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

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

Visitor: Mr Molcher.

The Chairman welcomed members and Mr Molcher to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling and PC Vaughan sent their 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 Royds stated that, as a result of information he had been given by an employee of South West Water, he had written to the Planning Authority objecting to PA10/06383 solely because of the effect he believed the camp-site has on his water supply. He has since received a letter from South West Water stating that his property and Tremorvu are on different mains water systems, so he has written again to the Planning Authority withdrawing his objection.

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 Blencowe seconded, Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday October 6, 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 fixed a notice-board inside the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace. He further reported that he had arranged to collect the parish notice-board from Mr Tom Salkeld of Bear Joinery during the course of the coming week.

Cllr Royds reported that he had inspected the two boundary stones on Tregonning Hill. It was his opinion that both are in fairly good condition, although both might benefit from having the area surrounding them cut from time to time and certainly the ivy needs to be stripped off the one stone. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr and Mrs Liddicoat about the matter and seek permission for the Parish Council's contractor to carry out the work necessary. He was also asked to look into the possibility of listing the stones as being of historic importance.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Molcher stated that he was present to ask the Parish Council for support for his planning application at Tremorvu. The revised drawings show that, with the single exception of the shop with which he had decided to dispense, he has complied with all the Parish Council's suggestions made in July. He drew members' attention particularly to the proposed limitations of use of the camp site (from March 1 to October 31 each year).

On another note entirely, he drew members' attention to those inconsiderate owners who allow their dogs to foul the triangle at the top of Moors Lane. He described this small area as being a lovely place to sit and view the sweep of

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Mounts Bay, but one which is presently spoilt by the imminence of dog faeces. It was noted that the Cornwall Council litter bin sited near the triangle may be used for the disposal of dog faeces.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling reported that

- he had attended a briefing by the NHS on establishing trauma networks in the southwest of England. The survival of badly injured victims and their future quality of life is very much dependant on how rapidly treatment is given
- Cornwall Council is currently considering its provisional budget for 2012/13 The council was the first local authority in the UK to set its budget at the end of last year and decisions taken then mean the County is now on track to achieve savings of around £88.5 million. The provisional budget sets out a number of key recommendations and includes capital funding to support projects such as the dual-ing of the A30 at Temple, improvements to A38 accident black spots, the Port of Falmouth Master Plan and a housing strategy to address local housing shortages
- the **Localism Bill** which includes amendments to the original proposals concerning standards in public life and neighbourhood planning will receive its third reading in the House of Lords on 31st October
- he had attended a meeting at Keneggy Sands to ascertain the risks and consider whether or not to retain the ramp, steps and chain ladder for access to and from the beach
- further discussions held locally during the month had covered a number of issues including highways, the speed of traffic through our villages, ditches and flooding and enforcement at the Cornwall Motel.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that there were no crimes reported to the Police during the month of October, which compares favourably with the three reported in the same period last year. He again reminded members and residents alike that the new non-emergency number is 101 adding that he, PCSO Berry and PCSO Bell may also be contacted on 01326 555158.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Reporting on the Community Network meeting on October 26, 2011 Cllr Mrs Doeser said that the meeting had covered concerns about transport (particularly for young people with limited means) within the area, and about the future of the Helston Museum and the possible use of volunteers. The recent changes within the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, following the decision to reduce the number of Police Officers by 700, had been explained to those attending. It had also been suggested that the Neighbourhood Beat Managers might be encouraged to attend Town and Parish Council meeting at least on a quarterly basis.

9 PARISH MATTERS

The historic milk-stand at Great Work Farm

Members noted that the repair of the historic milk-stand at Great Work Farm has not been forgotten.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Clerk reported that, to date, three families with seven children between them 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. He was asked to contact Godolphin School with a view to identifying those children who live in the Parish. Members agreed that a commemorative mug designed by Chown China with the Cornish coat of arms on the obverse and the words *Presented by Germoe Parish Council* would be the most fitting memento. A decision concerning the order as a whole will be made at the meeting in December.

Christmas in Germoe

Following discussion of a request for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour, that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £75 should be made available for underwriting activities in Germoe over Christmas 2011.

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 20 pitches for touring caravans and 20 pitches for camping with occupancy from 1 March to 31 October each year together with associated access and landscaping – Tremorvu,

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Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council has no objections to the proposal as submitted, namely the provision of 20 pitches for touring caravans and 20 pitches for tentage/camping with occupancy from 01 March to 31 October each year together with associated access and also landscaping.”

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser returned to the room

Decisions

PA11/06690 APPROVED (Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling) – Trevornack, Tresowes – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Royds copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA10/06383 – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members noted that a wreath for the Armistice Day Service has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Germoe Parish Councillors should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion.

Members considered a request from Penhaligon’s Friends for financial help towards its work with bereaved children and young people in Cornwall. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following account was presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 12.60	
office expenses	£ 24.14	
travelling	£ 15.05	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 274.29

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall & West Devon Mining World Heritage Site invitation to apply for membership of the Cornish Mining Consultative Forum – *noted*

Carleen Community Church Care Centre acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons your guide to taking part – *it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the December meeting*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Surf Life Saving Cornwall statement of intention to hold an event at Praa Sands on the weekend of August 11/12, 2012 and a request for support – *it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to offer Germoe Parish Council’s support for this event*

13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members’ attention both to the Citizens’ Advice Bureau AGM at Fraddam and to the Cornwall Conversations event with the Leader of the Council at County Hall which, he said, he aimed to attend.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No further 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 December 1, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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