

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 12, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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 Mrs Greenstreet, KDCllr Keeling and Mr Sanderson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCCllr Robertson and Cllr J.Taylor.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 Planning PA08/01753/F. The field on which planning permission is sought adjoins his property.

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 Martin proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, Cllr Geake and Cllr Mrs MacKenzie (both being absent from the last meeting) abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday January 8, 2009 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 reported his concerns both about fly-tipping on the A394 and the appearance of a spring in the road at Tresowes Green.

6 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

KDCllr Keeling reported that

- an Enforcement Notice has been served at the West End of Ashton
- he has made a complaint about fly-tipping both at the Cornwall Motel and in relation to Mr Sanderson's complaints
- planning decision arrangements for the interim period include the co-option of four elected members from Kerrier to the new Unitary Authority Committee
- his work on the Scrutiny Committee at OneCornwall is becoming a full-time job
- thirty-three Heads of Service have been appointed and will be required to confirm that they are ready to 'hit the ground running' on April 1
- the newly-appointed Chief Executive appears to be an able man and one with whom he 'can do business'
- the original number of Community Networks has been increased from sixteen to twenty, but, in the absence of a decision on the size of the new Council, doubts remain
- if the Joint Implementation Executive accepts the recommended budget, Council Tax in Kerrier will rise by 0.5% in the coming year.

KDCllr Mrs Greenstreet reported that, since the beginning of the year, she has attended numerous meetings and in particular one concerning OneCornwall and the future of Local Government. Kerrier District Council is winding down: a request for the return of elected members' computers has been made, members of staff are waiting to know whether or not they will have a job after March 31, arrangements for the disposal of regalia are in hand and there are considerably fewer meetings at the Dolcoath Avenue offices.

7 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority appointment of independent custody visitors – *noted*

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority appointment of independent members to the Police Authority – *noted*

8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

Members considered seeking a Modification Order to the Definitive Map by the addition of a bridleway over Greenberry Downs along the line of the Parish Boundary where, in the past, a track once existed. Although members recognised that there are considerable obstacles to surmount, it was agreed to pursue the matter further and the Clerk was asked to speak to the officer dealing with Public Rights of Way at Cornwall. Members noted the valuable historical research into the existence of a track along this line which has recently been completed by Mrs Tanis Board and the Clerk was asked to write and thank her.

While speaking of Greenberry Downs, the Clerk presented a form of words for the interpretation stones which was debated and altered and which will now have to go to Cornwall for approval. He further reported that the line of the old track (an extension to Broad Lane) has now been properly identified and that Cornwall County Council has authorised the necessary work for which Bob Sanders had earlier quoted.

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, as requested, he had contacted Breage Parish Council with a view to re-incising both the memorial plaque and the boundary stones on Tregonning Hill at the same time. However, because of potential problems with this course of action, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should pursue the matter independently and the Clerk was asked to seek a quotation for the work necessary on one or both of the stones.

Correspondence

The Planning Inspectorate copy of a letter from Mr Alan Kind of the Bridleways Trust concerning his objection to the modification order for the addition of a bridleway (Whippers Lane) – *noted*

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Members considered the creation of a dedicated Germoe Parish Council website. The Clerk spoke of an offer to do the initial work necessary in setting up a website, but warned that there would be an on-going charge of approximately £60 per annum. Following extensive discussion, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, Cllr Martin against all others in favour to commission a website and to review the matter in the light of the number of visits to it in a year's time.

10 CONSERVATION AREAS AND COMMON LAND

Members considered the extent of the Conservation Area on Tregonning Hill and, in the light of the Commons Act 2006, Common Land within the Parish. Other than to suggest that there might be a benefit to the Parish in applying for Village Green status for the triangle of land on which the public bench is sited at Balwest, members agreed that there are no outstanding issues.

11 PLANNING

Applications

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following application in that the field adjoins his property.

Cllr Ross relinquished the Chair.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Clarke, assumed the chair.

PA08/01753/F Mr J.Benzing – Erection of a storage shed (amended) – Field at Balwest, Ashton. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded all others in favour that the application be returned marked “*If this is a minor revision to the original application simply to improve the screening of the existing shed, then Germoe Parish Councillors would like their original observations to stand. However, from the information provided it is difficult to tell whether or not the amended application is for a new building. If this application is indeed for a new building, then Germoe Parish Councillors have strong objections to a new building on this site.*”

Cllr Mrs Clarke relinquished the Chair.

Cllr Ross assumed the chair.

PA08/02010/F Mr & Mrs H Thomas – Erection of an extension to existing agricultural building for storage of implements and farm machinery – Sunset Farm, Bal Lane. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked ‘No observations’.

12 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

There were no members’ questions.

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Speaking on behalf of all Councillors, the Chairman, Cllr Ross, said how saddened he had been to learn of the recent death of Mrs Margaret Nicholls. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Nicholls to express the Council’s sympathy.

14 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CCC reorganisation of the Highway Service (new contacts) – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – *noted*

CCC Sustainable Community Strategy for Cornwall – *noted*

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Community Safety Partnership new partnership from April 1, 2009 – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter issue 16 – *noted*

OneCornwall Planning and Regeneration engaging Town and Parish Councils – *noted*

CCC appointment of members to the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – *noted*

Helston Museum Invitation to the Saturday Art Club Exhibition – *noted*

North Cornwall District Council Local Development Framework – How do your Settlements Function? Profile questionnaire – *Cllr Ross will complete this.*

CCC notification of the availability of the Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2007/08 – *noted*

OneCornwall Public consultation – Street Collections – *noted*

15 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Kerrier District Citizens’ Advice Bureau 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
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
Mrs T.Board (expenses in relation to PROWs)	£ 20.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 180.78	
telephone	£ 10.49	
office expenses	£ 24.57	
travelling	£ 16.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 252.44

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

16 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Items for future meetings

The Church Hall, Germoe: its use and the repairs required.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday March 5, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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