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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 1, 2012 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the March meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Royds, Cllr Taylor, CCllr Keeling and PCSO Sadler 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, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday February 2, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Chairman reported his concern that, because of the lateness of the hour, it may be inappropriate to expect parents to be happy with the proposed presentation of the Diamond Jubilee commemorative mugs to children after the lighting of the beacon. It was agreed to review this matter at a later date.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that Cornwall Council has agreed to hold Council Tax at its current Band D level of £1,244.41 for the coming year. As a result of this decision, Cornwall will receive a grant from Central Government, but this will not be repeated next year. Consequently, in the next twelve months, services will need to seek savings and develop efficiency plans. The average Town and Parish Council precept stands at £63.65 and the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority precept is currently unknown.

He has now spent the majority of his Cornwall Councillor's Highways' Budget. Projects have included the purchase of a solar-powered Vehicle Activated Sign together with two sockets. Issues in progress include the provision of yellow lines to alleviate problems relating to inconsiderate parking in Praa Sands and Leedstown and the extension of speed limits in Townshend. There is an on-going highway survey of the A394 as a result of which it is anticipated that the 40mph limit between Ashton and Breage will be lowered to 30mph.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that a single crime (an offence contrary to the Communications Act 2003) was reported to the Police during the month of February.

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

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8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered Germoe Parish Council's response to *Planning Future Cornwall – Our preferred Approach for a Core Strategy (pre-consultation draft)*. Following extensive and wide-ranging discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that, with minor alterations and a single addition, the draft document prepared by the Chairman in consultation with other Members should be forwarded to Cornwall Council. A copy of that final document is attached to these minutes.

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 for the beacon.

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

The Clerk reported that, because he had received more orders for the commemorative mugs, he had ordered a further ten from Chown China and indeed had collected them. An example was passed to Councillors to general approval.

Footpath 20

As the result of an e-mail from a visitor to the Parish which drew Councillors' attention to the parlous state of a ladder stile on footpath 20, Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Blencowe agreed to visit the landlord with a view to repairs being undertaken.

The triangle at Balwest

The Chairman reported that Balwest Methodist Church is unwilling to open the field it owns to general car-parking. It was suggested that the triangle would be vastly improved if the existing soft soil (which has washed down off the hill) is removed and replaced with gravel or scalplings. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/00978 Mrs V.Hurleston OpenReach – Erection of green metal modular telecommunication cabinet – near Junction of A394 Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council has no observations.”

PA12/01023 E-tricity Trading Ltd – Construction of 50kW photovoltaic installation and associated works – Tresowes Farm, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council supports this application in principle. However, it has reservations about the visual impact of an installation of this size from Tregonning Hill. The Parish Council would therefore suggest that a photo-montage is submitted illustrating the proposal's impact from the hill and, if such a document is submitted, would wish to comment further.”

Decisions

PA12/00227 APPROVED (Erection of two storey extension and porch) – Braeside, Germoe – *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.

Members considered a request from Shelter for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Chown China (commemorative mugs)	£ 42.00	£ 7.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 202.30	
telephone	£ 11.96	
office expenses	£ 13.48	
travelling	£ 15.05	
use of home	£ 20.00	
total	£ 262.99	

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

The following receipt was noted

Bank interest	£ 0.19
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12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council notification of alleged unauthorised building/engineering works at Balwest Cottage – *noted*
Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that the milk-stand at Great Work Farm has now been repaired and reinstated – and looks wonderful!

CLr Blencowe drew members' attention to the Local Council pre-application task group meeting on Thursday March 29 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at County Hall.

CLr Mrs Doeser reported that she expected that the proposed Urgent Care Centre at the West Cornwall Hospital will feature in discussion at the forthcoming Community Network meeting.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman apologised in advance for his absence from the June meeting.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Balwest triangle.

Notice-boards at Great Work and at Nevada House.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday April 5, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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