

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 6, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Hall. Chairman of the Council, Cllr G.Ross presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Visitors:** Cllr J Keeling, Cllr Mrs K Doeser, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr S Geake, Mr and Mrs Blencowe, Mrs Hoyden, Mr Johnson, Mrs Shorthouse and Mrs Vaughan.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Clarke and PC Vaughan.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Cllr Taylor proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 are a true record. It was noted they were signed as being accurate by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 4, 2009.

## **3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman, Cllr Graham Ross said:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome and thank you for attending Germoe's Annual Parish Meeting.

“I would like to thank our clerk, Mr Chapman, for all his hard work over the last 12 months. He continues to advise wisely and still has the ability to find funding like no other. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and work over the same period.

“During the year we have had quite a change of personnel with the resignation of both Councillor Mrs Sally McKenzie and Councillor Alan Felsted but we managed to co-opt Councillor Mrs Kathy Doeser and Councillor Fred Davies. Unfortunately, in the last couple of months Councillor Tony Martin resigned as he has left the area to live nearer to his family and Councillor Davies also resigned due to personnel circumstances. This now leaves us with vacancies for two councillors and notices have been posted advertising these places. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have left us this year for their help in the past.

“Over and above the normal parish duties of footpath and open space trimming, general day-to-day running and meetings, Germoe Parish Council has completed a number of projects, albeit small due to the tightness of funding available to us.

“In June 2009 we purchased and sited four welcoming stones and a replacement boundary stone for the western end of Greenberry Downs marking the boundary of Breage, St Hilary and Germoe.

“We are also proud to announce that Germoe received a highly commended certificate in the Cornwall Best Kept Village Competition 2009. No doubt the refurbishment of St Germoe's Well and the grass areas around it contributed to that decision. The certificate is now on display in the church in Germoe Churchtown.

“The council donated £100 towards a new cooker for the Carleen Community Church Care Centre which I know several parishioners use on a regular basis.

“We also refurbished all those notice boards in the parish which needed attention and commissioned a new board which has been erected on the green by the church. I think you will agree that it is a fine piece of woodwork and is a welcome addition to the green area. This also enabled us to replace the Newtown board

with one large enough for the minutes and agendas for parish meetings. We have to thank Cornwall Councillor Keeling for a £600 grant from his budget towards this project.

“We have purchased the red telephone box sited at Trewithen Terrace (for the princely sum of £1) from British Telecom. We have now to maintain the box which will have its telephone removed. There have been several ideas for the use of the box for local adverts, or charity type sales.

“Councillors have started to assemble a document which will be the Parish Design Statement. After the draft document is finished it is planned to have public consultations regarding its content and then, hopefully, have the finished document accepted by Cornwall Council. This should give us, as the grass roots representatives, more say in what the planners decide are suitable buildings and extensions for Germoe. I think it is common knowledge that a number of recent decisions have been totally against local opinion.

“Councillor Mrs Doeser has been appointed as our representative on the Helston & Lizard Community Network Panel and has attended meetings on our behalf.

“We have donated £300 to Balwest Methodist Chapel towards the upkeep of the grounds and supplied funds to purchase the Christmas tree on Germoe Green, renew lights and supply presents for local children attending Santa's Grotto.

“We also donated £100 to the Ashton Community Association towards the maintenance of the Ashton play area which is used by children of Breage and Germoe parishes.

“After years of complaining about an open electrical box on the bend at the boundary of Germoe and Breage the offending box has been removed. The equipment now appears to be sited underground and at last the unsightly equipment is now safe and neatly hidden.

“The news of funding cuts looming on the horizon this year will probably curtail a lot of projects that we may wish to do but we will soldier on and try and achieve as much as possible within our small budget. I once again thank you for attending this meeting and now hand over to the Clerk who will give you a financial report for the year to 31st March 2010.”

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2009 – 2010 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday April 1, 2010. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £2,966.95 and ended it with a reserve of £2,501.65. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, former KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts and that they have been sent to the External Auditor.

There were no matters raised by parishioners.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 10, 2010

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 5, 2011

Chairman