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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 14, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: There were no visitors

The Chairman, Cllr Ross, welcomed members to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Keeling, Cllr Davies, Cllr Taylor and PC Vaughan.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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 Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday December 3, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for June 3 should be postponed until June 10.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- the dreadful accident at Godolphin Bridge just before Christmas had brought out the best both in the emergency services and in members of the community
- Cornwall's cabinet has drawn up a draft business plan which examines and informs priorities and ways of improving key services prior to setting the budget in February
- members have recently debated the Draft Statement of Community Involvement which aims to involve Town and Parish Councils more closely with the planning process. Of particular interest is the Pre-Application process, which is voluntary at the moment but which aims to encourage developers to adopt a more open approach in the initial stages of development
- he was present at a presentation given by ShelterBox's founder, Tom Henderson. Mr Henderson had outlined ambitions to create an International Academy of Disaster Relief which, he hopes, will become a centre of excellence in disaster relief methods of learning and support.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that no crimes were reported to the Police in December 2009, which compares to one crime reported in December 2008. There were a total of 14 crimes reported to the Police in 2009, the same number as in 2008.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Plans

Members agreed that the two issues of Parish Plans and the Village Design Statement should be the matter of a joint public consultation event to be held later in the year.

Village Design Statement

In Cllr Davies' absence, the Clerk presented members with further drafts of pages outlining statements of intent. It was agreed to hold an informal meeting for members within the next fortnight to discuss changes and additions. A number of points that might be considered at this meeting were raised including the production of a tourist leaflet, nuisance arising from security measures (and in particular light and noise pollution) and the importance of trees, including sycamores, within the landscape of the parish.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/01450/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 Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Councillors note that the revised drawings describe a smaller scheme than was presented (and subsequently withdrawn) in PA09/01047/F. However, they can see no reason why they should depart from the observations they made in respect of that application, specifically ‘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.’”

PREAPP09/00245 Mr D Alton – Redevelopment to residential flats – Cornwall Motel, Main Road, Ashton. 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 Councillors welcome receipt of this pre-application document (and the resultant opportunity to comment before submission of the full application) and trust that their observations will be given due consideration by the applicant. They regret that the opportunity for the provision of a mixture of affordable housing and unfettered residential on this site has not been seized. They request that, on this light sensitive site, special attention is paid to the effect of communal lighting during the hours of darkness and that this concern is addressed in the application for full planning permission. They note the applicant's intention to connect foul waste from the proposed development to the existing drain which flows to the existing septic tank both of which lie within the Parish of Germoe. It is Germoe Parish Councillors' understanding that both the drain and the septic tank are broken and are thus incapable of coping with the waste this development will produce. They ask that, should the Planning Committee be minded to grant permission for development, the capability of both the drain and the septic tank to cope with the anticipated volume of waste effluent is properly investigated before such permission is granted.”

Decisions

PA09/00823/F Notice of Refusal of Permission for Development (retention of a mobile home for use as temporary accommodation whilst building at The Caravan, Bargess) – *noted*

PA09/01395/TPO Notice of Refusal for the felling, lopping or topping of trees and woodland (crown reduction and lopping of one sycamore tree) – *noted*

PA09/01399/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of two holiday units to one self-contained annexe at The Bungalow, Balwest) – *noted*

PA09/01144/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of existing barn and garage into holiday accommodation at Comocean, Boscreege) – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Davies copies of letters to Cornwall Council concerning planning application PA09/01480/F land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage, Germoe – *the Clerk advised that this application has been declared invalid*

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

St Germoe PCC copy of letter of objection to CC Planning Department concerning PA09/01480/F erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage – *it was again noted that this application is invalid*

CC agenda for West sub-area planning committee meeting January 19, 2010

10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Tanya's Courage Trust for help with funding their work of supporting young people in Cornwall aged 16 – 25 with cancer. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Mr Adam Sibley for help with funding the cost of the production of a series of TV episodes dealing with issues which may affect young people. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Following discussion of a request for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations in December of last year, Cllr Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour, that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £75 should be made available for underwriting activities over Christmas 2009 in Germoe Churchtown.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 154.80	
Bear Joinery (Churchtown notice-board)	£ 1,021.64	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 202.20	
telephone	£ 13.29	
office expenses	£ 37.34	
travelling	£ 8.60	
telephone (Trewithen Terrace)	£ 1.00	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 282.43

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornish Mining newsletter – *noted*

Boundary Committee Electoral review of Cornwall: final recommendations – *noted*

Audit Commission appointment of external auditor – *noted*

CC Consultation on Parking Order – *noted*

Helston Community College invitation to attend the official launch of *The Helston and Lizard Peninsula Education Trust* – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter December – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The Clerk was asked to report a problem resulting from the recent bad weather with the road surface outside Oak Cottage.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to problems relating to parking on the green at Balwest and suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider strategically sited boulders to prevent cars accessing the green. It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the meeting in February.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday February 4, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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