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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 3, 2011 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr J.Taylor
 Cllr D.Blencowe
 Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Keeling, Mrs Price and Mr Royds.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Clarke, Cllr Ross 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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 6, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Panel Meeting on January 19 at Breage School on behalf of Germoe Parish Council. Particular topics discussed had included

- rural public transport
- the Core Strategy (concerning future delivery of housing throughout Cornwall)
- Cornwall's embryonic Economic Development Strategy (concerning future delivery of services)
- Cornwall's aim to build a low carbon economy
- Connecting Cornwall (the county-wide transport plan designed to set aims and objectives up to 2030)
- road safety issues and particularly the inappropriate use of speed.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present stated that they were present simply to listen to proceedings.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- a full Cornwall Council meeting had agreed to lobby Central Government about the proposed changes to the Falmouth Coastguard Station
- he is aware that car parking charges are causing increasing concerns throughout Cornwall
- students present in the Council Chamber had been vocal in their objections to cuts in the Education Maintenance Allowance
- he had been involved in the creation of Cornwall's short list of candidates for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – an experience which had left him humbled by the diversity of suitable recipients

- collective agreement concerning employee redundancies is in place
- the budget for the year 2011/2012 will be set on February 15: the Cabinet is looking to impose a 0% rise in Council Tax for the next three or four years
- the collection of domestic waste has been the subject of recent discussion: a choice between two proposals will be put to public consultation
- traffic speeding along the A394 is causing concern: he is looking to extend the 30mph limit between Ashton and Breage and to site a Speed Visor capable of being moved between two fixed sites along this particular stretch of road
- he is now a governor of Germoe Community Primary School
- he is hoping to introduce a mobile Youth Community Centre (a converted double-decker bus) into the community he serves as a Cornwall Councillor.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that no crimes had been reported to the Police in January 2011.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Local Needs Housing Survey

Following on from last month's discussion concerning a Local Needs Housing Survey, Members noted that there is a demonstrable need for Local Councils to be properly informed when the question of affordable housing is raised. They further noted that the estimated cost of commissioning such a survey in the Parish of Germoe will be in the region of £200. Members agreed to study the draft Survey (based on Cornwall Council's Survey) forwarded to them by the Clerk in order that the Council might decide on the exact wording of this document at the next meeting. Finally, it was agreed that the Cornwall Council Affordable Housing Team should be invited to give a presentation at the meeting in March.

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

PA10/04294 Mr C.Bows – Conversion and extension of barn to form self contained holiday accommodation (amended plans) – Trennal Barn, Trewithen Lane, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "Germoe Parish Council welcomes the revised drawings, but expresses strong reservations about the proposed design of the front elevation in particular. Members would have preferred to see a more traditional finish."

Decisions

PA10/06376 Notice of refusal of permission for development (Erection of a replacement dwelling without compliance with Condition 3 of Decision Notice Number PA10/03511 dated 25 August 2010) – Sundance, Tresowes – *noted*

PA10/08380 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Conservatory extension to dwelling) – Balwest Cottage Balwest – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notification that PA10/06381 (retention and completion of toilet block at Tremorvu) will be decided by the Planning Committee on February 1, 2011 – *members noted that Cllr Geake had attended this meeting on behalf of Germoe Parish Council and that the Planning Committee had decided to refuse permission for development*
CC revised procedure for public speaking at Planning Committees – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Home Start Kernow for help with funding support and friendship for families in West Cornwall. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Marie Curie Cancer Care for help with funding nursing care in Cornwall. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
Cornwall Council (road salt)	£ 84.24	£ 14.04

Colin Chapman

Salary (January)	£ 202.50		
telephone	£ 12.37		
office expenses	£ 27.07		
travelling	£ 8.60		
123 reg (domain name)	£ 7.90		
use of home	£ 20.00		
		total	£ 278.44
			£ 1.32

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Royal British Legion 90th anniversary Poppy Party Weekend – *noted*

Mrs Neal request for further clarification on a number of points – *the Clerk to reply as directed*

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – *noted*

BT notification that the sale of the telephone kiosk at Trewithen Terrace to Germoe Parish Council is proceeding and that the telephonic equipment will be removed – *noted*

Environment Agency Community Flood Planning Flood Link (newsletter) – *noted*

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority issues concerning the proposals in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill that the Parish Council may like to take further – *noted*

Mrs Freeman information on solar panels – *noted*

Carn to Cove Spring Season programme of productions – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe reported that, within twenty-four hours of his reporting dangerous pot-holes on the Ashton to Godolphin road, they had been repaired. He recommended members make full use of the on-line pot-hole reporting facility (the so-called Pot-Hole Hot Line).

Cllr Blencowe asked whether Germoe Parish Council intends proceeding with a Parish Design Plan and discussion followed concerning the progress of the plan for Carnon Downs.

Speaking of the Parish Council's recent purchase of road salt, Cllr Taylor suggested that, in times of emergency, consideration should be given to spreading it on the road from the centre of the village and up past the School, on the bends near Balwest Methodist Church and for a short distance down the road to Germoe Churchtown and on the bend near Nevada House on the road down to Ashton. Members were in full agreement with this proposal, recognising that the Parish cannot afford to spread road salt along all roads in the Parish. It was further agreed that if one of these stretches of road is recognised as presenting problems relating to freezing conditions all three will be treated with road salt.

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

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