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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 6, 2011 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: CCllr Keeling and Mr Royds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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 December 2, 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 the road salt has been delivered and is in store. It was agreed to post notices on the boards advising residents that the Parish Council has a small store of road salt and giving contact numbers in case of problems relating to snow and ice.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that there was support for an advisory road sign at the point where the lane to Boscreege joins the Balwest to Greatwork road.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- it is his belief that Cornwall Council behaved responsibly in setting an Emergency Budget in early December. The budget for the coming financial year shows an income shortfall of £53.7 million which the Authority will have to cover by making savings and efficiencies
- collective agreement concerning redundancies consequent upon this income shortfall is close: such redundancies are unfortunate but necessary and will allow the Authority to move on
- his work as the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee goes on: the areas currently under examination are transparency, management and alternative service provision
- he believes strongly that Planning Officers' comments on potentially contentious applications should be provided to Town and Parish Councils before they formulate their observations
- a pot hole hotline is available on the Cornwall website for residents to report problems on the highway.

In answer to a question concerning the proposed solar farm and the pre-application process, CCllr Keeling said that he would contact the Planning Officer to ask that Germoe Parish Council should be formally involved.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that a single crime (that of a burglary in Tresowes) had been reported to the Police in December 2010.

8 PARISH MATTERS

In the light of figures published by Cornwall Council in November 2010 suggesting that there is presently an identified need for the building of twenty-one affordable dwellings within the Parish of Germoe, Members considered a proposal to commission a Local Needs Affordable Housing Survey. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed that members should consider the questions that might be posed in such a survey and that the matter should again be debated at the meeting in February.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members noted that once again there has been no progress in the search for residents willing to stand for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA10/07785 Mr J.Kerr – Felling of one sycamore tree and re-pollarding of one sycamore – Braeside, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “No observations.”

PA10/08380 Mr L Surguy – Conservatory extension to dwelling – Balwest Cottage, Balwest. Cllr Ross proposed, and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “No observations.”

Decisions

PA10/03680 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extensions to dwelling) – Tremorvu, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA10/06422 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Change of use of studio/workshop into holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank) – Dolphin Lodge Germoe – *noted*

PA10/06918 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (conversion of redundant barn into a dwelling and installation of a septic tank (non material amendment to include the installation of six rooflights on the south elevation)) – Great Work Farm, Great Work – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Local Council Planning Forum invitation to second meeting Thursday February 10 5:00pm – *it was agreed that either Cllr Blencowe or Cllr Geake would attend this meeting.*

11 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 12.89	
office expenses	£ 14.47	
travelling	£ 12.90	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 262.76

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Agan Tavas Society for the promotion of the Cornish Language (proper names in Cornish) – *noted*

Inter-Link Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

Goonhilly Wind Farm newsletter – *noted*

CC Community Events on the Highway in 2011 – Traffic Management Training – *noted*

Cornish Mining World Heritage Site comments on proposals for signage invited – *the Clerk to reply stating that the Parish Council's view is that the World Heritage Site logo should certainly feature on replacement signage, but that the immediate introduction of new signage simply for the sake of identifying the World Heritage Site would be unacceptable in today's straitened financial climate*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser drew Members' attention to the forthcoming Community Network meeting to be held at Breage School adding that she would attend as Germoe Parish Council's representative.

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 February 3, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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