a very fine bronze historical interpretation plaque which includes our obligations under the health and safety laws. Our thanks to Mr Steven Polglaze for the history and Cllr Felstead for the fitting.

“The speed on the Ashton to Greatwork road is now limited to 40mph and, although there has been some discussion regarding the speed and signage, I feel that we have achieved what would have seemed impossible a few years ago. Speed on this road is now enforceable.

“We have provided a new Tregonning Hill interpretation board next to Nevada House and have a spare should any of the other boards require replacement.

“The bench at the top of Moor’s Lane was demolished by a driver who failed to stop, but, due to the skill and expertise of Cllr Felstead, it has been rebuilt and appears stronger than before. Our thanks again, Alan, for your work.

“We have tried to get new signs for Greenberry Down, but funding has been a problem. There is a scheme to fence off some of the mineshafts and we may be able to get signs included in the funding. Just to let parishioners in that part of the parish know that they have not been forgotten.

“The same goes for the fingerpost at Millpool. It is in hand and Cornwall Highways have assured us it will be ordered and sited soon.

“Moor’s Lane and Rocky Lane have both successfully been made subjects of modification orders. Three decisions made by County have been successfully appealed and progress is being made for a number of footpaths that require modification orders to stop them being cul-de-sac type paths.

“We have looked into the possibility of extending the cemetery in Germoe, but due to the size of our budget and the cost of the land it was felt too large a project to undertake at this time.

“We are in the process of having the interpretation stone at St Germoe’s Well repainted and, together with Mrs Matthissen, intend replanting the area around it to make it a feature within Germoe Church town.

“As in previous years we have donated money to supply the Christmas tree and lights on Germoe Green and to provide small presents to the children visiting Father Christmas in his grotto.

“Councillors have also been involved in extending the Hayle dial-a-ride service into the six parishes area of this ward. This seems to have become a very popular service and is now being extended onto the Lizard.

“Once again, thank you everyone for the service you give to the parish.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2007 – 2008 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday April 3, 2007. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £3,549.52 and ended it with a reserve of £1,620.23. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts and that they would shortly be sent to the External Auditor.

There were no matters raised by parishioners.

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