

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 8, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

**Visitors:** WPC Ann Butcher and Mr Sanderson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Robertson, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet, KDCllr Keeling, Cllr A.Felstead, Cllr S.Geake, Cllr Mrs MacKenzie and Cllr J.Taylor.

## **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 Martin seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday December 4, 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**

Mr Sanderson again raised the question of the illegally tipped tarmac at the side of the A394. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to KDCllr Keeling.

## **6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that she has again attended a number of meetings throughout the District. More particularly, as a result of a Scrutiny Committee meeting held in mid-December, she reported that the by-laws concerning dogs on beaches will remain unchanged.

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Keeling reported that he has again visited County Durham where he noted that progress towards Unitary status is proceeding in a more straightforward fashion than appears to be the case in Cornwall.

## **7 POLICE REPORT**

WPC Ann Butcher reported that, in the last month, there has been one reported crime in the Parish: that of the theft of gas bottles from Germoe School. PCSO Mark Mitchell is currently undergoing training to become a full-time police officer: there is no news of a replacement for him.

## **8 ONECORNWALL**

Cllr Ross reported that he and Cllr Geake had attended an engagement event held on Wednesday December 18, 2008 in Penzance. The evening had been mostly taken up with discussion of the proposed ward boundaries for the new Unitary Authority with concern expressed about the proposed division of the Parish of Crowan.

Members considered the implications of OneCornwall's proposals for the creation of a Community Network Forum based in Helston and the possible effects on the Parish of Germoe. It was noted that, when possible, a member of Germoe Parish Council should attend meetings of the Community Network.

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

It was reported that the collection of witness statements to enable the modification of Footpaths 9 and 11 is no further forward. The Clerk reported that Mrs Board is looking into the historical detail of the old road from Newtown to Rosudgeon.

Members again considered the need for repair of the Boundary Stones on Tregonning Hill which have become unreadable. The Clerk reported that he understands that they are not listed and further that the current thinking is that they should remain in place and that they should be re-incised. It was agreed that, because the memorial plaque to the airmen in the quarry on Tregonning Hill may also be in need of repair, the Clerk should investigate the possibility of working with Breage Parish Council to have all the work on the hill done at the same time.

The Clerk reported that the new notice-board at Great Work is in place.

Members considered the continuing maintenance of footpaths and open spaces within the parish. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded and it was agreed to extend Germoe Parish Council's contract with Bob Sanders.

Speaking of Greenberry Downs, the Clerk reported that he has obtained a quotation for the two interpretation stones (finished and installed) from David Pascoe in the sum of £800. Further, he has visited the site with Bob Sanders who has undertaken to cut through along the line of the old road in the sum of £450 + VAT. These two sums have been agreed with Cornwall County Council and the necessary work can be authorised.

### **Correspondence**

CCC concerning the Parish Council's sponsorship of the proposal to alter the Definitive Map by the addition of a bridleway along the route of the old turnpike from Newtown to Rosudgeon – *noted*

## **10 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

PA08/01944/CAC Mr & Mrs M Fulford – Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of a wall – The Spinney, Germoe. Cllr Ross proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked *No observations*.

## **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Mrs Clarke expressed concerns about the two road traffic cones and the metal fencing which have been left outside Chycarne Cottage for some months and asked the Clerk to report the matter to County Highways.

## **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

## **13 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

**KDC** Code of Conduct training – *Cllr Martin will attend the training session on January 27*

**KDC** full Council agenda for December 10 – *noted*

**KDC** Register of Electors as at December 1, 2008 – *noted*

**Boundary Committee for England** summary of draft recommendations – *noted*

**Crowan Parish Council** Training Sessions for Councillors and Clerks – *the Clerk to reply*

**KDC** acknowledgement of receipt of funding application in respect of boundary stones – *noted*

**KDC** Germoe Parish Council's Boundary Welcoming Stones initiative – *noted*

**Marazion Surgery** notification of no change to dispensing arrangements – *noted*

**Andrew George** six-monthly timetable of surgeries in the constituency – *noted*

**Our Money Your Dream** notification of increase in funding availability – *noted*

**Communities and Local Government** consultation document on the code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – *noted*

**Environment Agency** South West Region Calendar for 2009 – *noted*

**14 FINANCE**

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Bear Joinery (noticeboard at Great Work)	£ 875.00	
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 131.00	
RTS Garden Services) Ltd	£ 97.82	£ 12.82
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 180.78	
telephone	£ 9.83	
office expenses	£ 24.00	
travelling	£ 20.64	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 255.25

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

**15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Items for future meetings

- The Commons Act 2006, Common Land and the public use of land in the Parish

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday February 12, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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