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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 4, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: PCSO Ceri Sadler.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 – a request from the school to use the bus shelter for advertising and in agenda item 9 – PA09/00441/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 Geake proposed, Cllr Felstead seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 7, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 7, 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

Speaking as a member of the public and about the request from the School to advertise events and the like in the Parish Council owned bus-shelter at Germoe Crossroads, Cllr Ross said that the school has particular concerns about numbers. These have fallen chiefly, it is believed, because the school's existence is not widely known. Therefore strategies to attract pupils to the school are being explored and advertising in the bus-shelter is thought to be one way of bringing its existence to the notice of a wider audience.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

It being the day of the County Council elections the County Councillor was not present. Members noted that a letter of appreciation has been sent to CCCllr Robertson on behalf of Germoe Parish Council.

7 POLICE REPORT

Introducing herself as PCSO Mark Mitchell's replacement, PCSO Sadler stated that two crimes, both of criminal damage (one to a motor vehicle and the other to a boat), were reported to the Police in May 2009 compared to one reported in May 2008. There is concern that both recent crimes involved the use of an air weapon and residents are asked to contact the Police if they have any information relating to them. The mobile Police and Communities Together (PACT) surgery was held recently and proved very successful.

8 FOOTPATHS, SIGNPOSTS, MAINTENANCE

Welcoming Stones The Clerk reported that David Pascoe expects to install the four welcoming stones on Monday next and the Breage/St Hilary/Germoe boundary stone on Thursday next.

As a Governor of the school, Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following item and relinquished the Chair. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting. Cllr Geake assumed the Chair.

Bus shelter Members considered a request from the school for permission to advertise events in the bus shelter. Following discussion, Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Martin seconded and it was agreed that the school may advertise in the Parish Council owned bus-shelter at Germoe Crossroads.

Cllr Geake relinquished the Chair. Cllr Ross assumed the Chair.

Moors Lane Members noted that the southern end of Moors Lane has now been scraped clean of accumulated mud and debris. It is hoped that this will result in a considerable improvement for walkers using this way.

9 PLANNING

Applications

As a business acquaintance of the applicant, Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following application and relinquished the Chair. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting. Cllr Geake assumed the Chair.

PA09/00441/F Mr C Holmwood – Use of land for the stationing of eight static caravans and construction of a sewage treatment plant – Boscreege Caravan Park, Ashton. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked “No observations”.

Cllr Geake relinquished the Chair. Cllr Ross assumed the Chair.

PA09/00660/F Mr R Tuckmott – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Tredrea, Balwest, Ashton. Cllr Felstead proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that whilst the Council would be likely to have no objections to a proposal to renovate the existing bungalow in order to provide modern living accommodation, the application as submitted is considered to be far too large an extension to this small cottage. It will result in an over-development of this visually important location within a designated Conservation Area and as such Germoe Parish Council has strong objections to the proposal. Germoe Parish Council also has strong objections to the proposed north (which is actually the south) elevation as being of a completely inappropriate design for this sensitive location.

Decisions

PA08/00346/F Ms G White – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of local needs dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – adjoining Little Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

PA08/01787/F Mr B. Richardson – Notice of Refusal of Permission for Development (change of use of church to dwelling and erection of an extension to premises) – Church of St Mary, Helston Road – *noted*

PA09/00382/F Messrs S Jubb & A Allardice – Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of redundant barn into a dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Great Works Farm, Ashton – *noted*

PA09/00485/F Mr & Mrs Fulford – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a dwelling and installation of a sewage treatment plant) – The Spinney, Germoe – *noted*

Correspondence

CC PA09/00152/F (erection of extension and alterations to dwelling at Chygwins, Tresowes) application withdrawn – *noted*

CC PA09/00579/TCA (felling of one sycamore tree at The Old Pottery, Tresowes Hill) application withdrawn – *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

Correspondence

Out There programme of events for young people – *noted*

CC contact for Register of Members' interests – *noted*

CRCC Parish involvement in the development of the new AONB management plan – *noted*
 CALC Planning and Local Development Orders – *noted*
 CC Notice of elections – European and Unitary – *noted*
 CC internet access to Committee Agendas – *noted*

13 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (April account)		
Open areas	£ 57.00	
Millpool fingerpost	£ 115.03	
Repair to Tresowes board	£ 70.21	
Cleaning noticeboards	£ 15.50	
Bridleway sign (Badgers Holt)	£ 37.50	
sub total	£ 295.24	
	£ 339.52	£ 44.28
GLS (work to end of Moors Lane)		
	£ 50.00	
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (May account)		
Open areas	£ 28.50	
Preachers Pit	£ 45.00	
Gold paths	£ 265.70	
Silver paths	£ 332.72	
sub total	£ 671.92	
	total £ 772.70	£ 100.78
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 200.58	
telephone	£ 6.58	
office expenses	£ 29.82	
travelling	£ 12.90	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total £ 269.88	

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, all others in favour that the above four accounts be paid.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Hedge trimming.
 Fly-tipping.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday July 2, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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