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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 1, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: Mr Ash, Mr Blencowe and Mr Johnson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Clarke, Cllr Geake and Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in Planning Application PA09/01480/F

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in Planning Application PA10/03176

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 Meeting held on Thursday June 10, 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 from the minutes which were not covered on this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ash stated that a gentleman, seen on the site of Bargess Croft, had explained that he was there to assess the Community Charge, which had seemed a little odd. He asked why objectors to the application for Bargess Croft had not received an invitation to the site meeting. Explaining that the meeting had been called by the Planning Authority, the Chairman added that it had presented an opportunity to run through plans and make suggestions before the new application is submitted. The applicant's agent had appeared to be a very reasonable man and had undertaken to clad the building with stone, to erect it on the site of the existing ground works and to tone down the colours of the existing buildings – all this to be subject to legally binding agreements. It was noted that the Planning Authority is aware that objectors to applications are presently being side-lined at the pre-application stage.

Mr Johnson asked if Councillors had any questions about Planning Application PA09/01480/F and, in answer to a question, confirmed that, although the revised drawings now show the elevations, there are no alterations to the Plans or to the Design and Access Statement. He added that the proposed ridge height is 400mm below that of Hawthorn Cottage and 600mm below that of Dolphin Lodge.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that last Tuesday's Budget will undoubtedly have far-reaching effects. Cornwall Council has been asked to make savings amounting to almost £13.7m in the current year and a number of grant-funded streams have already been reduced. Plans are in hand to reduce the number of properties owned by Cornwall Council, as are initiatives to disseminate information electronically, to integrate delivery of services within localities, to work more closely with partners in the public service and to seek better value for money for purchased services and goods.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that no crimes had been reported to the Police in June 2010, which compares to a single crime reported in June 2009.

Although there is every reason to be pleased with these figures, PC Vaughan asks residents of the Parish to be on their guard against thefts of garden implements and ornaments which can increase at this time of the year.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Design Statement

It was noted that the Parish Council is still no further forward with this project. Once the Council has its full complement of members, the Chairman will contact members with a date, place and time for a second informal meeting.

The roof of the Adit

Following concern expressed by a member of the public about the possible collapse of the adit roof, members considered the purchase of 'Tell-Tales'. The Clerk reported that standard "Tell-Tales" cost in the region of £10 each and are extensively used by surveyors and engineers to monitor the development of cracks. Cllr Geake reported that Mr Polglase has offered to glue "Tell-Tales" in place and check them over the course of the next six months or so to ascertain whether or not there is any substance in the concerns. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour to purchase "Tell-Tales" to the value of £30 and to ask Mr Polglase both to fix and to monitor them.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of two Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received two valid applications for the vacant places on Germoe Parish Council: from Mr David Blencowe and from Mr Richard Johnson. The Chairman invited them to introduce themselves to members, which they did.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that because of the sensitive nature of this item members of the public should be required to withdraw from the meeting.

Following discussion, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in agreement that Mr Blencowe should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Following discussion, it was further agreed that the question of the co-option of Mr Johnson should be deferred to a future meeting.

Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting.

The Chairman announced the result of the vote.

Cllr Blencowe read aloud and signed his individual declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Blencowe as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

10 PLANNING

Proposals for the disposal of waste water and effluent from the Cornwall Motel development

The Clerk reported that the officer concerned writes *The applicants have proposed a septic tank. However the Environment Agency has suggested a mini-treatment plant may be more appropriate and have suggested a condition requesting details of foul drainage to be submitted. I consider that it is important to establish the foul drainage proposals before the decision is made and therefore I am currently negotiating with the agent. I will contact you again when I have received further information and all consultees and neighbours will be reconsulted.*

Applications

As Councillors who, up and until April 2007, had sat with the applicant and his wife on Germoe Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Clarke, Cllr Geake and Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following application. Cllr Ross declared a further personal interest in this application in that, on occasions, he employs the applicant to cut hedges. All three Councillors remained in the room and discussed and voted on the application.

PA09/01480/F Mr Johnson – Erection of dwelling and installation of septic tank – land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation "Germoe Parish Councillors note that the resubmitted drawings, which now show the elevations, are in every other respect identical to those that have been previously presented. No attempt has been made by the applicant to address the issues expressed by the Parish Council in its earlier observations concerning the size of the proposed building, its adverse impact on adjoining properties and its design. The Parish Council therefore objects to the application as submitted and requires the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development."

As a close neighbour of the applicant (and because he had made written objections to the proposal) Cllr Blencowe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and left the room.

As a near neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following application. He relinquished the Chair, but remained in the room taking no part in the discussion or the voting.

Cllr Geake assumed the Chair.

PA10/03176 Mrs S.Dyer – Conversion of loft, installation of roof lights and raising of ridge height – The Bungalow, Balwest. Cllr Mrs Doerer 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 note that the description of the windows in the roof contained in the Design and Access Statement does not accord with the plans. They are still of the opinion that there is the potential for loss of privacy for adjoining properties and would therefore request that, should planning permission be granted, the upper windows in the south (rear) and west (side) elevations as shown on plan 100-08 are glazed with obscured glass and are unable to be opened and that they should be maintained as such.”

Cllr Blencowe returned to the room. Cllr Geake relinquished the Chair. Cllr Ross resumed the Chair.

PA10/03388 Mrs A.Carroll – Conversion and extension of barns to form a dwelling – Trevaskis, Ashton. 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 note that this application is for a new dwelling in the countryside. Furthermore, it lies within an Area of Great Landscape Value, outside the village envelope and that permission to develop, were it to be granted, would set an unfortunate precedent. Germoe Parish Council therefore requires the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.”

Decisions

PA10/00086/LBC Listed Building Consent under Section 8 (alterations and refurbishment of wash house and construction of a porch link) – Foxfield, Tresowes – *noted*

PA10/00363/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of extensions to dwelling, conversion of loft to provide living accommodation and erection of a detached garage) – The Spinney, Germoe – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Sweet and Maxwell	£ 111.65	
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 10.68	
office expenses	£ 26.47	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 268.25

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Davies concerns about the report noted under Public Participation in the minutes of the meeting in May – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter June 2010 – *noted*

CC Lance Kennedy Active Partnering – new opportunities for Local Councils – *Members noted that there appears to be an opportunity to become involved in cutting roadside verges. The Clerk was asked to investigate this further and also to invite expressions of interest in joint working from St Hilary and Breage Parish Councils.*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Concerns were expressed both about the encroachment of spoil from the heap in the adjoining field onto Whippers Lane and about the map showing Rights of Way within the Parish and their classification, some of which appear to be out-of-date.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

A report on the Community Network meeting at Mawgan Recreation Hall.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk was asked to convene a Special Parish Council Meeting to formulate observations on PA10/03511 Mr S.Neal – Erection of a replacement dwelling – Trebarwith, Tresowes

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 2, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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