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

Present: Cllr G.Ross (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
 Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr J.Taylor
 Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: PCSO Bell, Mrs Ansell, Mr Bray, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Lanigan and Mr Royds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Ross each declared a personal interest in planning application PA10/05851.

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser each declared a personal interest in the application for help with funding from Carleen Community Church Care Centre

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 Blencowe seconded, Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 2, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that Mr Johnson is mistaken in his belief that he does not require planning permission to fell either the fig tree or the sycamore tree as reported in paragraph 5 of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to alter the order of the agenda to allow PCSO Bell to report at this point.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Bell reported that no crimes had been reported to the Police in September 2010, which compares to two crimes reported during the same period in 2009. Speaking of Hallowe'en later in the month, he urged children and their parents to be aware that different peoples' perception of fun differs.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Carroll stated that she had attended simply to present her case for the conversion and extension of barns in Higher Lane. She added that, following advice from Mr Martin Jose (Cornwall Council's Planning Officer), she had revised the original drawings and that he had intimated that he would support her application.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Winter Service Provision

Further to Cornwall Council's new policy concerning the provision and maintenance of salt bins, the Clerk reported that Mr Paul Liddicoat will charge £50 to store and spread when and where necessary one tonne of road

salt. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour to purchase one tonne of road salt to be stored in Mr Paul Liddicoat's charge and spread by him when and where necessary on the instructions of the Council.

Parish Design Statement

Principally because of the present uncertainty in Local Government, it was noted that the Parish Council is still no further forward with this project.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered the co-option of a Parish Councillor and agreed to advertise the vacant position on the parish noticeboards.

Members considered whether or not Councillors' out-of-pocket expenses should be reimbursed from public funds. Following discussion (during the course of which it was noted that the move towards localism means that individual Councillors are increasingly being asked to attend training sessions or to represent the Parish at meetings) it was agreed that the Clerk should draw up a proposal outlining when and how Councillors may be reimbursed and that this will be debated further at the meeting in November.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA10/04655 Mr R.Beard – Erection of an agricultural building – Higher Chygwins, Ashton. Cllr Mrs Clarke 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 have concerns about the size of the proposed building in relation to the size of the holding, but will defer to the considered opinion of the County Land Agent.”

PA10/05262 Mr A.Richards – Extensions to dwelling – Greystone Cottage, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Doeser 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 have no observations to make on this application.”

PA10/05567 Mr & Mrs C.Cox-Webber – Construction of a conservatory – Trevennan, Evans Way, Germoe. Cllr Ross 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 have no observations to make on this application.”

PA10/05690 Mr & Mrs McFarlane – Extensions and alterations to dwelling – Bramble Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser 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 have no observations to make on this application.”

As members of Germoe Parish Council at the time when Mr Royds was employed by the Council to compile The Five Parishes Plan, Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Ross each declared a personal interest in the following planning application. They remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion and the voting.

PA10/05851 Mr R.Royds – Felling of 1 cherry tree, lopping of 1 sycamore, 1 cherry and 1 apple tree and raising crown of 2 sycamore trees – Tredrea, Balwest. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Councillors support this application.”

PA10/05854 Mrs A.Carroll – Conversion and extension of barns to form a dwelling – Barns at Higher Lane, Ashton. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Councillors support this application subject to Cornwall Highways' approval of the proposed gateway onto the road.”

Decisions

PA09/01480/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of dwelling) – land opposite Church Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

PA10/03511 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a replacement dwelling) – Trebarwith, Tresowes – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notification that planning enforcement has formally registered the alleged unauthorised change of use of land to residential campsite at OS field 7075 in Balwest – *noted*

CC notification that planning enforcement has formally registered the alleged unauthorised conversion of a summer house to a residential unit at OS field 7075 in Balwest – *noted*

CC confirmation of withdrawn application (conversion and extension of barns to form dwelling at Trevaskis, Ashton) – *noted*

11 FINANCE

As volunteers with the Carleen Community Church Care Centre, Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser each declared a personal interest in the application for help with funding from that organisation. They remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from Carleen Community Church Care Centre for help with funding the cost of providing a covered corridor between the new Centre building and the old. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed and it was agreed that under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100 be forwarded to Carleen Community Church Care Centre to help with funding the cost of providing a covered corridor between the new Centre building and the old.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (September)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 13.27	
office expenses	£ 17.53	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 261.90

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

Members noted the following receipt

CC precept second instalment	£ 3,900.00
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Apologising for his lateness, CCllr Keeling entered the room.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling again spoke of his work challenging decisions made by Cornwall Council through the work of the Scrutiny Committee. He reported that

- Cornwall Council is currently engaged in setting an emergency budget in advance of the forthcoming cuts to be announced by Central Government
- a series of 'road shows' has been arranged to allow rate-payers to express their views on what should and should not be cut
- planning permission for the development of the Cornwall Motel site has been granted subject to a number of restrictions particularly those concerning light pollution and the accidental discharge of foul water into the fishing lake at Wheal Grey

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Carn to Cove forthcoming events calendar – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service Twentyfourseven Newsletter – *noted*

CC Council Tax Referendum proposals – *noted*

TAP (Transport Access People) Dial-a-Ride information pack – *noted*

Balwest Methodist Church acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Mrs Neal expression of interest in becoming a Councillor – *the Clerk has replied*

Mrs Neal expression of intent to complain to the Local Standards Committee concerning issues described as bullying – *the Clerk has replied*

CC Cornish Mining World Heritage Site newsletter – *noted*

CC Adult Care and Support poster advertising AskSARA – *noted*

CC e-planning workshop on Wednesday November 3, 2010 – *noted*

Mrs Carroll concerning her application to convert and extend barns to form a dwelling – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

CLlr Mrs Doeser presented members with a written report of the meeting concerned with the "Provision of real Affordable Housing" organised by the Helston and the Lizard Community Network which she had attended. This meeting examined Cornwall Council's Draft Affordable Housing Development Plan, which, in brief, includes innovative policies aimed specifically at smaller settlements and at sustaining the future of rural areas. More specifically it proposes

- that affordable housing should meet local community needs (two families in Germoe have been identified as being in need of affordable housing)
- to maximise the provision of affordable housing both for rent and for purchase
- new approaches to exception sites in rural areas
- that new development in communities where second homes make up more than 10% of housing stock must be for principal residences
- that developments with local support that meet local needs should be approved

The meeting had been told that access to mortgages is difficult for those on low income and that mortgage companies are unwilling to lend money for the purchase of affordable housing with an S106 agreement which limits subsequent sale on the open market

Members noted that the consultation period finishes on November 29

CLlr Mrs Doeser drew members' attention to the Calor Gas rural fuel poverty project (which highlights the complexities associated with living off-mains gas in Great Britain) and the stall which has been taken to advertise it at the Helston Farmers' Market on Saturday November 6, 2010

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillors' out-of-pocket expenses.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

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