

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 4, 2008 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet and Mrs Doeser.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from KDCllr Keeling, WPC Ann Butcher 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 Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, Cllr Ross being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday November 6, 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

There were no questions from members of the public.

6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCllr Robertson reported that

- although it is disappointing that Newquay airport has had to close on a temporary basis, it should be recognised that the project to change from a military to a civilian airport without a break in service has never been realised before. The bulk of the work necessary has been completed (and here he reminded members that, of necessity, much of this has been done at night in order to accommodate the requirements of the RAF) and completed to a very high standard. Inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority had been very impressed with what had been achieved, but had refused to inspect the control room while finishing touches were being completed. The inspectors had also found fault with drainage from the taxiways which ring the main runway. This is being addressed. He applauded Cllr Wright who had immediately and publically offered his apologies to everyone concerned. In answer to questions he stated that there will be an enquiry into the matter and that ratepayers are underwriting the cost of bussing passengers to alternative airports
- the draft recommendations of the Boundary Committee have been published and comment is invited. The schedule to have an election for 123 Councillors on June is very tight, but with good will is achievable.

KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that

- she has attended a number of meetings, notably Homeless Reviews and the Helston Hospital Board
- the Post Office at Ashton is greatly missed with “refugees” being sighted at Praa Sands and Breage
- the newly appointed Unitary Authority Chief Executive, Kevin Lavery, has visited the District Councils and she understands that he seems both confident and capable.

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Keeling reported that the budget recommendation for the 2009/2010 Council Tax implies that on a Band D house there will be a rise of £26.71 or 2.3%

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, WPC Ann Butcher reported that, once again, there have been no reported crimes in the Parish.

8 ONECORNWALL

Members considered an invitation to attend an engagement event on Wednesday December 18, 2008 in Penzance. It was agreed that Cllr Ross and Cllr Geake will attend this meeting.

Members considered an invitation to participate in a pilot scheme for the local delivery of a service which will become the duty of the Unitary Authority. It was agreed that Germoe Parish Council would await the outcome of these schemes before considering taking on such responsibilities.

Members considered an invitation to comment on the draft Core Agreement of the Localism Charter. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk should comment on behalf of Germoe Parish Council.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2009 will be as follows

January 8, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 12, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
March 5, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
April 2, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 7, 2009	Annual Parish Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
May 7, 2009	Annual Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
June 4, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
July 2, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
September 3, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
October 1, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall, Germoe
November 5, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
December 3, 2009	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
January 7, 2010	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 4, 2010	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

10 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

Once again, 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.

Members considered the need for repair of the Boundary Stones on Tregonning Hill which have become unreadable. It was agreed that the Clerk should check whether or not they are listed, capable of repair or need replacement and report back to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he has seen the new Great Work notice-board, that it is awaiting its third coat of varnish and that, all being well, it will be erected on Sunday.

The Clerk reported that Paul Wilkinson of County Highways has found funding for the manufacture of a replica historic fingerpost for positioning at Millpool. Sadly, however, there is insufficient funding for it to be erected in this Financial Year. The Clerk reported that Bob Sanders has estimated that the work necessary will cost £75. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all in favour that Germoe Parish Council should instruct Bob Sanders to do the necessary work at the Parish Council's expense.

The Clerk reported that, following the site visit to Greenberry Downs in the summer, Scott Sharples of Cornwall County Council has secured funding from Natural England to manufacture and site two interpretation stones and to underwrite clearance work along the line of the old road.

Mr Sharples and he had agreed that Germoe Parish Council will commission all this work, but that, in order to comply with the grant conditions, Cornwall will be invoiced for it. Members agreed that, together with Mr Stephen Polglaze, Cllr Geake should compose a draft form of words and illustrations for the interpretation stones. The Clerk reported that he is actively seeking suitable granite boulders. The Clerk emphasised that all the work must be completed by March 31, 2009.

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA08/01943/F Mr & Mrs M.Fulford – Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation and erection of detached double garage – The Spinney, Germoe. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked *No observations*.

Decisions

PA08/01406/O Mr & Mrs A.Fulford – Conditional Outline Permission for Development (erection of a dwelling and construction of a sewage treatment plant) – The Spinney, Germoe – *noted*

PA08/01511/F Mr K.Perry – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a two-storey extension to dwelling) – 16, Trewithen Terrace, Ashton – *noted*

PA08/01593/F Mr & Mrs A.Fulford – Conditional Permission for Development (demolition of conservatory, erection of extensions to dwelling and conversion of loft to provide living accommodation) – The Spinney, Germoe – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

14 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he had attended two meetings: one at County Hall, when Clerks had been invited to quiz officers about the proposed relationship between Parish Councils and the new Unitary Authority and when possibilities relating to devolved service provision had been discussed. The second had been a meeting of the Natural and Built Environment Committee of the South Kerrier Alliance at which the discussion had concentrated on the provision of allotments within South Kerrier.

The Clerk reported a request for Germoe Parish Council to organise the Christmas Tree Lights "Switch On" on December 11, 2008. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should organise this event which is for the benefit of local people. It was further agreed that Cllr Ross together with Mr and Mrs Whitehead and Mr and Mrs Weeks should act as a sub-committee of the Parish Council to promote this event.

Correspondence

Post Office Ltd supplementary decision booklet – *noted*

Mr T.Bray Christmas Card and request for help with funding The Four Lanes District Projects Group and the Cornwall Animal Ambulance and Hospital – *noted*

DigitalUK TV switchover pack for community organisations – *noted*

KDC Community Grant Scheme – *noted*

KDC Helston Museum flyer – *noted*

OneCornwall newsletter issue 15 – *noted*

Boundary Committee for England draft recommendations comments invited – *it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should respond welcoming the draft proposals*

15 FINANCE

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Ross, seconded by Cllr Geake all in favour that the Precept for the year 2009/2010 be set at £7,500. It was noted that this represents a weekly charge to residents of just over 66p on a Band D house.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for financial help with their work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
General Land Services (Moors Lane)	£ 50.00	

Colin Chapman	
Salary (November)	£ 180.78
telephone	£ 32.87
office expenses	£ 17.50
travelling	£ 16.00
use of home	£ 20.00
	total £ 267.15

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

16 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Items for future meetings

- Footpath maintenance contract
- Consideration of the extent of Conservation Areas and Common Land within the Parish
- The creation of a Germoe Parish Council website.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday January 8, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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