

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 6, 2008 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

**Visitors:** KDCllr Keeling.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Clarke, assumed the chair.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCCllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, Cllr G. Ross, 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 Taylor proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday October 2, 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 were not covered in this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Through the Clerk Mr John Marshall informed members that the South Kerrier Alliance Natural and Built Environment Delivery Group will be meeting in the Church Hall, Germoe on November 25 at 7.00pm.

## 6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Through the Clerk CCCllr Robertson reported that

- he has received Germoe Parish Council's application for funding towards the proposed "Welcome to the Parish" stones.

KDCllr Keeling reported that

- Kerrier District Councillors have been increasingly and noticeably absent from many meetings which, in his opinion, they should have attended
- in the last month, he has attended a number of meetings on matters to do with OneCornwall which have included
  - meetings concerned with matters of Governance and of Community Networks (and here he noted that, in the County of Durham which is one of the new Unitary Authorities, Community Networks have been awarded a devolved budget) and
  - an all-day meeting at which the budget and precept for the new Authority were discussed. The harmonised Council Tax for a Band D house for this year would have been about £11,076
- having visited Durham, he feels fairly confident about the progress Cornwall is making towards Unitary status and that he was impressed with the newly appointed Chief Executive Keith Lavery when he met him.

- the Implementation Executive has agreed to add the position of Lengthsman to the Active Partnering list (a Lengthsman maintains roadside hedges, ditches and verges. He will be employed by the Parish Council at the Unitary Authority's expense).

He reminded Councillors that Town and Parish Councils are sovereign authorities and that it is imperative that they are not provoked to follow a particular line by the Unitary Authority but rather decide their own future.

## **7 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Mitchell reported that, in the period from July 10 to November 6, there have been three crimes recorded: the theft of a pedal cycle from Balwest, the theft of a horsebox in Newtown and an arrest for a drink-driving offence. He has patrolled the area on a regular basis and the speed of vehicles has been monitored at several locations in the whole of the area he patrols.

## **8 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Following discussion and in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded all in favour, to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

## **9 CHRISTMAS IN GERMOE**

Following discussion of a request for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations this year, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded Cllr Mrs Clarke abstained all others in favour, that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £75 be made available for funding activities at Christmas in Germoe Churchtown and that similarly £50 be made available to Balwest Methodist Church. Both these sums are to be used for the benefit and enjoyment of the public at large.

## **10 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk reported that Pat and Paul Liddicoat confirm that they are still willing to donate the granite for the "Welcome to the Parish" stones and that accordingly he has completed an application form for funding from the Cornwall County Council Members' Community Grant Scheme.

Cllr Felstead reported that, at an on-site discussion about the wet patch at the southern end of Moors Lane with Paul Liddicoat and Colin Bayes from Cornwall County Council, the consensus of opinion was that there is a solid base underlying the soil. Paul Liddicoat will investigate this further and, if this proves to be the case, will scrape the mud from the surface and reinstate the drainage ditch to the side.

Members reported that they are finding the collection of witness statement difficult. The Clerk reported that Mrs Board is looking into the historical detail of the old road from Newtown to Rosudgeon.

### **Correspondence**

**The Planning Inspectorate** copy of submission re Whippers Lane from Cornwall County Council – *noted*

## **11 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

PA08/01753/F Mr J.Benzing – Retention of a storage shed – Field at Balwest, Ashton. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors have no objections to this application. However, bearing in mind the designated status of this field, the Parish Council would suggest that, if planning permission is granted, a limited period of consent is authorised and further that this limited period should extend for three years.

PA08/01787/F Mr B Richardson – Change of use of church to dwelling and erection of an extension to premises – Church of St Mary, Helston Road. Cllr Geake proposed Cllr Felstead seconded all others in favour that, whilst Parish Councillors have no strong objections to the use of the existing building for residential purposes, they consider that their comments on an earlier application PA06/00974/F returned on July 7, 2006 are still relevant. The Parish Council is however, disturbed to see that the majority of the original site (the area marked blue on the submitted plans) appears to be excluded from this application. The Council is likely to have strong objections to any proposals to erect further residential buildings on this part of the site and would strongly urge that, if planning permission is granted, this area is subject to a legal agreement as identified in paragraph 1.17 of the design and access statement.

### **Decisions**

PA08/01376/F Dr B.Doeser – Conditional Permission for Development (installation of an LPG tank) – Caerlaverock, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA08/01463/F Mr P.Hollis – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Old Pottery, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Martin asked when the replacement noticeboard at Greatwork will be in situ. The Clerk said that he will speak to Tom Salkeld about it.

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

## 14 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

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

**Mr Graham Hart** concerning the matter of the proposed new logo for Cornwall – *noted*

**Carn to Cove** calendar of events in the autumn – *noted*

**KDC Blue Box and Bag Kerbside Collection** – *noted*

**OneCornwall** Newsletter number 13 – *noted*

**Communities and Local Government** consultation document Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees – *noted*

**CCC (Electoral Review)** request to hold a special meeting in December to consider the proposals as they impact on the Parish and to identify a representative who will attend a consultation event – *it was agreed to reply to CCC stating that Germoe Parish Council has already replied to the Boundary Review Committee*

**OneCornwall** Newsletter number 14 – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** Newsletter – *noted*

## 15 FINANCE

Members noted that a wreath for Armistice Day has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Geake proposed Cllr Felstead seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Germoe Parish Councillors should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion.

In the light of the revised national pay scale, Members considered the Clerk's future remuneration. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that, with immediate effect, the Clerk should be paid at the rate of £7.45 an hour and that this should be increased with effect from April 1, 2009 to the Spinal Column Point 15 of the salary scale recommended jointly by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. Members further considered the car allowance presently paid to the Clerk for the use of his car. Cllr Martin proposed Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that, with immediate effect, the car allowance paid to the Clerk by Germoe Parish Council should be increased to 43p per mile.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Audit Commission	£ 141.00	£ 21.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 162.63	
telephone	£ 7.33	
office expenses	£ 32.53	
travelling	£ 8.00	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 230.49

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

## 16 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Items for the December meeting

- repair of the boundary stones on Tregonning Hill
- precept for the year 2009/2010.

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday December 4, 2008 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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