



## The Adit

Members noted that the wall of the adit collapsed just before Christmas. The area is clearly dangerous and will need repair. It was further noted that

- Cornwall Highways had been most helpful in blocking the entrance from the road within hours of the collapse being reported
- some years ago an extensive search for the owner of the adit had proved fruitless
- as a result, the Parish Council had decided to maintain the area at public expense
- however, the fabric itself is not covered under Germoe Parish Council's insurance
- in 2010 the owners of The Old Pottery had been asked to trim the hedge: no reply had been received.

Further enquiries following the collapse of the wall have revealed that the adit

- is mentioned in a document written by D.W.M.Chidell and entitled *Report on chutes, springs, wells and other public untreated water supplies in Kerrier District previously or still administered by Kerrier District Council* and published in May/June 2004
- and clearly, historically, formed part of the District Council's public health remit/duties
- which equally clearly, suggests that it was considered to belong to Kerrier District Council (since the Authority did not have the power to maintain property belonging to somebody else)
- is a Grade II Listed Building (List Entry Number 1142163).

Concerns were expressed that

- inaction would lead to the loss of this important and unusual historic structure sited within the World Heritage Site and a Conservation Area
- further falls are inevitable and will eventually block the well which will result in water flooding across the road.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council about what is clearly the Authority's property explaining Germoe Parish Council's interest and to seek urgent repairs.

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA12/11299 Mrs Dianne Whitehead – Construction of extension to entrance porch with disabled ramp and entrance leading to porch and various internal works – Germoe Church Hall. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Ross seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked “Germoe Parish Council welcomes the proposed internal alterations and strongly supports them. However, the Parish Council has strong objections to the bulk and design of the proposed external alterations and additions to this important historic building set within the Conservation Area and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.”

### Decisions

PA12/08452 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps (Discharge of condition 6 of W2/PA03/01301/F (Erection of a replacement dwelling)) – Kia Mena, Germoe Lane – *noted*

PA12/09069 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) (Felling of a Monterey Cypress tree) – Land adj to Hillside, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA12/09536 REFUSED (Proposed new two-storey dwelling) – Boscrege Villa, Boscrege – *noted*

## 11 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
H.M.Revenue and Customs	£ 151.80	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 202.50	
travelling	£ 8.60	
telephone	£ 11.92	
office expenses	£ 19.15	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 262.17

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

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Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with on-going costs. Following discussion, Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the sum of £75 be forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence**

**Twentyfourseven** South West Ambulance Service newsletter – *noted*

**CC A394 Penzance to Penryn Speed limit consultation** acknowledgement of response – *noted*

**13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

Cllr Taylor voiced his concerns about the deterioration of the road network within the Parish. In particular he drew members’ attention to the stretch of road between Tresowes Green and Greenbank where the surface is disintegrating and the edges have been eroded. It was agreed to alert Cornwall Highways to these concerns and to draw the Highways’ Authority’s attention to those minor roads (especially those roads between Tregonning Hill and the A394) along which there are few adequate passing places but where to draw off the road onto the verge risks vehicle damage.

**14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

Other than to wish everyone present a very happy New Year, the Chairman stated that he had no further comments.

**15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No matters for inclusion on the agenda of a future meeting were tabled.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday February 7, 2013 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman’s initials.....*