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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 5, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Hall. Chairman of the Council, Cllr G.Ross presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Visitors: CCllr J Keeling, PCSO Sadler, Cllr Mrs E.Clarke, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr S Geake, Cllr D.Blencowe.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Doeser and Mr Royds.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 are a true record. It was noted they were signed as being accurate by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 10, 2010.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Graham Ross said:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome and thank you for attending Germoe's Annual Parish Meeting.

“Firstly I would like to thank our clerk, Mr Chapman, for all his hard work over the last twelve months. He continues to advise wisely and forms a vital part of this small parish council. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and work over the same period and also Cornwall Councillor John Keeling.

“During this year, after several resignations, we have had one change of personnel and in July we were fortunate to co-opt Councillor David Blencowe to our ranks. This now leaves us with a vacancy for one councillor and notices have been posted advertising this situation.

“Over and above the normal parish duties of footpath and open space trimming, general day-to-day running and meetings, Germoe Parish Council has completed a number of projects, albeit small due to the tightness of funding available to us.

“During the early part of last year we supported the call for the removal of some unnecessary white lines in Germoe Churchtown and these have subsequently been removed.

“We purchased road grit and salt and have arranged with a contractor to spread this at various points around the parish, if deemed necessary due to ice and snow.

“The adit has been examined for possible structural damage and future observations are to be carried out to monitor the situation.

“Councillor Mrs Doeser has been appointed as our representative on the Helston & the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel and has attended meetings about affordable housing, transport, planning and various other topics on our behalf.

“After several discussions and presentations about local needs and affordable housing we decided to commission a Local Needs Affordable Housing survey for Germoe parish. We sent out 200 survey forms and to date we have received 76 back. These will be analysed and, hopefully, give a more accurate picture of local need.

“We donated £300 to Balwest Methodist Chapel towards the upkeep of the cemetery and £150 towards providing an induction loop to assist those who have hearing difficulties.

“We donated £300 to Germoe church towards the maintenance of the cemetery.

“We donated £75 to purchase the Christmas tree on Germoe Green, renew lights and supply presents for local children attending Santa's Grotto.

“We also donated £100 to the Ashton Community Association towards the maintenance of the Ashton play area which is used by children of Breage and Germoe parishes.

“The council donated £100 towards the construction of a covered walkway for the Carleen Community Church care centre, which I know several parishioners use on a regular basis.

“We made a £35 donation to the Royal British Legion for the outstanding work they do for members of our armed forces.

“We have undertaken to write a short report of the council's activity on a monthly basis which is published in *The Messenger*. This publication is quite widely read within the parish so it should be of use to keep parishioners up to date with local matters.

“With continuing funding cuts this year we will probably have to curtail a lot of projects that we may wish to do, but we will soldier on and try and achieve as much as possible within our small budget.

“On a personal note and for various reasons, after five years I have decided not to stand for re-election as chairman after this meeting. I will however remain a councillor until, hopefully, new parishioners show an interest in standing for election or co-option.

“I once again thank you for attending this meeting and now hand over to the Clerk who will give you a financial report for the year to 31st March 2011.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2010 – 2011 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday April 7, 2011. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £2,501.65 and ended it with a reserve of £4,120.59. The Clerk confirmed that he will add the Financial Statements to the website.

There were no matters raised by parishioners.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 2, 2011

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 3, 2012

Chairman