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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 4, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr F.Davies Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Keeling, Mrs Ayto, Mr R.Johnson, Miss M.Smith, Mrs Vaughan and Mr R.Williams.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Geake assumed the Chair and welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G.Ross, Cllr Martin, PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Davies asked members to note that the author of the letter concerning the felling of a mature fig tree in Germoe Churchtown is his wife.

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 Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 4, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that people living locally are not in favour of granite boulders being sited on the green at Balwest as a way of preventing vehicular access. They simply want to see the green reinstated.

Cllr Mrs Doeser thanked the Parish Council for the letter of support for the publication of a Local Food Guide. Transition Helston has, since its receipt, applied for funding.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Smith thanked the Parish Council for their continuing support for Balwest Methodist Church. She reported that the car-park sign, which was the subject of discussion at last month's meeting, has been found. She wondered if Councillors might therefore consider funding a means of fastening back the entrance gate to the car-park rather than the purchase of a new sign. The Chairman asked Mrs Smith to obtain a quote for the necessary work and to bring that to a meeting when the matter will be considered.

Miss Smith reported that Balwest Methodist Church will participate in the Festival of British Archaeology and that the matter of the right of access to the Vestry is presently in the hands of solicitors.

Speaking of the felling of a fig tree in Germoe Churchtown, Mr Johnson said that he had been given permission from the Planning Authority to carry out this work and confirmed that the tree will be replaced as required. It was noted that, despite the tree being in a Conservation Area, Germoe Parish Council had not been afforded the opportunity to comment.

Mr Johnson reported that Cornwall Highways Department has trimmed some of the hedges in the parish.

Mrs Vaughan, who presented and read aloud letters both from herself and from Mrs Weaver and spoke on behalf of other residents, reported that there are widespread concerns about the white lines that have appeared at the road junction in Germoe Churchtown. It is the generally held opinion that these do little if anything for the Conservation Area. Of further concern to her are problems relating to parking (particularly overnight parking) in

Germoe Churchtown and encroachment onto the roadside verge by the owners of Dolphin Lodge. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted over the matter of the white lines and agreed that parking in the village is a problem. The Chairman asked Mrs Vaughan, who has written to Cornwall Highways about these matters, to keep the Parish Council informed of any outcome.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCLlr Keeling reported that

- he had chaired a public meeting, the result of which had been a recommendation to defer a decision to close the Higher Tenant Council Offices in Wadebridge
- he had also chaired a meeting which had debated the emotive issue of the future use of Council owned buildings which, as a consequence of the change to a Unitary Authority, may become redundant
- he had attended a further meeting the subject of which had been the County Farms Service. This Service provides starter and progression small-holdings to encourage a new generation to participate in agriculture (and which makes a profit for the County). He is confident that Cornwall will remain a small-holder authority
- Cornwall Council's budget for the coming financial year has been set and will create an average demand of £1,444.41 on a Band D house – a rise of 2.9% or 67p per week
- he had been unable to attend the Planning Committee meeting at which the decision on the planning application for Trebarwith had been made
- he had been approached with a request for a bus shelter to be provided at Great Work
- although he thought that the white lines in Germoe Churchtown are possibly 'over the top' there may be a legal aspect to them in the event that someone is injured. He will make every effort to resolve the issue
- Breage Parish Council has the details of foul water drainage from the proposed development at the Cornwall Motel; he will arrange for this to be forwarded to the Clerk
- he will talk to Mr and Mrs Davies about their use of the roadside verge in Germoe Churchtown
- the new Unitary Authority made savings of £16.7 million last year and will make further savings in the coming year.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that no crimes were reported to the Police in February 2010, which compares to three crimes reported in February 2009.

The Police and Communities Together meeting, which was held in Germoe on Tuesday, identified a problem with the freshly painted white lines on the road in Churchtown. These are believed to create more problems than they solve, in that traffic now speeds through the junction rather than leaving drivers pondering who has right of way.

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported a recent outbreak of wanton, criminal damage along Tresowes Hill. A greenhouse has been destroyed, as has a boat and obstacles have been left littering the road at obvious risk to vehicles and their passengers. Cllr Mrs Clarke noted that the response from the Police, once the vandalism had been reported, was excellent.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meeting at The Wesley Hall in Helston on Wednesday March 17 at 7:30pm – *noted*

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Design Statement

Members formally noted the impromptu meeting held at the Chairman's house at which the implications of writing a Parish Design Statement had been discussed. The Parish has been divided into six areas and individual Councillors have undertaken to make an initial analysis of development within an allotted area.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA10/00085/F Mr R.J.Baylis – Alterations and refurbishment of wash house and construction of a porch link – Foxfield, Tresowes. 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 Councillors support this application."

PA10/00086/LBC Mr R.J.Baylis – Listed Building Consent for alterations and refurbishment of wash house and construction of a porch link – Foxfield, Tresowes. 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 Councillors support this application."

Correspondence

CC notification of date of determination of appeal re Church of St Mary, Main Road, Germoe – *noted*

CC notification of Planning Committee site meeting at Trebarwith on February 18 – *noted*

Mrs Davies copy of letter to CC concerning the felling of a mature fig tree in Germoe Churchtown Conservation Area – *noted*

Mr Coulthard enquiry addressed to the Chairman concerning the process by which the observation concerning the planning application at Comocean was made – *both Mr Coulthard's letter and the Clerk's reply were noted*

Mr Coulthard request for further information – *Mr Coulthard's letter was noted and the Clerk's proposed reply approved*

10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Shelter for help with funding their work of supporting homeless people. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Marie Curie Cancer Care for help with funding their work of supporting people suffering with cancer. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
St Germoe PCC (hall hire)	£ 45.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 19.42	
office expenses	£ 45.51	
travelling	£ 19.35	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 306.78

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

CC copy of the proposed The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Cornwall) Order 01/201 and The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Cornwall) Order 01/201 – *noted*

BT further information about the adoption of telephone kiosks – *noted*

LCR complimentary copy of the NALC magazine – *noted*

Information Commissioner confirmation of renewal under the Data Protection Act 1998 – *noted*

Mr Collins request for a road salt bin on the hill on the road from Churchtown to the A394 – *the Clerk was asked to take this matter further*

CC Car-parking questionnaire – *noted*

CC tackling long-term empty properties – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the inaugural meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Panel, the purpose of which is to influence services provided by Cornwall Council and to advance common issues. Although the exact composition of the panel is yet to be decided, the seven Cornwall Councillors will each have a seat by default, as will the Police, the Health and Education Services and each of the Town and Parish Councils.

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 April 1, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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