

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 2, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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

Visitors: CCllr Robertson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, KDCllr Keeling, Cllr Geake and Cllr Mrs MacKenzie

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, Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday August 28, 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 from the minutes of the last meeting which are not covered in this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCllr Robertson reported that

- just six months before the demise of Cornwall's District Councils there is still no certainty either on the composition of the new Unitary Authority or on the timing of next year's County Council elections
- following Post Office Ltd's predictable response to the final consultative document on closures, the County Council's efforts to obtain a judicial review have proved unsuccessful. However, a small working group under the auspices of the Community Scrutiny Committee has been established with a view to suggesting possible measures to mitigate the resulting damage to rural communities. (CCllr Robertson is a member of this group)
- he had been present at a very well-attended public meeting at St Dennis when the matter of the siting of the proposed Waste to Energy Incinerator had been aired
- members have each been allocated £3,000 to support community projects in their electoral divisions. Suitable bids are sought and funds must be awarded before February.

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that

- she has attended meetings concerning the future of the Helston Museum, the only museum in Cornwall to be run by the local authority. Assurance has been given that, under the new Unitary Authority, no changes will occur in the first year. Furthermore, it is hoped that free admission for all will shortly be agreed

- a planning application for the development of the old cattle market in Helston will shortly be submitted. Plans include provision for a small Visitor Centre, shops and offices
- despite protests, Ashton Post Office will close later this month.

7 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the police.

Correspondence

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Police Authority Liaison Meetings – *noted*

8 EVENTS ON THE GREEN

It was noted that a number of events which traditionally have been organised by volunteers and which are held in the Parish for the benefit of Parishioners are encountering problems with the cost of insurance, and in particular those events which are normally held on the Green. It was further noted that the Parish Council's public liability insurance covers occasional events organised by the Parish Council for the benefit of Parishioners. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all others in agreement that Germoe Parish Council will consider requests from individuals and organisations for the Parish Council to promote events for the benefit of local people.

9 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

Following a report from the Chairman (who is also a governor of the School) Members agreed to take the matter of the proposed modification of footpath 12 to allow safer pedestrian access to the school no further.

Members considered a proposal to modify footpath 9 to allow access to the highway (and which, if adopted, will also benefit footpath 5 which, similarly, has no right of access to the highway). Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all in favour to claim a Right of Way from footpath 209/9 to road U6021 in the Parish of Germoe

Members considered a proposal to modify footpath 11 to allow access to the highway. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour to claim a Right of Way from footpath 209/11 to road U6021 in the Parish of Germoe

Members considered a proposal to modify the unadopted lane from Newtown Farm which runs west to the Parish Boundary and on to Rosudgeon. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Clerk of the Parish of St Hilary who in turn had stated that he was sure his Council would be in favour of this proposal. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all in favour to claim a Right of Way as a bridleway along the unadopted lane from Newtown Farm running west to the Parish Boundary and on to Rosudgeon.

The Clerk reported that Cornwall County Council has offered to purchase some stone to dress the surface of the southern end of Moors Lane on the condition that the Parish Council will spread it. The Clerk further reported that he had contacted Mr Paul Liddicoat, who had offered to do the work necessary for £50. Cllr Martin immediately declared a personal interest in this matter because the access to his home is over Moors Lane. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion which followed or the voting. Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, Cllr Martin abstained all others in favour to accept both CCC's offer to supply the necessary stone and Mr Liddicoat's quotation to spread the stone at a cost to the Parish of £50.

Correspondence

The Planning Inspectorate re Whippers Lane proposal to make a decision by exchange of written representations – *noted*

The Planning Inspectorate Whippers Lane timetable for consideration of Modification Order – *members agreed to make no further representation*

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA08/01463/F Mr P Hollis – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Old Pottery, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

PA08/01511/F Mr K Perry – Erection of a two-storey extension to dwelling – 16 Trewithen Terrace, Ashton. Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr Martin seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

PA08/01593/F Mr & Mrs Fulford – Demolition of conservatory and erection of extensions to dwelling and conversion of loft to provide living accommodation – The Spinney, Germoe. Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.

Correspondence

KDC re Bargess Croft invitation to attend at a Planning Site Meeting – *noted*

KDC re Bargess Croft notification that the Planning Site Meeting has been cancelled following receipt of correspondence from the applicant confirming that he wishes to withdraw his application – *noted*

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Taylor raised the question of the lack of caution shown by a small number of motorists as they drive past the school. It was noted that although this lane is subject to the national speed limit, it is a matter of concern and the Clerk was asked to contact WPC Butcher about it.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that Valerie Atkinson, for long a member of Germoe Parish Council, had died recently and that her funeral will be on Wednesday in Balwest Methodist Church

13 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Postwatch copy of their views on the Post Office closure programme (Ashton is not mentioned) – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

KDC Agenda and related documents for meeting on September 3, 2008 – *noted*

Post Office Ltd Network Change Programme notification that Ashton PO will close – *noted*

Standards Board Newsletter number 3 – *noted*

Communities and Local Government The Making and enforcement of byelaws – *noted*

CCCLlr Julian German a petition to retain the traditional Cornish emblem – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 13 – *noted*

KDC Out There October to December 2008 – *noted*

Family Information Service outline of the service – *noted*

KDC Agenda for October 8, 2008 – *noted*

South Kerrier Alliance Community Supported Agricultural Workshop – *noted*

CCC Parish Tree Warden Scheme and the Cornwall Great Tree Hunt – *noted*

14 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Carleen Church Community Care Centre for financial help. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all in favour that Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £50 to Carleen Church Community Care Centre under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members noted the successful conclusion of the Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2008

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | VAT |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| HM Revenue and Customs | £ 122.00 | |
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd | £ 213.85 | £ 31.85 |
| Colin Chapman | | |
| Salary (August) | £ 162.63 | |
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| telephone | £ 4.78 | |
| office expenses | £ 21.26 | |
| travelling | £ 8.00 | |
| use of home | £ 20.00 | |
| | total | £ 379.30 |

Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all in favour that the above three 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 November 6, 2008 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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