

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr G.Ross (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
	Cllr S.Geake	Cllr J.Taylor
	Cllr D.Blencowe	
	Cllr Mrs E.Clarke	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Keeling, Mr Bray and Mr Royds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan sent his 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 PA10/05963.

### 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, Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday October 7, 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

Speaking of Planning Application PA10/00287/F Mr Bray stated that, at the on-site meeting in May, a number of potentially contentious issues had been identified which he believes have now been addressed. In answer to questions he stated that

- the side extension had been added at the suggestion of Cornwall Council's Planning Officer, Mark Broomhead
- the advice from the arboriculturalist is that there is sufficient space for mature trees along the boundary facing Tregonning Hill
- he understands that a planning condition requiring removal of the original building will be imposed should permission be granted
- the owner has privately stated his intention to tone down the present impact of the garage and the roof of the music room
- vehicular access is along the Public Right of Way.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council is in the throes of creating a four-year budget for the years 2011 to 2015 which, over its lifetime, will be designed to make savings of £170 million

- this is in response to the widely publicised 30% reduction in the Central Government Support grant
- this reduction had been anticipated at an early date by Cornwall, and, as a result, in the financial year to date the Council has already achieved a saving of £16.5 million
- nevertheless, there will be unavoidable pressures and cuts in services. Four road shows held recently in the county had sought the views of residents on ways to cut expense
- Cornwall Council is working towards a year-on-year 0% rise in Council Tax
- children will be taking over the Council Chamber on Monday when the Youth Parliament will be in session. The children from Germoe School will make a presentation on the day.

## **7 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that three crimes had been reported to the Police in October 2010, a burglary, a theft and a case of harassment. This compares to one crime reported during the same period in 2009. Pleasingly, there had been no unpleasant incidents on Hallowe'en. PC Vaughan hoped everyone in the parish would have an equally enjoyable and pleasant Bonfire Night.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Parish Design Statement**

It was noted that the Parish Council cannot move forward with this project until Cornwall Planners have completed the task of compiling a county-wide Planning Statement.

## **9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

Members noted that there has been no response to the advertisement seeking residents willing to stand for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

Members considered whether or not Councillors' out-of-pocket expenses should be reimbursed from public funds. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all in favour that on a case-by-case basis and on production of receipts, Germoe Parish Council will reimburse individual Councillors who have incurred out-of-pocket expenses while on previously agreed Council business. Following further discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour that Germoe Parish Council will reimburse mileage incurred by individual Councillors while on previously agreed Council business at the rate of 40p per mile.

## **10 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

PA10/00287/F Mr M.Berryman – Erection of a replacement dwelling – Bargess Croft, Balwest. 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 Council welcomes the changes to the appearance of the proposed replacement dwelling. It suggests that, should planning permission be granted, this should be subject to a legal agreement requiring the existing building to be removed and the site as a whole being reserved for a single residential unit. It also suggests the imposition of two further conditions: the first requiring landscaping to be provided within a specific time limit and thence maintained and the second removing permitted development rights. Finally, the Council requests that steps be taken to tone down the visual nuisance of the garage and music room.”

*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, Cllr Geake and Cllr Ross each declared a personal interest in the following planning application.*

PA10/05963 Mr R.Royds – Erection of a shed and detached domestic garage – Tredrea, Balwest. 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 Council makes no observations.”

PA10/05995 Mr L.Surguy – Erection of a replacement garage – Balwest Cottage, Balwest. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.”

PA10/06376 Mr S.Neal – Erection of a dwelling without compliance with condition 3 of Decision Notice Number PA10/03511 dated 25 August 2010 – Sundance, Tresowes. 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 Council agrees with the reasons why the original condition was imposed and therefore requests the Planning Committee to refuse the application.”

PA10/06380 Mr & Mrs Molcher – Extension to dwelling – Tremorvu, Tresowes Hill. 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 Council makes no observations.”

