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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 5, 2009 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr G.Ross (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
Cllr S.Geake (Vice-Chairman) Cllr A.Martin
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke
Cllr F.Davies Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and PCSO Sadler.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Taylor and PC Vaughan.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9: planning application number PA09/01399/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 Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 1, 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 members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- during the last month he has been kept busy with a number of meetings at County
- at a meeting of the Planning Committee he represented Germoe Parish Council's views about the proposed development at Tredrea but without success
- together with Tom Childs, the Community Highways Steward, he had toured the parish and had extracted an undertaking that, particularly in the matter of the overgrown hedges, what can be done will be done
- he will be holding another surgery at Carleen this coming Saturday
- a Cabinet Meeting at which the question of Primary School provision will be discussed is scheduled for the coming week. In the present financial circumstances, there are doubts that the commitment to retain small rural schools can be justified
- Cornwall Council has been awarded a grant from Central Government of £141 million for the delivery of affordable housing: there is apparently an annual need in the county for some 2,300 dwellings.

At the pre-application meeting concerning the Cornwall Motel site it was noted that the proposals are for what is effectively a private housing site, albeit that the dwellings will be for non-residential use. It was apparent that the Planning Officer concerned will support such an application rather than one for a mixture of affordable and unfettered dwellings.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Ceri Sadler reported that a single crime had been reported to the Police in October 2009, that the offender had been caught and a caution given. This compares to a single crime reported in October 2008. Hallowe'en had passed quietly and no anti-social behaviour had been reported to the Police.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Noticeboards

Members considered the state of repair of the parish noticeboards. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded all in favour to accept Bob Sanders' quotation in the sum of £120.00 for the repair and refurbishment of the notice-boards owned by the Germoe Parish Council with the exception of those sited at Newtown and at Greatwork. The Clerk reported that CCllr Keeling, has approved an application for a Community Initiative grant in the sum of £600 to underwrite the purchase of a new board for Newtown. Bear Joinery (who made the board at Greatwork) has quoted a figure of £825.00 to manufacture and site a new board. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded all in favour to accept Bear Joinery's quotation for this work. Following further discussion, it was agreed to move the noticeboard from Germoe Green to Newtown and to site the new board on Germoe Green.

Members considered the implications of the purchase of the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that residents of Trewithen Terrace would be saddened to see it go and accordingly Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doerer seconded, Cllr Martin against all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should purchase and maintain the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/01144/F Mr & Mrs Glover – Conversion of existing barn and garage into holiday accommodation – Comocean, Boscreege. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council supports this application”.

PA09/01395/TPO Mr J.A.Reddell – Crown reduction and lopping of one sycamore tree – Rookwood, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Davies seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council supports this application”.

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following matter in that the applicant is an immediate neighbour.

Cllr Ross relinquished the Chair. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Geake, assumed the chair.

PA09/01399/F Mrs S.Dyer – Conversion of two holiday units to one self-contained annexe – The Bungalow, Balwest. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Martin seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that use of the proposed self-contained annexe is ancillary to the use of the house”.

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

Decisions

PA09/01022/F Conditional Permission for Development (Erection of extensions to dwelling) – Chygwins, Tresowes – *noted*

PA09/01092/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling at Tredrea, Balwest) – *noted*

PA09/01106/F Conditional Permission for Development (Erection of an extension and alterations to dwelling) – 4, Trewithen Terrace, Great Work – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notice of appeal against enforcement notice at Tresheba, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

CC notice of withdrawal of application for development at Trebarwith, Tresowes Green – *noted*

CC notice of withdrawal of application for development at Rosehip Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

Village Design Statement

The merits of writing a Village Design Statement were discussed. Warning that he would need help, Cllr Davies nevertheless offered to draft a rough outline of such a document for members to consider at the next meeting.

10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that garden waste has again been fly-tipped along Higher Lane and that Cornwall Council's notice warning that Japanese knot-weed in the area has been treated with herbicide is missing. CCllr Keeling agreed to pursue the matter.

11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that a complaint has been received from a resident of Tresowes Green that neither agendas nor minutes have been posted on the notice-board there for some while.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Andrew George MP Casework Surgeries – *noted*

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Annual Report – *noted*

Andrew George MP Affordable Housing Seminar (St Keverne Parish Hall November 13 at 7:00pm – *noted*

RNAS Culdrose offer to attend a Council Meeting to brief members on flying activities – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service aspirant Foundation Trust consultation documents – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter October 2009 – *noted*

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Service Plan 2010/13 consultation document – *noted*

Community Energy Plus Renewable Energy Sources and community projects – *the Clerk was asked to forward this letter to Balwest Methodist Church and to Germoe Parochial Church Council*

13 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for help with funding counselling and support services. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members noted the revised hourly rate for part-time Clerks on Spinal Column Point 15 (from £8.261 to £8.344). Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that the Clerk should continue to be paid at Spinal Column Point 15.

Members noted that a wreath for Armistice Day has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Germoe Parish Councillors should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion.

Members noted the change of signatories relating to the Parish Council's banking account with Nationwide: Cllr Geake's name has been added and Mr Felstead's name has been removed.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 184.57	£ 24.07
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 200.38	
telephone	£ 13.07	
office expenses	£ 25.87	
travelling	£ 35.69	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 295.01

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

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

To set the Precept for the year 2010 – 2011 (December)

A decision whether or not to proceed with a review of Parish Plans (to be taken in January 2010 affording members time to familiarise themselves with the Parish Plan published in April 2004).

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday December 3, 2009 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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