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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 3, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Hall. Chairman of the Council, Cllr S.Geake presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Visitors: CCllr J Keeling, Cllr D.Blencowe, Cllr Mrs E.Clarke, Cllr Mrs Doeser, Cllr G.Ross, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr R.Royds, Mr Ash and Mrs Price.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Sadler.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such. It was noted they were signed as being accurate by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 2, 2011.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Sid Geake said:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome and thank you for attending Germoe’s Annual Parish Meeting.

“This is my first Annual Report as Chairman of Germoe Parish Council, an occasion I face with some trepidation, conscious of the standard set by Graham Ross, our previous Chairman, and hope that I might be able to approach the standards he set.

“Firstly I must welcome Cllr Bob Royds, who was co-opted at our September 2011 meeting. He has, I think, already settled into the ‘culture’ of the Parish Council and has proved a valuable addition to the Council.

“Overall, it has been another interesting year for the Parish. In addition to the normal parish duties we have tried to complete a number of projects, albeit within both the tight financial restraints of a small Council and those operating across Society as a whole.

“One of the functions of the Council is that of a consultee to Cornwall Council on planning applications and other planning matters. Over the year we have considered many planning applications and passed both the Council’s views and those of other interested parties to the local planning authority. In addition, we have commented to Cornwall Council on the proposed *Core Strategy Document*, the preliminary stage in attempting to draw together six varying local plans inherited from the previous District Councils into one uniform and comprehensive unitary authority local plan.

“The Localism Act has come into force. I think that it is unlikely that the contents of this Act will have a direct impact on Germoe Council. We have investigated the potential of our own Parish Design Plan, and maybe this is something that can be taken forward in the future. Central Government has recently published the *National Planning Framework*, a document that streamlines their advice on dealing with planning applications. We can only wait and see if this will continue to be as effective in protecting the environment as the previous advice, which ran to many more pages than the seventy-two of the current document.

“Last year’s Local Needs Affordable Housing Survey of the Parish disclosed an underlying need. Unfortunately, to date, neither suitable sites, nor interested potential developers for this type of accommodation have been identified.

“Phytophthora, or to give it its common name ‘sudden oak death’ has been identified on Tregonning Hill. In June, Mrs Anne Payne, the responsible Food and Environment Agency officer came and presented a most informative talk on this subject, explaining the overall problem and the research that is being undertaken. Suitable warning and advisory notices were posted on the approaches to the Hill. We can only hope that a solution to this problem is not too far in the future.

“A quick look at the various projects the Council has been involved in over the last 12 months.

“Having purchased the ‘red telephone box’ at Trewithen Terrace (in order to safeguard this small piece of local history and interest), Graham Ross has supplied it with a small notice board, both for Council and for any other local notices. Thank you, Graham

“Still on notice boards, a grant of £500 has been promised by the communications company TalkTalk, which will allow for the refurbishment of the Great Work notice board. In passing, it is satisfying to see that the historic milk stand at Great Work farm has been rebuilt following building works on site. It is all too easy to lose these small reminders of our past.

“Due to the ravages of the Germoe weather (and not only during the winter months), we have replaced the wooden seat at Balwest triangle and are currently investigating ways of improving the parking surface here, which does get very cut up in wet weather.

“Reports of the Council’s meetings and projects are now published regularly in *The Messenger*. I must thank Cllr David Blencowe for drafting and arranging this.

“The Council has made donations to: -

- St. Germoe’s Church for help in the never ending task of cutting the grass (£300)
- Germoe Village for help with the Christmas celebrations (£75)
- Carleen Community Centre, a facility used by our Parish residents, to help cover the cost of the Outreach Facility for the Elderly (£200)
- Cornwall Air Ambulance (£50)
- and the British Legion (£35)

“Looking forward to the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee: to commemorate this historic occasion, the Council has purchased commemorative mugs for all the children resident in the Parish or who attend Germoe School. It has also purchased a gas-fired beacon, which will form part of the National Beacon Chain on the evening of Monday 4th June.

“I cannot end without expressing my thanks to my fellow Councillors of Germoe Parish for their understanding and support during my initial term as Chairman. To John Keeling, our local Cornwall Councillor for his continuing support and particularly for financial support from his local funding provision, which has allowed us to complete some of our projects.

“Last, but not least, must go my thanks to Colin Chapman, the Parish Clerk. Without his hard work, wise advice and, most importantly sense of humour, Council meetings would not be as enjoyable as they tend to be.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2011 – 2012 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday April 5, 2012. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £4,120.59 and ended it with a reserve of £6,019.90. The Clerk confirmed that he has added the Financial Statements to the website.

Mr Ash drew attention to the Parish Council’s website, stating that it a useful asset and one of which he makes great use.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 7, 2012

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 2, 2012

Chairman