

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 7, 2009 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe. Chairman of the Council, Cllr G.Ross presiding, Mr C Chapman (Clerk) in attendance.

Visitors: CCCllr A.Robertson, Mrs Hoyland and Mr MacKenzie.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs McKenzie and PC Dave Vaughan.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 are a true record: they were signed as such by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 5, 2008.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Graham Ross said:

“Good evening everyone and welcome to Germoe's Annual Parish Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parish Councillors for their continued hard work during the course of the last twelve months. My thanks also to our County Councillor and our three district councillors who have given their support this past year. I would also like to thank our clerk, Mr Colin Chapman, for his unfailing help and his continuing skill in foraging out funds and grants that no one else has ever seemed to have heard of. With his great assistance this council has managed to achieve a fair number of projects for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Germoe.

“The achievements this year (over and above the normal cutting of footpaths and general tidiness of the parish) include the following:

“St Germoe's Well opposite the church was looking somewhat tired and in need of some TLC. We have employed Frederick Wearne to reinstate the wording on the granite interpretation stone. Mrs Mathesson has kindly agreed to plant the area around the well and we have obtained a licence to maintain the side of the highway, which Mr Sanders, our grass cutter, has now strimmed together with the grass area towards the bridge. I think you will agree that this area is now a credit to the centre of Germoe Church Town. We managed to secure a grant from Kerrier District Council towards the work hence keeping the cost down to local rate payers.

“During the course of the year we also arranged for the repair of the slate bridge over the stream making it far safer for people on their way to church.

“During the year we also managed to secure a modification order for footpath 22 which goes from Germoe to County Road Millpool.

“Parish Councillors requested that the clerk write to the Post Office to express our deep opposition to the proposed closure of Ashton Post Office which would affect a large number of Germoe Parishioners. As we know, the post office closed anyway: a decision which, no doubt, had been taken months before.

“During the course of the year your councillors attended many meetings and presentations regarding the conversion to One Cornwall and reported back at monthly parish meetings.

“The notice board at Greatwork which, for many years, has been too small to display agendas and minutes has now been replaced by a new beautifully built double-size board. We are now able to have a walk interpretation notice as well as parish notices and still leaves room for parishioners to put up their own notices. A grant was also obtained from Cornwall Rural Community Council towards this project.

“A scheme has been arranged so that any group or individual who wants to use the green at Germoe for an event for the general inhabitants of Germoe may apply to the Parish Council to co-host the event so that such an event will be covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance. This has proved successful with the Christmas festivities and alike.

“The Parish Council, through the clerk, has set up a dedicated website for the parish. There are a number of information pages. Councillors’ details, minutes of meetings, and over time we can build up useful information of the local area and amenities.

“With funds from Cornwall County Council we have, after many years of persistent badgering, managed to purchase and erect a new finger post at Millpool. This fibre glass post is of the traditional cast iron design and will hopefully last and be of use for many years to come.

“We have also obtained and put in place two granite and stainless steel interpretation stones at either end of Greenberry Downs and cleared the bridleway for a walk through the downs area. This has been funded by Cornwall County Council and Natural England.

“We also have to thank Councillor Robertson for obtaining funding for three *Welcome to Germoe* stones that will soon be erected together with funding from Kerrier District Council for a further two welcome stones.

“In conclusion I would like to express my personal thanks for everyone's support throughout the year and hope we have another successful year ahead.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2008 – 2009 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday April 2, 2009. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £1,620.23 and ended it with a reserve of £2,966.95. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, former KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts and that they have been sent to the External Auditor.

There were no matters raised by parishioners.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 4, 2009

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 6, 2010

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