PA10/06381 Mr & Mrs Molcher – Retention and completion of toilet block – Tremorvu, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council cannot support this proposal, believing that smooth render painted white is out of place in this setting. The Council believes the original proposal to clad the building with granite is more appropriate.”

PA10/06648 Mr M.Nankervis – Removal of Sycamore and Monterey Pine – Church Cottage plot. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council does not support this application and wishes to see the Monterey Pine made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order, believing it to be a central visual amenity of the Conservation Area.”

### Decisions

PA10/05262 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extensions to dwelling) – Greystone Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

### Correspondence

CC e-planning meeting (change of time and venue) – *noted*

**R Radford & Mr Gillett** copy of letter addressed to Cornwall Council re PA10/05854 – *noted*

**Mr & Mrs Bax** copy of a letter addressed to Cornwall Council re PA10/06376 – *noted*

**Mr & Mrs F.Davies** re PA10/06648 removal of a sycamore tree and Monterey Pine – *noted*

**Mr & Mrs F.Davies** re PA10/06648 copy of a letter to Cornwall Council – *noted*

**Mr & Mrs F.Davies** copies of three letters to Cornwall Council concerning the imposition of TPOs in Germoe Churchtown – *noted*

**Mrs Neal** re PA10/06376 request for support of the application – *noted*

## 11 FINANCE

Members noted that a wreath for Armistice Day has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Germoe Parish Councillors should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
RTS (Garden Service) Ltd	£ 229.12	£ 34.12
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 14.39	
office expenses	£ 25.57	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
total	£ 271.06	

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

## 12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

CC temporary road closure Millpool to Goldsithney November 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – *noted*

**Mrs Neal** questions about the democratic process – *noted*

**Mrs Neal** acknowledging receipt of the Parish Council’s response – *noted*

**Mrs Neal** copy of a letter addressed to Cllr Mrs E.Clarke – *noted*

**Andrew George MP** dates of casework surgeries – *Members agreed to pin these to Parish notice-boards*

CC Town and Parish Council newsletter – *noted*

CC Community Safety Service consultation document (ends January 5, 2011) – *noted*

CC advance warning: Connecting Cornwall 2030 consultation document (ends December 17, 2010) – *noted*

**Mrs Whitehead** Christmas activities – *noting this letter, members indicated that once again they were minded to support a donation of £75*

CC Council Tax and associated issues – *noted*  
**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*  
**St Germoe PCC** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

Cllr Taylor spoke of a resident’s concerns about the wording Germoe Parish Council uses when making planning observations and who, in particular, had noted the apparent lack of support for development in the Parish. The matter was discussed and the following points were noted

- it is not the job of the Parish Council to decide the outcome of a Planning Application
- Germoe Parish Council will actively support development which it believes will be of benefit to the parish (a play area, an extension to the school or to one of the Public Halls)
- Germoe Parish Council will object to development which it believes will detract from residents’ enjoyment of the parish (for example, inappropriate or intrusive design or development, felling of valued trees)
- however, applications for development which comply with planning standards but which are purely for the benefit of the applicant, will normally be returned to the Planning Authority by Germoe Parish Council marked simply ‘No observations’

Cllr Mrs Doeser drew Members’ attention to the next meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network which will be held in Breage on November 17 and at which the topic under discussion will be ‘Highways’.

Cllr Blencowe reported that earlier in the week he had attended an e-planning meeting and that the following points were of import

- the website is up and running, although it can be slow on Thursdays and Fridays
- the internet provider is making every effort to make the site faster
- large drawings are unreadable on a computer, so hard copies will continue to be sent out
- a pilot scheme running in the West of Cornwall requires drawings to be on paper no larger than A3
- Cornwall will produce operating guidelines for Councillors and will arrange training
- registration as a Consultee means that individuals will be notified the day an application is registered.

**14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

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

**15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

December meeting – Precept

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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