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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 3, 2009 at 7:00pm in The Church Hall, Germoe.

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

Visitors: PCSO Ceri Sadler, Mr F.Davies and Miss Dyer.

The Chairman, Cllr Ross, welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Keeling.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As a volunteer working with the Carleen Community Church Care Centre, Cllr Mrs Clarke declared a personal interest in agenda item 14.

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 Martin seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment recording the attendance of Cllr Mrs Clarke, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday August 6, 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 were not covered in this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no observations or questions from members of the public.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling sent his apologies for his absence.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler stated that a single crime (of harassment) had been reported to the Police in August 2009 compared to a single crime (of theft) reported in June 2008. She added that there had been reports of anti-social behaviour near the Church and asked anyone who becomes aware of this sort of unacceptable behaviour to contact the Police immediately.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Waste bin near Nevada House

Cllr Taylor reported at last month's meeting that he had met Mr and Mrs Liddicoat (on whose land the Parish notice-board, the welcoming stone and the waste bin are situated), when they had expressed concern that the area looks cluttered and had suggested that the waste bin should be moved up the lane closer to the gate. The Clerk stated that he had spoken to Cornwall Council (who owns and empties the bin) and that there were no objections to moving it slightly higher up the lane. Following discussion, members agreed with Mr and Mrs Liddicoat's contention that the area is cluttered and that the bin should be moved.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered the co-option of two Parish Councillors following the resignation of Cllr Felstead and Cllr Mrs MacKenzie. It was agreed to post advertisements on the Parish Noticeboards inviting those eligible to apply for co-option. Decisions will be made at the October meeting.

Following the resignation of Cllr Felstead, Councillors considered the appointment of a new banking signatory from amongst members. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, Cllr Geake abstaining, all others in favour to appoint Cllr Geake as a banking signatory. The existing signatories, Cllr Ross and Cllr Mrs Clarke, to remain: Cllr Felstead to be removed from the list.

Members considered minor alterations to Germoe Parish Council's Standing Orders following the establishment of the Unitary Authority. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour to replace all references in Germoe Parish Council's Standing Orders to both the District Council and the County Council with the phrase 'Cornwall Council'

Members considered the adoption of a formal *Code of Practice for Complaints against the Council*. Following discussion of a document prepared by the Clerk, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour to adopt the proposed approach with minor alterations as a formal Code of Practice for Complaints against the Council. A copy of the adopted document is appended to these minutes.

Members considered the appointment of a representative to attend the Community Network panel meetings. It was agreed that, in view of the present uncertainty surrounding the Community Network Panels, no formal appointment should be made, but that, whenever practicable, a representative from Germoe Parish Council should attend informal meetings. The Clerk was asked to convey this information to Mrs Chadwick the Community Network Manager for Helston and the Lizard.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/01022/F Mr Shorthouse – Erection of extensions to dwelling – Chygwins, Tresowes. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked “No observations”.

PA09/01047/F Mr M Rayment – Erection of extensions to dwelling and erection of a garden store/workshop building – Rosehip Cottage, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council regrets both the loss of another potential starter/affordable home and the consequent change to the character of the Conservation Area Councillors believe the size and scale of the proposed extensions to this building are inappropriate within the Conservation Area. They further express concerns at the size of the proposed workshop and seek assurances that its use will be confined to the domestic enjoyment of the property.”

PA09/01092/F Mr R Tuckmott – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Tredrea, Balwest. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Councillors regret that apparently nothing positive came from the meeting between Councillors and the applicant and his agent. The current application is similar to PA09/00660/F and accordingly Germoe Parish Council reiterates its observations on that application, viz

“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.”

PA09/01106/F Miss J Dyer – Erection of an extension and alterations to dwelling – 4 Trewithen Terrace, Greatwork. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Councillors should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Councillors support this application”.

Correspondence

CC Breach of Planning Control (use of land for the stationing of mobile homes and associated engineering operations at Tresheba OS Field 9083 Main Road). Notification that an Enforcement Notice was issued on August 12 and will take effect on September 23 – *noted*

CC PA09/0660/F notification of withdrawal of application. (Erection of an extension to dwelling at Tredrea, Balwest) – *noted*

CC Draft Planning Protocol for Local Councils – *the Clerk was asked to reply on behalf of Germoe Parish Council welcoming the protocol but expressing strong reservations about the proposed methodology for resolving conflicts between the Parish Council and the Planning Authority*

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Taylor reiterated his concerns about the lamentable absence again this year of hedge trimming along many of the lanes in the Parish. It was agreed to consider whether or not Germoe Parish Council should undertake this work at the Parish's expense when the precept is decided in December.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that he had been delighted to learn that Germoe has been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the Cornwall Best Kept Village Competition 2009 which was sponsored by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (Cornwall Branch).

13 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornish Mining World Heritage Newsletter – *noted*

Macmillan Cancer Support The World's biggest Coffee Morning – *noted*

Andrew George MP Village and Town visits – *noted*

CPRE results of Cornwall's Best Kept Village Competition – *noted*

Mr Felstead letter of thanks to the Parish Council – *noted*

CC temporary prohibition of traffic along the road from the A394 to Tresowes Green and from Greenbank to Tresowes Green to carry out drainage works (October 5 to October 7) – *noted*

Breage and Germoe Bridleways Association copy of a letter addressed to Cornwall Council concerning the proposed modification of the Definitive Map – *noted*

14 FINANCE

As a volunteer working with the Carleen Community Church Care Centre, Cllr Mrs Clarke declared a personal interest in the following request for financial help. She spoke during the discussion but abstained from voting.

Members considered a request from Carleen Community Church Care Centre for a donation towards a replacement oven. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, Cllr Mrs Clarke abstained all others in favour to forward £100 to Carleen Community Church Care Centre to help fund the purchase of a new industrial oven.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for a donation towards the on-going costs of providing this service. Following discussion, it was agreed that, although Germoe Parish Council is acutely conscious of the benefits the Air Ambulance brings to the people of Cornwall, it is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Audit Commission	£ 138.00	£ 18.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 134.55	£ 17.55
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths)	£ 277.26	£ 36.16
GLS (Moors Lane)	£ 150.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 200.38	
Salary (August)	£ 200.58	
telephone	£ 18.96	
office expenses	£ 38.81	
Planning training	£ 25.00	
travelling	£ 25.80	
use of home (two months)	£ 40.00	
	total	£ 549.53

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

Members noted the following receipt

Cornwall Council (re KDC)	£ 560.00
Cornwall Council (LMP payment)	£ 598.42

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider the replacement of the noticeboard at Newtown and the maintenance of the other noticeboards.

To consider the co-option of two new Councillors.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday October 1, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

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