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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday August 28, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Present: Cllr G.Ross (Chairman) Cllr Mrs S.Mackenzie
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke (Vice-Chairman) Cllr T.Martin
Cllr A.Felstead
Cllr S.Geake Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: KDCllr Keeling and Mr Sanderson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, Cllr Taylor, WPC Butcher and PCSO Mitchell

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Clarke declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 Planning Application number PA08/01376/F
Cllr Geake reported to Members that, in a professional capacity, he knows the agent for Planning Application number PA08/01406/O

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 Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday July 24, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that, together with Councillors, he had met Mr Sharples from Cornwall County Council at Greenberry Downs on Monday July 30 at 10:00am to examine the possibility of replacing signage on the Downs and fencing-off of some of the more dangerous mine shafts. Mr Sharples warned that money for this sort of project is strictly limited, but hoped to be able to access funding to provide granite boulders with inset interpretation signs and warnings at either end of the Downs.

At the same meeting it had been agreed to look into the matter of applying for a Modification Order on the old road between Newtown and Rosudgeon and, with this in mind, the Clerk had spoken to the Clerk at St Hilary who had agreed to place the matter before his Councillors in September.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Sanderson again drew the Parish Council's attention to fly-tipping opposite the Motel on the A394. KDCllr Keeling again agreed to pursue the matter.

6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Speaking of OneCornwall and his rôle on the Scrutiny Committee, KDCllr Keeling reported that

- there is a need to tighten procedural issues
- he has yet to be convinced that the twin concepts of equality and diversity, which should form strands of every aspect of government, are being embraced
- a recently formed Development and Support Group will provide training for new members of the Council and, possibly, pre-election training for potential members

- he had recently met officers from the Information and Development Agency and Centre for Public Scrutiny when scrutiny (which concerns itself with accountability, creativity and empowerment) had been high on the agenda. It is KDCllr Keeling's belief that, unless Scrutiny is wholeheartedly embraced by the new Council, there will be a significant threat to the success of democratic renewal
- under the new authority, Parish Councils will be able to ask their County Councillors to call for action on any issue which concerns them
- the Finance Sub-Group must produce a balanced budget for the new authority by March 11, 2009. However, there is no financial management process presently in place. It was noted that, in the past, an indicative budget would in place before the end of December
- the County lacks experience in many issues.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Mitchell reported that there have been no incident logs and no crimes reported since mid-July. PCSO Mitchell reminded residents to be on their guard against thefts from oil tanks.

8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

Members considered the replacement of the notice-board at Great Work. The Clerk reported that he had successfully applied for a grant in the sum of £500 towards this project from the Cornwall Rural Community Council. He further reported that he had received a quotation from Tom Salkeld (who lives in Trewennack) for a custom-built board in European oak in the sum of £875. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs MacKenzie seconded all in favour that a new board should be ordered from Mr Salkeld.

The Clerk reported that he had received a grant from KDCllr Clayton (using his Portfolio Holder's allowance) in the sum of £300 to be used towards the regeneration of the area around St Germoe's Well.

It was reported that both Sam's Seat at Greatwork and the seat at the top of Moors Lane need the lichen cleaning from them: Cllr Felstead offered to do the work necessary at Great Work and Cllr Mrs Clarke offered to do the work at the top of Moors Lane.

Correspondence

CRCC Community Engagement Grant Award Letter in the sum of £500 to be used for the provision of a new noticeboard at Greatwork – *noted*

KDC BACS Remittance Advice in the sum of £300 – *noted*

It was noted that Bridleway 27 from Rose Cottage to Badgers Holt needs cutting again and the Clerk was asked to instruct Bob Sanders to do this.

9 PLANNING

Applications

As an immediate neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Mrs Clarke declared a personal interest in the following application. She remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting

PA08/01376/F Dr B.Doesser – Installation of an LPG tank – Caerlaverock, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded Cllr Mrs Clarke abstained all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

PA08/01406/O Mr & Mrs A.Fulford – Erection of a dwelling and construction of a sewage treatment plant – The Spinney, Germoe Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all others in favour to return the application marked *Germoe Parish Councillors have no observations to make on this application. However, they request Kerrier District Council to investigate the benefits of imposing a Tree Preservation Order on the mature fir tree on the site.*

Decisions

PA08/00848/F Mr J.Nowman – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Trevabyn, Helston Road – *noted*

PA08/01077/F Mr & Mrs Stevens – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement rear extension amended design) – Newtown Farm, Germos – *noted*

PA08/01143/F Mrs D.Peart – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a single-storey extension to dwelling) – Tolpedn, Newtown – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Davies copy of letters re planning application PA08/00346/F – *noted. It was further noted that KDCllr Keeling is satisfied that, in this instance, the case for Local Needs Housing has been proved.*

KDC Notification that the planning application in respect of Bargess Croft will be decided at the Planning Committee meeting on September 2, 2008 at 2:00pm – *noted*

10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that concerns have been raised about activities on the Green and insurance. It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

PostWatch Post Office closure programme – *noted*

CCC Cornwall Electoral Review – draft scheme for 123 Councillors – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 11 – *noted*

Inter-Link Cornwall Newsletter – *noted*

Marazion Surgery Save our Dispensary update – *noted*

Postwatch acknowledgement of copy of letter to Post Office – *noted*

CCC Landscape survey comments invited – *noted*

Balwest Methodist Church acknowledgement of receipt of cheque for hire of schoolroom – *noted*

Cornwall County Training Partnership training events 2008/2009 – *noted*

Clean Cornwall Week www.cleancornwall.org September 20-28 – *noted*

Audit Commission change of address – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of LMP claim – *noted*

KDC Consultation on Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Methodology Scoping Report and request for information on other sites that might be suitable for a housing scheme of five or more dwellings – *noted*

OneCornwall and **The Boundary Committee** notification that, although the Boundary Committee is minded to accept the submission from the OneCornwall Implementation Executive that there should be 123 Councillors for the new Unitary Authority, it will not be able to complete the work necessary to implement the proposed changes before the elections scheduled for May or June 2009. This means that the elections will proceed on the basis of 82 Councillors for the new Authority with the same electoral divisions as the current County Council – *noted*

OneCornwall One-Stop-Shops location – *noted*

Post Office Ltd acknowledgement of receipt of letter – *noted*

Digital UK offer to attend a parish meeting to explain what will be happening when the analogue signal is turned off in August 2009 – *noted*

14 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Vitalise for help with funding. Following discussion it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot support this charity.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 121.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 162.63	
telephone	£ 46.36	
office expenses	£ 42.63	
travelling	£ 32.80	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 304.42

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Definitive Map Modification Orders.

Activities on the Green.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday October 2, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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