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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 1, 2011 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: CCllr Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and CCllr Keeling to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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 Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday November 3, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Geake reported that, despite what he had said at the last meeting, he had been unable to attend the Cornwall Conversations event with the Leader of the Council at County Hall.

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that she had fielded a number of complaints concerning inconsiderate owners of dogs failing to clean up after their pets. The Clerk agreed to forward a number of designated area notices to her for distribution.

Cllr Blencowe reported that the wall-mounted notice-board is now in his care. This led to discussion during the course of which it was noted that the boards at Balwest and at Nevada House are reaching the end of their lives.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that at Cornwall

- a recently agreed recommended budget will be presented to the full Council in February
- if Cornwall Council makes no increase in the precept demanded from residents, it can access funding from Central Government equivalent to 2.5% of the budget
- however that grant comes with conditions which may create difficulties in future years and therefore it may be that the Council will seek a 2.5% increase from its residents
- criticism, with which he does not agree, has been voiced that far-reaching financial decisions are being made too early in the year
- he has replaced Mike Clayton as a member of the Planning Committee
- he has accepted the position of Deputy Leader of the Independent Group of Councillors
- the 10% discount on the Council Tax presently afforded to second homes will end in 2013

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- the Council is looking at discretionary rate relief for small businesses and community interest groups and locally

- the Penwith Access and Rights of Way Group has agreed to cut out Whippers Lane
- the chevrons at Boscreege have yet to be installed, but he is dealing with the matter
- the Olympic Torch will be carried along the A394 through Newtown, Ashton and Breage.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that a single crime, that of criminal damage to a vehicle near Tresowes, had been reported to the Police during the month of November. He again reminded members and residents alike that the new non-emergency number is 101 and added that the annual Christmas period Drink Drive Campaign has started.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2012/2013

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2012 – 2013 will be as follows

January 5, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 2, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
March 1, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
April 5, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 3, 2012	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 3, 2012	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 7, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 12, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 6, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 4, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 1, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
December 6, 2012	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
January 3, 2013	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 7, 2013	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

Christmas Celebrations 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Doeser, seconded by Cllr Mrs Clarke and agreed that the informal group set up to oversee the Christmas Lights Switch-on Ceremony and Celebrations on Germoe Green on Thursday December 15, 2011 should act as a sub-committee of Germoe Parish Council and that therefore Germoe Parish Council would be responsible for the proper running of that event.

9 PARISH MATTERS

The purchase of a gas-fired beacon for occasional use on Tregonning Hill

Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour to purchase a gas-fired beacon at a cost of £299.00 for occasional use on Tregonning Hill.

The purchase of commemorative mugs to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Members again considered the question of making a presentation to the children of the Parish on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all in favour to purchase forty commemorative mugs designed by Chown China with the Cornish coat of arms and the words *Presented by Germoe Parish Council* on the obverse for presentation to the children presently at Germoe School and to those resident in the parish but who receive education elsewhere.

10 PLANNING

Decisions

PA11/08004 APPROVED (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 – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at December 1, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Clarke all in favour that the Precept for the year 2012/2013 should be kept at £7,900.

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Members considered a request from Victim Support for financial help towards its work. 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
Germoe Christmas celebrations	£ 75.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (November)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 12.60	
office expenses	£ 20.66	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 264.36

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

War Memorials Trust newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Council notification of the award of funding through the Community Chest Grant Scheme in the sum of £230 (for the replacement seat at Balwest) – *noted*

Nationwide notification that Cllr Blencowe is now authorised to sign cheques on the account – *noted*

13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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 January 5, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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