

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 6, 2011 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present:** Cllr D.Blencowe (Vice-Chairman) Cllr R.Royds  
Cllr Mrs K.Dooser Cllr J.Taylor  
Cllr G.Ross Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** CCllr Keeling.

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

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Clarke, Cllr Geake and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Dooser declared a personal interest in the application for help with funding received from the Carleen Community Church Care Centre.

### 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 Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Dooser seconded, Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 1, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Ross reported that he had not, as yet, collected the parish notice-board from Mr Tom Salkeld of Bear Joinery, nor had he visited the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace. He undertook to do both before the next meeting.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling told members how saddened he had been to learn of the recent death of CCllr Mike Clayton. Mike helped him enormously following his election to Kerrier District Council and they worked together during the transition to the Unitary Authority. Commonsense and logic were Mike's hallmarks and he will be greatly missed.

Speaking of Cornwall Council he reported that

- the process of setting the council's budget for 2012/13 is well underway. It is anticipated that there will be no rise in the precept demanded. As a result of earlier difficult decisions, Cornwall is in a substantially better position financially than many other Local Authorities
- he had received unanimous support from Cornwall Council for his resolution to remove the 10% council tax discount on second homes. As a result a letter will be sent from Cornwall to The Rt Hon, Eric Pickles MP calling for legislation to remove the current Council Tax discount on second home ownership.
- Cornwall Council has a total of 13,576 second homes. The current 10% discount afforded to second home owners represents a loss of income to the County of £1.7m per annum
- the SpeedVisor in Ashton has identified the fact that one in three cars passing though are breaking the speed limit. As a result, he intends using part of his Highways' Budget to fund a Vehicle Activated Sign capable of being moved from one base to another thereby avoiding driver complacency

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- he is disappointed that the chevrons at the Boscreege corner are not yet in position. He had hoped that the new Highways Area Manager, David Vincent, would have seen to this matter
- he still has some funding available from his Community Chest allocation and suggested that he might fund the replacement seat at Balwest (this offer was very quickly and very gratefully accepted).

Following the recent fire, Members expressed their continuing concerns about the old Cornwall Motel on the A394. Cllr Keeling said that he shared those concerns and that he is at a loss to understand why the buildings, which now have planning permission, have not been the subject of redevelopment.

## 7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that a single crime, that of criminal damage to a hedge, had been reported to the Police during the month of September. He reminded members and residents alike that the new non-emergency number is 101 and again asked people to get in touch if they see anything suspicious.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The historic milk-stand at Great Work Farm

Cllr Taylor reported that the owner of the historic milk-stand at Great Work Farm had told him that it will be reinstated in the not too distant future.

### The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Clerk reported that nobody had contacted him about the commemorative gift the Council proposes to give to the children of the Parish on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. However, members were able to view a commemorative mug designed by Chown China and offered for sale at £4.25. It was agreed that a final decision on the matter will be made at the next meeting when it is hoped that quotations for a medallion will be available. In the meanwhile, members agreed to consider a suitable design for the obverse of the mug – a photograph or art-work of a view in the Parish or the Cornwall shield were amongst initial suggestions.

## 9 PLANNING

### Applications

PA11/06690 Mrs A.Wilson – Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling – Trevornack, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Doerer proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “No observations.”

PA11/08004 Mr E.Bounden – Extension of time for the implementation for the erection of a two storey extension to dwelling (Decision notice PA08/01511/F dated 03.10.2008) – 16, Trewithen Terrace, Ashton. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Doerer seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “No observations.”

### Decisions

PA11/01284 REFUSED Construction of agricultural storage barn at Tresheba, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

PA11/06012 APPROVED Extension to dwelling at Tredrea, Balwest – *noted*

PA11/06138 APPROVED Demolition of existing garage/shed and construction of shed at Tolvan, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

### Correspondence

CC notification that an appeal has been lodged with the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of the decision to refuse permission for development for the retention and completion of toilet block at Tremorvu, Tresowes Hill – *noted. The Clerk to write in support of the Planning Authority's decision*

CPRE How to respond to Planning Applications (booklet) – *noted*

Cllr Mrs Doerer reported that, as requested, she had looked through the consultation document referring to Cornwall's revised Validation List. None of the proposals affects Germoe Parish Council as a statutory consultee.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent meeting of the Planning Forum which had concerned itself with the forthcoming Localism Bill. Part of this is designed to simplify the existing planning process, but additionally offers the opportunity for communities to influence development in their neighbourhood.

## 10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from St Germoe PCC for help with funding the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doerer proposed, Cllr Ross seconded all in favour that the sum of £300 be forwarded to St Germoe PCC to be used towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard under the terms of S214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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As a volunteer with the Carleen Community Church Care Centre, Cllr Mrs Doeser declared a personal interest in the following application for help with funding from that organisation. She remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the Carleen Community Church Care Centre for help with funding the on-going costs relating to the running of the Centre. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour that under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £200 be forwarded to Carleen Community Church Care Centre to help with funding the covered way between the new Centre building and the old.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Spectrum (a specialist provider of autism services) for financial help with funding the cost of non-statutory needs. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
H.M Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 184.68	£ 30.78
Colin Chapman		
Salary (September)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 14.57	
office expenses	£ 22.24	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
s/h teak bench	£ 180.00	
	total	£ 447.91

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

Members noted the following receipt

Precept (second instalment)	£ 3,950.00
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**11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence**

**Mr Sam Nicholls** to record his thanks for replacement of the seat at Balwest – *noted*

**SLCC** concerning CiLCA and on-going training for Clerks – *noted*

**Andrew George** casework surgery dates – *noted*

**Mrs Liddicoat** concerns about the state of repair of the historic boundary stone at Tregonning Hill House – *it was agreed that Cllr Royds would take a look at this stone and report back*

**12 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

Cllr Taylor again drew members’ attention to the risks run by pedestrians in the narrow lanes around and about the parish where landowners have ignored their responsibilities to cut their hedges.

**13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no comments at this point.

**14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

A report on the Community Network Meeting which will concern itself with devolved powers and duties.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday November 3, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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