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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 2, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and Mr Royds.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Geake, welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ross and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

With the single exception of Cllr Blencowe, all members present declared a personal interest in planning application PA10/06422.

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

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk advised Members that Mr Johnson had telephoned him to say that the minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2010 had inaccurately recorded what he had said. He had not spoken with his solicitor, but with solicitors from Cornwall Council. It was agreed to amend the first paragraph of agenda item 3 of the minutes of the meeting on September 2, 2010 to read "Mr Johnson stated that he had made three telephone calls to Cornwall Council and had spoken with a number of the Authority's solicitors. The advice he had been given was that there are no reasons why he should not be co-opted as a member of Germoe Parish Council."

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In answer to a question about the use of the car-park at Balwest, it was noted that the terms of the funding from Kerrier District Council had included a requirement that the car-park should be open to members of the public.

It was submitted that the lane from Balwest up to Tregonning Hill is being used by vehicles for access to the hill. It was agreed to look further into this matter.

It was noted that the Community Network Meeting scheduled for November 17 had been postponed.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council meets tomorrow to debate an Emergency Budget which, if passed, will take effect immediately
- it will be difficult for members (who do not stand for election only to have to cut services), but the reasoning behind it is to make a positive start on cutting the necessary £170 million from the Authority's expenditure (which must be done over the next four years)

- this will be the first real test the Authority has faced
- the budget for the year 2011/2012 will be set in February
- services will undoubtedly be delivered in different ways in the future. Parish Councils and commercial organisations will each have rôles to play
- he has been working with the unions representing Cornwall Council employees to reach collective agreement concerning the jobs which will be lost as a result of the cut-backs
- there is an opportunity for Germoe Parish Council to put together a ‘wish list’ for minor highway improvements such as yellow lines, speed bumps, warning signs, salt-bins, mirrors, pedestrian refuges and the like. Funding for provision of these improvements will come from his Member’s Allowance.

CCllr Keeling drew members’ attention to the proposed toilet block at Tremorvu where the Planning Officer is minded to allow a smooth rendered, white painted, granite-quoined finish contrary to the recommendations of the Parish Council. Members strongly objected to the possibility of yet another planning decision being made contrary to their observations, which are based on the material planning consideration of visual intrusion on a Conservation Area, a World Heritage Area and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. CCllr Keeling was asked to support the Parish Council and to ensure that, if necessary, the application is decided by the Planning Committee rather than using delegated powers.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that no crimes had been reported to the Police in November 2010: a similar figure was recorded during the same period in 2009.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Following discussion of a request for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour, that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £75 should be made available for underwriting activities over Christmas 2010 within the Parish of Germoe.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members undertook actively to seek residents willing to stand for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

Members considered an invitation to send a representative to the ‘Provision of real affordable housing’ cluster meeting in Helston on December 8. The Clerk agreed to represent Germoe Parish Council and to report back to the next meeting. It was further agreed that Germoe Parish Council is minded accept an invitation from Cornwall Council to undertake a Housing Needs Survey within the Parish: the Clerk was asked to obtain more details.

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2011 – 2012 will be as follows

January 6, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 3, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
March 3, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
April 7, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 5, 2011	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 5, 2011	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 2, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 14, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 1, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 6, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 3, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
December 1, 2011	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
January 5, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 2, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA10/04294 Mr C.Bows – Conversion and extension of barn to form self-contained holiday accommodation – Trennal Barn, Trewithan Lane, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation “Germoe Parish Council understands that amended plans will be submitted in due course. However, in the meanwhile, Germoe Parish Council has looked at the plans as submitted and considers the proposed conversion and extension to be

both too large and of an inappropriate design. Should amended plans not be forthcoming, Germoe Parish Council reserves the right to add further to these objections.”

With the single exception of Cllr Blencowe, all members present, who had sat with Mr Davies when he was a member of Germoe Parish Council, declared a personal interest in the following planning application.

PA10/06422 Mr & Mrs F.Davies – Change of use of studio/workshop into holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank – Dolphin Lodge, Germoe. In the circumstances, it was agreed that this application should be returned marked “No comment”.

Decisions

PA10/05963 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Erection of a shed and detached domestic garage) – Tredrea, Balwest – *noted*

PA10/05995 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Erection of a replacement garage) – Balwest Cottage, Balwest – *noted*

PA10/06688 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Removal of Sycamore and Monterey Pine) – Church Cottage Plot, Germoe – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Clarke all in favour that the Precept for the year 2011/2012 should be set at £7,900. It was noted that this represents a weekly charge to residents living in a Band D house of 69p.

The following account was presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (November)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 12.33	
office expenses	£ 22.34	
travelling	£ 17.20	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 274.37

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that the above account should be paid.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Carleen Church Community Care Centre acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

War Memorials Trust newsletter – *noted*

CC Helston & The Lizard Community Network Area Affordable Housing Pilot Project – *noted*

CC Have your say ... the future of recycling and waste collections in Cornwall – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser drew Members' attention to the national tree planting campaign 'The Big Tree Plant' adding that Mr John Marshall has offered to explore funding possibilities.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday January 6, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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