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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 4, 2010 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 J.Taylor
Cllr F.Davies Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: There were no visitors.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Keeling, PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler.

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 Martin seconded, Cllr Davies and Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 14, 2010 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

No members of the public were present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- just over a week ago, he had chaired a public meeting in Wadebridge Town Hall to hear the public's views on the options regarding the future of the council offices at Higher Trenant. It is the first time that a Scrutiny Committee has sought the view of the public and, as such, has set a precedent
- he had recently attended a cabinet meeting at County Hall at which the issue of the Isles of Scilly Link Partnership was discussed. A decision was taken to make every effort to secure planning permission and listed building consent for the works associated with option A (which comprise freight and passenger facilities on reclaimed land at the harbour, a pier extension and rock armour protection)
- subject to further debate, at the full council meeting on the February 16, Cornwall Council's net revenue budget for 2010/11 will be set at £451.904m with a Band D council tax of £1,244.41 (an increase of 2.9% on 2009/10). This represents an increase of 67 pence per week for Band D council tax payers.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that a single crime was reported to the Police in January 2010, the theft from a boat at the Clay Pit in Moors Lane. This compares to two crimes reported in January 2009.

A PACT surgery will be held in Germoe Churchtown on March 2, 2010 starting at 9:00am

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parking on the green at Balwest

Members noted that vehicles parking on the green at Balwest are spoiling this area by churning up the land and that this is exacerbated by rain-water run-off from the lane, which itself is in need of repair. Following discussion, it was agreed that, once the weather is more clement, repairs should be made to the green and consideration given to a way of preventing vehicular access. It is understood that, once the work at Tredrea is complete, an undertaking to reinstate the lane has been given. It was further noted that the Car Park notice in the field behind Balwest Chapel has disappeared and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council would give due consideration towards underwriting the cost of a replacement.

Village Design Statement

Members noted that the informal meeting to discuss changes and additions to the draft Village Design Statement which was arranged at the last Parish Council meeting had, of necessity, been postponed. It was agreed that the postponed meeting will now be held on Monday February 22 at 2:00pm in the Chairman's home.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/01648/F Bronzemill Limited – Demolition of existing motel and associated buildings and erection of eighteen self-catering units of holiday accommodation – Cornwall Motel, Main Road. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Councillors strongly support Breage Parish Council's observations on this application and particularly the stated desire to see a mixture of affordable housing and unfettered development. Additionally, they express their surprise and regret that the submitted plans do not supply details of the drainage of foul water and effluent from the site or proposals for communal lighting. They believe that the application as it stands is contentious and therefore request that it should be decided at an open meeting of the Planning Committee.”

Decisions

PA09/01450/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling and erection of a garden store/workshop building) – Rosehip Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Planning Enforcement notification that planning enforcement has been instigated in respect of the use of land for the stationing of a residential caravan at Bargess, Lower Balwest – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Davies copy of letter re planning application procedures sent to Cornwall Council Planning Department – *noted*

CC notification that the application for Trebarwith will be heard at an open Planning Committee meeting – *noted*

CC West Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting February 9, 2010 agenda – *it was agreed that Cllr Davies will attend this meeting when he will reiterate the Parish Council's objections to the proposals for Trebarwith*

Mr and Mrs Bax copy of letter to Planning Authority re application for Trebarwith – *noted*

10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Information Commissioner Colin Chapman	£ 35.00	
Salary (January)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 17.13	
office expenses	£ 18.69	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 266.92

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

NSPCC promoting awareness of the Helpline – *noted*

CALC invitation to the 6th Annual Conference on Saturday February 20 at New County Hall – *noted*

Cornwall Deaf Association request for individuals to serve as Trustees – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser asked if Germoe Parish Council would agree to send an open letter of support for the publication of a Local Food Guide to Transition Helston. Such a letter would be used to attract funding to underwrite the cost involved. She pointed out that, were the Parish Council to take this step, it would be in line with the Vision ("to ensure access to more locally grown fresh produce") identified in Parish Plans published in April 2004. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Transition Helston offering Germoe Parish Council's support for the project.

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that South West Water has finally removed the switch box (which had been left open for the past three years) from the road verge just below the reservoir and replaced it in a secure underground chamber.

Cllr Geake reported that the Chapel and Balwest Heritage Group are combining to stage an event (which will be part of the Festival of British Archaeology) on July 24. The present intention is to serve cream teas and to lead guided walks of the historic monuments on Tregonning Hill.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

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