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

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doeser (Vice-Chairman) Cllr R.Royds
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke
Cllr G.Ross Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Keeling, Mr and Mrs Rickard.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Doeser, assumed the Chair and welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake sent his 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 MEETINGS

Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 3, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Chairman reported that, despite the weather, the beacon had proved a great success. Speaking on behalf of the Council she thanked Balwest Methodist Chapel for the loan of the fire extinguisher and Cllr Geake and Cllr Taylor for the work they had done to make the evening a success.

The Chairman also thanked Cllr Royds for arranging the presentation of the commemorative mugs at Germoe School – an occasion she described as being a very happy one.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Rickard asked the Council's advice about a situation which has arisen concerning engineering works and vehicular use of Moors Lane and the privately owned lane outside his house. CCllr Keeling offered to look into the matter and, possibly, to contact Cornwall Council's Planning Enforcement Department.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling hoped that all those present had enjoyed themselves both at the Olympic Torch Relay events and over the Jubilee weekend. He reported that

- Cornwall Council has voted to take the matter of the Stadium for Cornwall no further. However, under the Localism Act, a petition signed by 5,000 residents will require the issue to be revisited
- the Localism Act affords Cornwall Council the opportunity to review the existing cabinet system and, possibly, to revert to what some consider to be the more democratic committee system – and Parish Councils have been afforded the opportunity to comment on this

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- the report on Council Tax recommends removal of the 10% discount on second homes (which is likely to be implemented). Other changes involve empty homes, granny flats and the localisation of Business Rates
- the chevrons for the corner at Boscreege have now been ordered and will be erected
- a sign on the A394 directing road users towards Germoe School may now, despite previous advice to the contrary, be possible
- the speed limits on the A394 from the Coach and Horses through to the east of Breage will be revised.

7 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The noticeboard opposite Nevada House

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation from Bear Joinery both for the refurbishment of the Great Work notice-board and for the construction of a replacement board to be sited opposite Nevada House in the sum of £1,545.00. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour to accept this quotation.

Insurance for the notice-boards at Great Work and at Germoe Green

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation from Came and Company for insuring the notice-boards at Great Work and at Germoe Green in the sum of £25. Following discussion, Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all in favour to insure the notice-boards at Great Work and at Germoe Green through Came and Company for the annual premium of £25

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/04245 Ms Fay Freeman – Removal of condition 2 on W2/PA04/01069/F to remove holiday restriction – Trennal Farm, Germoe. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council notes that these properties are unfinished. Further, the present application lacks sufficient information for an informed decision to be made. In these circumstances Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission.”

11 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for help with funding the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour that the sum of £300 be forwarded to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Chapel to be used towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard under the terms of S214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (open spaces and footpaths)	£ 338.89	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 14.01	
office expenses	£ 28.54	
travelling	£ 8.60	
Chown China	£ 14.24	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 287.89

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Mr R. Clarke letter of thanks for publishing such an excellent Walks booklet – *noted*

Audit Commission Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years – *noted*

Mrs Dyer concerns about the triangle at Balwest – *noted*

Cornwall Rural Housing Association Voluntary Board Members – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Royds reported that it appears that much of the damage to the triangle at Balwest has been caused by surface water running off the hill. The drains are now in the process of being cleared and once that is done, and all being well, the problem will be solved. Nevertheless, Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded and it was agreed to purchase a notice stating

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This area is maintained by Germoe Parish Council
for the convenience of those visiting Tregonning Hill.
Please use this parking space considerately.

The notice to be sited on the triangle.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman proposed and, as a result of legislation published under the Localism Act 2012, it was agreed to consider as urgent the matter of the adoption of a new Code of Conduct to come into force on July 1, 2012. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all in favour to agree in principle to adopt the Interim Code of Conduct prepared and published by Cornwall Council.

The Chairman drew members’ attention to the legislation concerning unrecorded Public Rights of Way and it was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

The Chairman also drew members’ attention to the series of public meetings concerned with Health and Well-Being which are being held throughout the County

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

A new Code of Conduct
Public Rights of Way within the Parish

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday July 12, 2012 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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