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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 14, 2011 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: Mr and Mrs Molcher, Miss Smith.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling offered his apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in agenda item 10: PA10/06383.

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser both declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10: PA10/06383

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in agenda item 10: PA11/04560.

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 Doeser seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday June 2, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Blencowe reported that notices advertising the incidence of Phytophthora on Tregonning Hill will be posted shortly. The FERA report is nearly complete: once it is, a copy will be forwarded to the Parish Council.

Cllr Ross reported that funding for the repair of the Church Hall will be sought later in the year, probably immediately following the annual visit of the Church architect in September.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Smith thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £150 towards the hearing loop system in the Chapel and added that further grants from the Community Chest and SITA and gifts from the Chapel congregation have enabled the project to be successfully completed.

Speaking of his amended application for the camping and caravan site at Tremorvu, Mr Molcher stated that he had made the changes suggested by the Parish Council when he had presented his original application to members in April. He added that

- the maximum number of pitches has been reduced to 40 (20 tents and 20 caravans)
- screening will be introduced
- he has already planted oak, ash, silver birch, Monterey pine and walnut trees and awaits a call from the County tree officer
- there will be a one-way traffic system through the site
- the site will be closed in the winter on October 31 and re-open in the Spring on March 1
- vehicle movement and noise will be restricted between the hours of 11.00pm and 7.00am

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- the static caravan will be replaced with a log cabin
- he will maintain Moors Lane to a reasonable standard
- until the new access is built, he will restrict the number of caravans using the site to ten

In answer to questions, Mr Molcher confirmed that no hard standings will be constructed, that the existing building will be used to house the showers and loos and that he expects the undertakings he has given in the letter accompanying the application to be incorporated in the planning conditions.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling there was no Cornwall Councillor's report.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that a single crime (that of possession of drugs) had been reported to the Police in June 2011. There were no crimes reported in the same period last year.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Local Needs Housing Survey

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the findings Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Team had extrapolated from the returned surveys to members. Mr Jody Jeffrey had since suggested that Germoe Parish Council might like to consider 'clustering' with Breage Parish Council to create a single area for affordable housing schemes. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all in favour that the Clerk should write to Breage Parish Council suggesting that the two Parish Councils should work together to provide affordable housing.

The parish notice-board and the historic milk-stand at Great Work Farm

Cllr Taylor reported that he had not, as yet, spoken to the owner of Great Work Farm about the repair of the historic milk-stand, but that he would do so before the meeting in September.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Tom Salkeld of Bear Joinery about re-siting the Great Work board and that Mr Salkeld had intimated that to fashion legs from green oak, to remake the board and to erect the finished board on the verge adjoining the milk stand would cost in the region of of £500.00 Members agreed that they could not sanction this expense and it was suggested that the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace might be utilised as an indoor notice-board. Cllr Taylor agreed to take the matter further. Cllr Mrs Doeser undertook to keep the telephone box clean for the immediate future.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he has received no expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

10 PLANNING

Applications

As the owner of a similar holiday-based business (but one with different objectives) in Germoe, Cllr Ross declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room and took part in both the discussion and the voting.

As owners of homes overlooking the proposed development, Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser each declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and left the room.

PA10/06383 Mr & Mrs Molcher – Provision of 52 touring caravan and camping pitches (amended plans) – Tremorvu, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "Germoe Parish Council was dismayed not to have the validated plans to consider at the meeting and that again Councillors had no recourse other than to rely on a copy of the plans submitted to the Council by the applicants. In these circumstances, Germoe Parish Council reserves the right to add to the following comments should members of the Parish submit further relevant concerns.

"Germoe Parish Council notes that the applicants have met almost all the observations made by the Council when the application was first submitted in April. However, Councillors request that the proposed wood-framed shop/store/reception building should be faced with granite in order for it to be in keeping with the development as a whole. They would also encourage the applicants to consider widening the new access road (and possibly constructing passing places along it) rather than making use of Moors Lane. These two details aside but subject to the undertakings given in the letter accompanying the application becoming part of the planning permission, Germoe Parish Council raises no objections."

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser returned to the room

As a neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest in the following application.

PA11/04560 Mr & Mrs D.Rutherford – Construction of single storey extension to existing ancillary accommodation – Trethewey Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, Cllr Taylor abstaining, all others in

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favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “With the proviso that use of the proposed extension is made ancillary to the existing use of the dwelling, Germoe Parish Council supports the application.”

Decisions

PA10/00287/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a replacement dwelling) – Bargess Croft, Lower Balwest – *noted*

PA11/01141 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission (change of use of land to domestic and erection of a double domestic garage) – Tresheba, Main Road – *noted*

PA11/01384 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of agricultural building) – Merry Hill Farm, Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Crime Stoppers for help with funding their running costs. 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
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 611.37	£ 101.89
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 12.22	
office expenses	£ 16.56	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 259.88

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk suggested that members might like to consider ways of commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Following discussion it was agreed to make this matter an agenda item in September.

Correspondence

Macmillan Cancer Support World’s Biggest Coffee Morning – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

Treswithian Downs Crematorium Opening Ceremony – *noted*

CC Cornwall Renewable Energy Show July 29 former Gaia Centre, Delabole – *noted*

BT Payphones notification that ownership of the telephone kiosk at Trewithan Terrace has been transferred to Germoe Parish Council – *noted*

13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe reported that he had attended the recent Community Network meeting at which Localism and Devolution had been the main topics of discussion. Localism will allow those Town and Parish Councils who develop a Neighbourhood Plan to play a more significant part in the planning process. Devolution will allow the principal authority to devolve service provision to third parties: however, the authority must be convinced that the third party is capable of doing the work and that it recognises the risks involved. It will also require a legally binding agreement from them. Alternatively, local communities can demand a higher standard of service, but will have to pay for it.

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she and Cllr Mrs Clarke had accepted CCllr Robertson’s invitation to meet him and other senior Cornwall Councillors during the course of the coming week.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that it is his opinion that the work and legalities involved would militate against developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

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 September 1, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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