

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

www.germoeparishcouncil.org.uk

C.F.P.Chapman
Clerk to the Council
Chy Lean
St Keverne Road
Mawgan
Helston TR12 6AY
telephone 01326 221648
colinchapman@lineone.net

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 6, 2012 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling, Mr Barker and Mr Ash.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Taylor 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 Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 12, 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 on this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Referring to planning application PA12/06543, Mr Ash referred members to a copy of his letter which he had sent to the Planning Authority and which had already been circulated amongst them. He stated that it was his opinion that, bearing in mind the fact that the earlier application had been withdrawn, a full set of detailed drawings should have formed part of this application and that without them it became difficult to comment. Nevertheless, he raised his concerns about the increase in the eventual height of the house as a result of the changed datum detail and about the use of a painted, rendered exterior instead of the previously agreed granite facing. He also stated that he believed it important that the conditions attached to the earlier permission are retained and particularly that an enforceable traffic management plan is required by the Planning Authority.

Mr Barker stated that he was present to seek support for his application for an agricultural barn (PA12/08091). He added that he had tried to ensure that the barn is in keeping with those around; that it is his and his wife's intention to keep rare breeds on the holding and that he therefore needs housing both for them and for his agricultural equipment. He invited members to visit the site so that he could explain exactly what he intended.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss agenda item 9 at this point.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/06543 Mr M.Berryman – Construction of replacement dwelling (amended design) resubmission of PA12/02202 – Bargess Croft, Lower Balwest. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council draws the Planning Authority's attention to the history of this site. Whilst, on the surface, this application appears to consist

Chairman's initials.....

of minor amendments to a previously approved scheme, the Council feels strongly that the earlier discussions, correspondence and history are still entirely relevant. It would therefore wish to see exactly the same planning conditions incorporated in decision notice W2/PA10/00287/F imposed on this application, were permission to be granted. If these conditions are now not considered to be appropriate, Germoe Parish Council would wish to object strongly to this application.

“In addition, Germoe Parish Council believes the submitted design is retrogressive and that the originally agreed option of granite facing for the four exterior walls should be retained. It also expresses its concern about the proposed increase in the final height of the dwelling as a result of the change of datum level.

“Earlier works on this site demonstrated the restrictive nature of vehicular access and the nuisance caused both on the public highway and to adjoining properties. The Parish Council considers that an enforceable traffic management condition should also be imposed in the event of planning permission being granted.

“The Council notes that its request for toning down the visual impact of the music room and garage does not appear to have been successful.”

PA12/08091 Mr E.Barker – Construction of agricultural storage barn – Tresheba, Main Road. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Notwithstanding the information provided by the applicant at this evening’s meeting, Germoe Parish Council notes that this application is identical to an earlier application PA11/01284 about which Germoe Parish Council observed that *in the very recent past the agricultural use of the remainder of the site has been in connection with other land and not in connection with the residential use as permitted. The application as submitted does not indicate the ultimate use of this agricultural land nor does it contain any justification for the proposed barn. Given the application's site relatively small agricultural area the Council does feel that a separate agricultural use might be difficult to sustain. It certainly considers that the size of the proposed barn is too large for such a potentially small small-holding. The site is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value and within the designated Tregonning and Trewavas Mining District World Heritage Site, it is also readily visible from the designated Tregonning Hill Conservation Area and it is for the reasons of size, design and adverse visual impact on the immediate and adjoining landscape areas that the Council objects to this application. Germoe Parish Council notes that the line of the proposed wire fence and shrubs crosses the line of Footpath 17.*

“The application was refused on September 2, 2011 by the Planning Authority for the following reasons *Due to its siting, scale and design, the proposed agricultural building fails to conserve the character, beauty and amenity of the Area of Great Landscape Value and the surrounding rural environment, therefore the proposal conflicts with policies 1, 2 and 26 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004, policies ENV1 and ENV4 of the Draft Kerrier District Local Plan 2004 and with Government policies in Planning Policy Statement 1, and Planning Policy Statement 7, Furthermore the area is designated a World Heritage Site and the proposed development would appear highly prominent and obtrusive and is considered to have an adverse impact on the historic character of the area, the proposal is therefore contrary to policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004, policies B.EN1 and B.EN4 of the Draft Kerrier Local Plan 2004 and with Government advice contained in Planning Policy Statement 5.*

“Germoe Parish Council sees no reasons to alter its stance on this application and accordingly requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.”

Correspondence

Cornwall Council consultation concerning planning protocol for local councils – *the Clerk to reply*

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that since the last meeting he has

- attended a full Council meeting at which a motion opposing the cabinet decision to create a private sector company to run support services for the Council was won by 46 votes to 29 with 14 abstentions. Despite this, the Portfolio Holder has confirmed that the cabinet still intends to proceed with the creation of a private sector company
- spoken at length with the owner of the Cornwall Motel who has undertaken to clean up the site and to fence it. He has also passed on a request for use of the site as a film set.

He further stated that during the course of the next week he will speak to the newly-appointed manager at the Cornwall Highways depot in Helston about erecting the chevrons at Great Work.

Chairman’s initials.....

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that in July and August no crimes had been reported to the police, which compares favourably with the one reported during the same period last year. She asked everyone to remain vigilant.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The Definitive Map

Members considered the omission of short lengths of Public Rights of Way from the Definitive Map. It was stated that a number of Modifications have been submitted (some of them by members of the public) to Cornwall Council, but that they have not as yet been resolved. Unless these are known to the Council, there is a danger of unnecessary duplication. CCllr Keeling offered to obtain a definitive list of those awaiting decision from Cornwall's legal department before the next meeting so that the project can move on.

Balwest Triangle

Cllr Blencowe reported that Mr Berwick and Cllr Royds have done an excellent job in repairing the drainage channels and, speaking on behalf of both Germoe Parish Council and local residents, offered them both a vote of thanks. He added that, although the situation is vastly improved, water still occasionally floods down over the triangle but that a small length of kerbing will solve the matter. CCllr Keeling agreed to speak to Highways with a view to having this done.

Members agreed that the notice concerning parking has not had the desired effect and it may be that steps will have to be taken to prevent parking on this open space altogether.

Cllr Ross and CCllr Keeling left the meeting at this point.

10 FINANCE

Members noted and approved payment of the following accounts on June 30, 2012

	GROSS	VAT
Bear Joinery (notice-boards)	£ 1,545.00	
The Audit Commission	£ 144.00	

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders	£ 414.73	
Chown China	£ 93.60	£ 15.60
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 202.50	
Salary (August)	£ 202.50	
travelling	£ 52.61	
telephone	£ 25.57	
office expenses	£ 41.76	
Harlequin Design (re TalkTalk)	£ 18.00	
use of home	£ 40.00	
	total	£ 582.94

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Electoral Review Panel Draft Recommendations – *noted*

PAROW Maintenance of paths community spaces and ancient sites – *noted*

Mrs Liddicoat concerning Cornwall Council and footpath 26 – *noted*

Breage Parish Council concerning the beacon on Tregonning Hill – *noted*

Andrew George MP notification of dates of casework surgeries – *noted*

Twentyfourseven South West Ambulance Trust newsletter – *noted*

The Audit Commission Appointment of External Auditor for 2012/2013 – *noted*

CC Consultation on charging framework for Traffic Management at Community events – *the clerk to reply*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no members' questions.

Chairman's initials.....

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this point.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No 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 October 4, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman’s initials.....