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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 2, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr A.Robertson, WPC A.Butcher, Ms Allardine, Mr Jubb and Mr Sanderson.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs MacKenzie.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 Planning, in application number PA09/00382/F

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 Felstead proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, Cllr Mrs Clarke who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday March 5, 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 which are not covered in this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Sanderson reported that, although County Highways have admitted that road scalplings should not have been left on the side of the A394, they are still there. CCllr Robertson agreed to take the matter further.

Ms Allardine stated that she and Mr Jubb were present to answer questions about their planning application which Members would discuss under agenda item 9. She said that

- they are the owners of the barn
- if planning permission for conversion is granted, the barn will become their family home
- many local people have signed a petition expressing support for their application
- the barn is a lovely building which needs a solution to secure its long-term future
- the conversion will be in keeping with the surrounding buildings
- it is impossible to say definitively quite how long they propose to live there, but they enjoy living in the area, they have secure jobs and they have no intention of leaving.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Robertson reported that

- contrary to reports in the press, the County Council is the continuing authority and, until June 8, the people of Cornwall still have 82 elected members
- to date, less than 5,000 of the 22,000 employees of the County Council have had their jobs confirmed and that it is his belief that this does not reflect well on the County

- he sits as a member of the Spatial Planning Committee which has turned down the application for a waste incinerator at St Dennis. Sita may appeal, but it is thought they have another site in mind
- again contrary to reports in the press, the belief that the argument against an incinerator has been won is not true: it is simply that the application for the St Dennis site has been turned down
- there are real problems associated with land-fill, not least the fact that it is costing the people of Cornwall some £700,000 a month in tax
- Cornwall has an agreement with Sita that an incinerator will be in place by 2012
- the hole in the road opposite Chycarne Farm Cottage has been mended. (Cllr Taylor, speaking on behalf of members, thanked CCllr Robertson for his input and for the consequent speedy resolution of this matter.)
- he will be meeting the newly-appointed Area Steward, Chris Biddick, next week when, amongst other local highway matters, he will outline the problems of flooding experienced by Mr Steers which was described at the last meeting of the Council.

In answer to questions, CCllr Robertson said that

- decisions relating to the composition of the Area Networks, the numbers of representatives from voluntary organisations invited to attend and the rôle of all representatives attending have yet to be taken. He added that the Area Network Manager for Helston and The Lizard Peninsula has yet to be appointed
- planning applications will be processed, as before, though the old Kerrier District Council Offices in Camborne; some 96% of all planning applications are expected to be decided by officers using delegated powers; the Planning Committee for the Western Division will consist of twelve co-opted members (who are all experienced in planning procedures and law) drawn from the old Penwith and Kerrier District Councils' Planning Committees.

7 POLICE REPORT

WPC Butcher reported that she was attending the meeting in place of PC Dave Vaughan, who, since April 1, has been the Neighbourhood Beat Manager but who is on leave. There have recently been two incidents of criminal damage at Germoe Cross Roads both relating to the discharge of a shot-gun and it was noted that this sort of offence sadly appears to be on the increase. The Chairman drew members' attention to the notice-board at Balwest which has recently suffered from an air gun attack. He continued by thanking WPC Butcher for her interest in and help with the Parish and wished her well in her future rôle in Helston.

8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

CCC LMP invitation to renew partnership working arrangements. Members noted that this invitation includes the offer of a maximum grant of £788.71 which is £34.11 higher than last year's grant. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should accept the invitation to renew partnership working arrangements under the LMP scheme.

Welcoming Stones The Clerk reported that Kerrier District Council has offered a maximum grant of £660.00 for two welcoming stones. He further reported that residents of Greenberry Down would be in favour of replacing the missing Breage/St Hilary/Germoe boundary stone. Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that the wording on the stones should be *Welcome to the Parish of Germoe* and that their positioning should be decided at the May meeting following an informal meeting between Councillors.

Footpaths 9 and 11 Members noted that this project is no further forward and it was agreed to pursue the matter at a public meeting to be arranged at a later date.

