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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 2, 2012 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: CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Sadler sent her 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 Blencowe seconded, Cllr Ross and Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 5, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that he had attended a number of meetings, notably

- a meeting of the Discretionary Rate Relief Working Group, formed following the passing into law of the Localism Bill
- a meeting with the private sector with a view to 'privatising' the delivery of support services with the parallel aim of driving job creation
- a joint meeting with representatives of Registered Social Landlords at which legislation and funding issues together with implications of changes in Social Housing Benefit were discussed
- a number of Scrutiny meetings.

More generally

- following the death of Mike Clayton (Independent) and the subsequent election of Loveday Jenkin (Mebyon Kernow) the composition of a number of Cornwall Council committees has been altered to reflect the political proportionality of the Council as a whole
- the cost to the unitary authority of data storage has recently been reviewed by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the contract has been awarded to another provider

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- the number of frivolous requests under the Freedom of Information Act has increased – all of them have to be answered and all of them cost a not-inconsiderable sum of money
- the eighty-seven service areas across the county are being examined for value for money
- meetings of the full Council will now be broadcast
- he is member of the Remuneration Panel which is tasked with making recommendations on Councillors' pay.

Locally

- funding for a Community Youth Club Bus has been obtained. The bus will tour rural villages in the area providing a meeting place for young people
- the Praa Sands Community Centre has new Trustees who are in the process of taking over a very successful facility which is well-used by a number of Community Groups
- the Olympic Torch will pass through Ashton and Breage on April 19, but the exact timings are, as yet, unknown
- the Cornwall Motel is now an eyesore and the prospect of any improvement in the near future appears unlikely, though he will ensure that the advertising signs are removed
- the chevrons at the Boscreege corner will be moved!

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that two crimes (one of assault and the other of theft from a motor vehicle parked in Balwest car-park) were reported to the Police during the month of January.

PCSO Sadler urged members of the public to get in touch with the police should they see anything suspicious.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

In the light of a paper written by the Clerk Members considered *Planning Future Cornwall – Our preferred Approach for a Core Strategy (pre-consultation draft)*. Following extensive and wide-ranging discussion it was agreed that individual Councillors will forward their comments to the Clerk who, together with the Chairman, will collate them and table a draft response to this document for members' consideration at the next meeting.

9 PARISH MATTERS

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

The Clerk reported that *Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd* has yet to confirm a delivery date. CCllr Keeling confirmed that Breage Parish Council will consider contributing financially to the beacon at the coming meeting.

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 underwritten with the words *Presented by Germoe Parish Council* on the obverse for presentation both to the children presently attending Germoe School and to those resident in the parish but who receive education elsewhere. Cllr Royds reported that he had spoken to the Head Teacher of Germoe School, Mrs Quinney, and provisionally agreed that the mugs will be presented to the children at 2.00pm on Friday June 1. It was agreed that presentation to those children of school age who do not attend Germoe School will take place on Tregonning Hill when the beacon is lit on June 4. Cllr Royds further reported that he had offered to summarise the school's news for Councillors and for this reason the Head Teacher will send him the weekly newsletter.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/00227 Mr Kerr – Erection of two storey extension and porch – Braeside, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "Germoe Parish Council has no observations."

Decisions

PA11/09344 APPROVED 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 Grey Mine, Tresowes – *noted*

PA11/10432 APPROVED Felling of one Sycamore tree – Rookswood, Germoe – *noted*

Correspondence

CPRE A guide to Neighbourhood Planning – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at February 2, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Chown China (commemorative mugs)	£ 168.00	£ 28.00
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 202.30	
telephone	£ 13.12	
office expenses	£ 18.47	
travelling	£ 8.60	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 262.49

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

Members noted the following receipt

CC Community Chest	£ 230.00
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12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Graham Watson MEP contact information – *noted*

Andrew George MP advice of surgery dates and venues – *noted*

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Grave Concerns advertisement – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual meeting in Penzance on March 17 – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doerer reported that she had attended the recent Helston and The Lizard Community Network meeting at which the format of the Code of Conduct following the passing into law of the Localism Bill had been the main agenda item. She had forwarded the PowerPoint presentation to members earlier, but stressed that, although the main thrust of the Code's future is in place, it lacks detail. The next meeting will be on March 28: it will be an open meeting at which Health issues and in particular the present and future position of local hospitals will be on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs Clarke drew members' attention to the poor state of Moors Lane, but it was agreed that until the work at Tremorvu is completed it would be pointless to ask for its reinstatement.

Cllr Royds again drew members' attention to the issue of car-parking at Balwest. The Clerk was again asked to contact the Church authorities with a view to resolving this problem.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reminded members that Paul Liddicoat is storing road salt and is ready to spread it should it become necessary. Requests should go through the Clerk.

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 March 1, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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