

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 10, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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

**Visitors:** Cllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, KDCllr Keeling and Mr Sanderson.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geake, Cllr Mrs Mackenzie, Cllr Martin WPC Butcher and PCSO Mitchell

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

### of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

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

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday June 5, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in the agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Again drawing the Parish Council's attention to fly-tipping opposite the Motel on the A394, Mr Sanderson stated that he had reported the matter by telephone to Kerrier District Council but that no action had been taken. KDCllr Keeling again agreed to pursue the matter.

## 6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Robertson reported that

- following Cllr David Whalley's submission to the Boundary Committee of a bid for a Unitary Authority of ninety members, he had faced a vote of 'no confidence'. (Cllr Whalley is the leader of Cornwall County Council and the Chairman of the Implementation Executive.) Although he survived that hurdle, Councillors are not convinced that the Implementation Executive has the authority it should.
- the Boundary Committee believes there is insufficient evidence to support the Implementation Executive's proposal for a one hundred and thirty seat Council and has implemented a further six-week period of consultation to address the question
- following the announcement of Post Office closures on July 15, the Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee plans to hold a special meeting to examine measures to mitigate the impact on rural communities in Cornwall
- the County Planning Committee will be considering the application for the construction of an 'Energy Recovery Centre' at St Dennis in the near future.

Apologising for her absence from the June meeting, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that

- she has attended two Old Peoples' Forums (which afford an opportunity for the present 150 members to talk about matters which concern them)
- she had been present at the opening of the new fitness centre in Helston
- there is a new resolve to complete the regeneration work in Coronation Park

Speaking of the new Unitary Authority, KDCllr Keeling reported that

- he has grave concerns about the apparent importance attached to the decision concerning the new logo and the absence of decisions concerning future delivery of essential services
- a proposal which recommends twenty Community Networks supported by three Sub-networks cannot be finalised until the current boundary review is completed
- there is general acknowledgement both that interaction with the public needs to be improved and that a 'Customer First' ethos needs to be embedded into the culture of the new Authority

## **7 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Mitchell reported that there has been one crime since June: the wooden donation box has been stolen from the Church entrance.

Councillors noted that a car which had been parked outside Land-Dew had been vandalised.

## **8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

It was noted that councillors had discussed their views on the date of the next Parish Council election at their meeting in June.

## **9 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE**

Members considered a proposal to trim road-side hedges and verges throughout the Parish at the Parish Council's expense. The Clerk reported that Mr Paul Liddicoat had estimated that, next year, 40 hours flail-mowing will cost in the region of £900.

Amongst other matters it was stated that

- hedgerows are currently in a very overgrown and consequently dangerous state
- Cornwall County Council had set a precedent in 2006 by cutting hedges and verges throughout the Parish without recovering the cost from landowners (it was noted that this had been an individual officer's decision)
- this service is primarily the responsibility of the Highways Authority
- it might be argued that the Parish Council would be wrong to add a charge for cutting hedges and verges to the Parish precept when Cornwall already precepts for the service.

CCClr Robertson said that he would speak to Highways about the upkeep of hedges in the Parish.

In the light of a Central Government initiative encouraging children to walk to school, Members considered the modification of footpath 12, which would allow pedestrian access to Germoe School. The Chairman reminded members that this matter had been raised in 2002 but had been dropped when the Ramblers' Association had objected to the proposal. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Ramblers' Association about the matter and the Chairman agreed to speak to Mr Rowe who owns the field adjacent to the school over which the proposed footpath would run.

Councillors' attention was drawn to the state of Moors Lane about which residents of Tresowes Green have complained. It was noted that the track itself requires repair work and that some trimming of encroaching vegetation is necessary. It was further noted that this new addition to the Definitive Map is classified as a bridleway and, as such, is a Gold PROW under Cornwall's scheme. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter.

Councillors agreed to meet Mr Sharples from Cornwall County Council at Greenberry Downs on Monday July 30 at 10:00am with a view both to the replacement of signage on the Downs and to the fencing-off of some of the more dangerous mine shafts.

## **Correspondence**

CCC Modification Order 2008 (addition of footpath No 22 Germoe to County Road at Millpool) – *noted*

**Mrs Windle** copy of a letter to CCC concerning the proposed modification of footpath 25 and part of footpath 76 by upgrading to a bridleway – *noted*

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA08/01077/F Mr & Mrs Stevens – Erection of replacement rear extension (amended design) – Newtown Farm, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

### Decisions

PA08/00528/F Mr & Mrs J.Colliver – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extension to dwelling) – Trade Winds, Germoe Cross Roads – *noted*

## 11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mrs Clarke had attended a OneCornwall presentational roadshow in Helston where they had met Steven Ford, the Parish Liaison Officer for the area. It had become apparent during the course of the presentation that little of note has as yet been resolved.

## 13 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**OneCornwall** Newsletter no 9: executive summary of Parish & Town Council engagement events: Parish & Town Council survey results – *noted*

**Boundary Committee** comments invited (before July 18) on how any proposed council size would allow for an appropriate model of political management balanced by effective local representation – *it was agreed to repeat the view that Germoe Parish Council is in favour of a greater number of Councillors than those who presently represent electors at County level*

**Clerks & Councils Direct** Newsletter – *noted*

**OneCornwall** Newsletter number 10 – *noted*

CCC Post Office Closures (Public Consultation ends on September 1) – *noted*

CCC Cornwall County Fire Brigade's IRMP Service Plan – *noted*

**Marazion Surgery** Pharmacy White Paper

**Matthew Taylor MP** request to support a call for a Public Enquiry into the planned waste incinerator in St Dennis – *noted*

CCC Launch of Our Money Your Dream 2008 Fund (initiative for children and young people) – *noted*

**KDC** New By-Laws adopted to cover all skin piercing activities – *noted*

**OneCornwall** questionnaire 'Understanding Parish and Town Council Needs for a Sustainable Cornwall – *members completed this for return to OneCornwall*

**KDC** request for names of those Councillors who were absent from the Code of Conduct training earlier in the year – *noted*

**KDC** letter introducing Claire Hardy Outreach Manager – *noted*

**Ramblers' Association** *The Way Ahead* newsletter – *noted*

**KDC** request for information on premises suitable for use as polling stations – *noted*

## 14 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Balwest Methodist Church	£ 80.00	
Frederick Wearne & Sons	£ 76.37	£ 11.37
RTS Garden Services	£ 1,039.83	£ 154.86
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 162.63	
telephone	£ 4.51	
office expenses	£ 20.51	
travelling	£ 8.00	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 215.65

Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all in favour that the above four accounts be paid.

## 15 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 Meeting will be held on Thursday July 24, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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