Moors Lane Cllr Felstead reported residents' continuing concerns about the state of the southern end of Moors Lane and an offer by them to help pay for its repair up to a maximum sum of £750.00. The Clerk stated that he has again contacted the Countryside Ranger, Colin Bayes, with a request for Cornwall to purchase some broken stone, but that he has yet to receive a reply. It was agreed to wait a further month before making any decision.

Greenberry Down The Clerk reported that both the interpretation stones are in place, although the one at the western end is not in the same place as the original sign. There will be an opportunity re-site this if and when the replacement boundary stone is commissioned.

The Noticeboard at Tresowes Green Cllr Felstead reported that the 'glass' in the notice-board at Tresowes had been broken. The Clerk reported that, on health and safety grounds he had instructed Bob Sanders to replace the glass and that this has been done. Cllr Felstead asked for his thanks for the Clerk's prompt action

to be recorded. Members noted that all the notice-boards need some attention and the Clerk was asked to instruct Bob Sanders to do this work.

Correspondence

The Planning Inspectorate notification of the confirmation of Whippers Lane as a bridleway – *noted*
CCC Notice of Confirmation and a copy of the Modification Order relating to Whippers Lane – *noted*

9 PLANNING

Applications

As a personal friend of the applicants, Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA09/00382/F Mr S Jubb & Ms A Allardice – Conversion of redundant barn into a dwelling and installation of a septic tank – Great Work Farm, Ashton. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors support this application subject to a legal agreement ensuring a local occupation.

Correspondence

CCC consultation document on future planning applications – *noted*

10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no members' questions.

11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that

- the replacement historic finger post at Millpool is now in place
- the bus shelter has been tidied and repainted and is being used
- two youngsters had been riding motor-bikes on the footpath along the top of Tregonning Hill. Following a verbal warning from a local resident which had been ignored, the matter had been reported to the Police.

Correspondence

CCC Cornwall Countryside Access Statement – *noted*

The Cinnamon Trust request to display advertisement – *noted*

Cornwall Council consultation on taxi provision – *noted*

CALC invitation to renew membership for the year 2009 – 2010. The coming year's subscription is £146.58 + VAT and this sum includes the NALC subscription of £21.64 – *Members agreed, as they did last year, that Germoe Parish Council cannot justify this expense*

CCC confirmation of funding in the sum of £990.00 from the Member Community Grant Scheme – *noted*

CPRE invitation to participate in this year's Cornwall's Best Kept Village Competition and a reminder of the planning workshop "Understanding your involvement in the Planning System" – *it was agreed to enter Germoe in Cornwall's Best Kept Village Competition*

Macmillan Cancer Support Midsummer Madness Walk June 27, 2009 advertisement – *noted*

KDC notification of the award of a grant in the sum of £660.00 for the purpose of providing welcoming stones to the Parish – *noted*

Ann Greenstreet letter of appreciation to Germoe Parish Council – *noted*

Cornwall Council various information: Becoming a Councillor, Town and Parish Council Newsletter, notice of Council Tax for the year to March 31, 2010 – *noted*

KDC final agenda and reports – *noted*

13 FINANCE

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009. Cllr Ross reported that he had checked through the accounts for the year and had found nothing to give him cause for concern. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that, subject to audit by the Internal Auditor, Mr Peter Richards (Kerrier District Council's Senior Auditor), Germoe Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2009. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that, with the exception of paragraph 7 (which is not applicable), Germoe Parish Council should answer "Yes" to each of

the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2009.

The Clerk reported a request from Truro Hospital Radio for help with funding. It was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should not accede to this request.

The Clerk reported a request from St Germoe PCC for financial help towards the maintenance of the cemetery. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Clarke, seconded by Cllr Geake all in favour that the sum of £300.00 be forwarded to St Germoe PCC under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Customs and Revenue	£ 135.60	
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 152.11	£ 19.84
Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 180.78	
telephone	£ 43.82	
office expenses	£ 30.76	
travelling	£ 34.40	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 309.76

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

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The repair of the southern end of Moors Lane.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 7, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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