

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Visitors: Mr Barker and Mr Pender.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ross and Cllr Royds 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, Cllr Geake and Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday October 4, 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

Mr Pender stated that he was present on behalf of Mr Barker to consult the Parish Council at a pre-application stage with a view to seeking planning permission for an agricultural building on land belonging to Mr Barker. Mr Barker is keen to revise his original application (PA12/08091) by making the proposed building, which will be of standard agricultural construction, both shorter in length and lower in height. The Chairman said that Germoe Parish Council was grateful to have been involved with the application at this stage but stressed that, until the actual plans are before Councillors, no opinion can be given nor comment made. He suggested that in submitting his application Mr Barker might like to consider including a business plan and, if permission is forthcoming, to be prepared for the imposition of an agricultural condition.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that since the last meeting

- the resignation of four cabinet members, prompted by the vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council, his subsequent resignation and the election of the former deputy leader of the council has resulted in dramatic changes in the makeup of the cabinet
- nevertheless, the cabinet is again up to full strength and the business of setting a balanced budget for the coming financial year is underway
- the council's proposed partnership with other public and private sector partners was also recently debated in Council. This will finally be resolved following members' consideration of a full report at a meeting of the full Council in December

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- a decision was made to increase the present basic Cornwall Councillor's remuneration by £2,400. It is hoped that this will help overcome the financial practicalities of becoming a Councillor and attract a more representative cross-section of society to the Council
- the governance review panel's final deliberations were presented to full council and a recommendation that models of governance (including a hybrid cabinet/leader and committee system) are fully worked up to enable the council to make an informed decision on the final model of political management for the council from May 2013
- he visited the CORMAC depot in Helston this week where he arranged for the gullies in Moor's Lane to be cleared and for the necessary work to be done on the collapsed road verge opposite Fox Cottage in Tresowes Green;
- while with CORMAC he identified a suitable pair of chevrons for the Boscreage bend and secured an pledge that they will be erected.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in October no crimes had been reported to the police: similarly no crimes were reported in October last year. She added that she was pleased to report that no incidents were reported over the Hallowe'en period and wished everyone present a safe and colourful Guy Fawkes celebration.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Code of Conduct

Further to the decision made in July formally to adopt the Interim Code of Conduct, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour to adopt the final draft of the Cornwall Code of Conduct for City, Community, Parish and Town Councils with paragraph 2.6 reading as follows

You must record in a register of interests maintained by the Proper Officer any gifts or hospitality that you are offered or receive in connection with your official duties as a member and the source of the gift or hospitality worth £25 or over

Dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

Members considered the procedure for the award of dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all in favour to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk.

9 PARISH MATTERS

The Definitive Map

The Clerk reported that he had had a long talk with Jonathan Rowell, Cornwall Council's Definitive Map Officer. In brief, Mr Rowell had stated that Cornwall Council does not have the necessary financial resources to pursue additions to the Definitive Map on the basis of documentary evidence alone. This position affects all the omissions identified at the last meeting, but does not preclude applications to have missing sections of footpath added on the basis of user evidence via the usual modification order channels (which, under the law, have to be followed through). Furthermore, if landowners can be encouraged to dedicate omitted stretches then this will also be dealt with expediently.

Mr Rowell had promised that Cornwall would keep a record of the anomalies which Germoe Parish Council has identified as alerts on the GIS system.

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Clarke would undertake further research on behalf of Germoe Parish Council before the matter is taken further.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/08861 Mr and Mrs R.Dale – Erection of domestic extension – Tolvan, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "Germoe Parish Council has no comment."

PA12/08907 Mr Andrew Ross – Change of use of two single storey holiday cottages to a dwelling with full disabled access arrangements – Chycarne Farm, Balwest. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "As the applicant is the son of a sitting Councillor, Germoe Parish Council feels it inappropriate to comment on this application."

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Correspondence

Cornwall Council PA12/09069 Sir G.Mackenzie – felling of 2 Monterey pines – land adjacent to Hillside, Tresoweshill – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The following account was presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 202.50	
travelling	£ 8.60	
telephone	£ 12.24	
office expenses	£ 24.96	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 268.30

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence**

Western Power Distribution invitation to stakeholder workshop with luncheon – *noted*

West Cornwall Footpaths Preservation Society concerning PROW 14 – *noted*

Cllr Royds copy of letter to Germoe School – *noted*

Germoe School response to Cllr Royds letter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Panel. Those present had received a progress report on the Core Strategy document, the Local Plan and the draft Helston Framework Plan. It appears that the required number of new homes in Cornwall (as proposed by the Core Strategy document) has been revised downwards and further that there may be a financially favourable opportunity to create a Neighbourhood Plan which might cover the Five Parishes of Breage, Crowan, Germoe, Sithney and Wendron: this initiative will be re-visited following the elections in May 2013.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Talking of the arrangements for the Armistice Day ceremony on Tregonning Hill, the Chairman said that, as this year Armistice Day falls on Remembrance Sunday, the responsibility for both the service and ceremony will rest with Balwest Methodist Church. However, whatever the weather, Germoe Parish Council's wreath will be laid on the War Memorial on November 11. It was noted that on November 11 Cllr Mrs Clarke will read the lesson and the Chairman will read the names of the fallen.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Projects for the future including the replacement of the notice-board at Balwest.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday December 6, 2011 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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