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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 5, 2012 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

The Chairman welcomed members to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ross, Cllr Taylor, CCllr Keeling 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 Royds seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday December 1, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

It was confirmed that the November meeting will be on the 1st and not the 8th.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling there were no comments.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported there were no crimes reported to the Police during the month of December.

8 PARISH MATTERS

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

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had ordered a gas-fired beacon from *Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd*, that it will be ready in February/March and that the Council will be contacted for payment at the time.

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

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had ordered forty commemorative mugs from 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. Cllr Royds undertook to speak to the Head Teacher of the school with a view to arranging a date for the presentation.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA11/09344 IHCCG – Conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation and installation of oil tank (non material amendment to PA06/02077/F to include retention of opening on west elevation, addition of barn owl slot on south elevation, lintels over windows and doors on front face and increase of ridge height of building) – Wheal

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Grey Mine, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council considered this application on 5th January 2012 and determined that it had no observations to offer in this case.

“The Council noted that, to date, no hard copy of the application forms and supporting documentation have been sent to the Council, although the application appears to have been received by the planning authority on the 9th November 2011. Had the papers been forwarded to the Council on receipt it would have meant that they could have considered it at their meeting in December. As you appreciate, the Council has neither the benefit of computer links nor the ability to show computer generated information at its monthly meetings and is, therefore, dependant on hard copy both for its members and the public to view.

“The Parish Council notes that planning permission for this development was granted by the local planning authority on the 3rd January 2012. Whilst Germoe appreciates that the Local Planning Authority should attempt to determine applications within a reasonable timescale, they also recognise that it is incumbent on the Local Planning Authority to ensure that normal consultation procedures are properly completed. They note that the planning report indicates that apart from the Parish Council, there was no other public consultation on this application, which, whilst of a relatively minor nature, does immediately adjoin two listed buildings and is within a designated World Heritage Site. The Council would, therefore appreciate your comments as to why both the Parish Council and interested local residents appear to have been excluded from the normal planning processes in this case.”

PA11/09804 Mr C Holmwood – Removal of Condition 2 attached to 2/09/79/00802/F dated 12 September 1979 (allow 12 month occupation) – Boscreege Caravan and Camping Park, Boscreege. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council believes there were good reasons to place restrictions on this holiday site when planning permission was first given in 1979. No reasons to relax those restrictions have been submitted with this present application and Germoe Parish Council therefore objects to it and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission.”

PA11/10432 Mr J Reddell – Felling of one Sycamore tree – Rookwood, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “No observations.”

Decisions

PA10/06383 APPROVED (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, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

Correspondence

The Planning Inspectorate copy of a decision dismissing an appeal by Mr & Mrs Molcher against a decision made by Cornwall Council to refuse planning permission for the retention and completion of a toilet block using a weather-boarding finish in place of natural stone – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at January 5, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with on-going costs. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all in favour that the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
H.M Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 11.48	
office expenses	£ 20.16	
travelling	£ 15.05	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 269.19

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

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Members noted the following receipt

CC LMP payment	£ 965.00
Interest	£ 0.19

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE Planning explained (booklet) – *noted*

Mrs Neal a request for her children to be added to the list of those who wish to receive a commemorative mug from the Parish Council – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser reminded members of the forthcoming Community Network Meeting at which dogs on beaches and the progress of the Olympic Torch will be two of the matters under discussion.

Cllr Royds reported that the grass on the triangle at Balwest has been churned into a muddy quagmire by thoughtless parking. It was agreed to write to Balwest Chapel elders about the matter with the suggestion that drivers might be directed to the car-park.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that he had nothing to say other than to wish everyone a happy new year.

13 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 February 2, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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