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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 4, 2013 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Wearne and PCSO Wickford 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 Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday March 7, 2013 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 the agenda

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from those members of the public who were present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- in view of the imminent election, there are currently restrictions on what he can both say and do as a Cornwall Councillor
- the recently-agreed governance procedures are being put in place, ready for the new Council
- he has been involved in the rationalisation of the County Farms Estate, which aims to ensure the future of agriculture within Cornwall
- he recently chaired a very interesting meeting of Councils from all over the South West of England at which changes to the National Health Service (amongst other matters) were discussed
- locally, he has been in touch with the owners of the old Cornwall Motel who have initiated pre-application discussions about the design of the proposed development (he reminded members that the site benefits from an extant planning permission)
- he has written to Andrew George MP concerning the Growth and Infrastructure Bill with worries about the proposed extended permitted development rights contained within it. An amendment, tabled by the House of Lords, to keep decisions on these matters in the hands of local people requires MPs' support if it is to succeed
- Breage Parish Council is minded to hold a joint emergency planning meeting with Germoe
- potholes on the parish's roads continue to be a cause of concern.

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7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that in March a single crime (committed in Ashton) had been reported to the police.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Clerk's terms and conditions of employment

Having considered a draft document (previously circulated to members) detailing proposals for the revision of the Clerk's terms and conditions of employment, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Ross seconded all in favour that the original document (which dates from September 2002) should be replaced with a revised and updated terms and conditions of employment document which reflects the changes both in employment law and in the Council's requirements over the last ten years. The Chairman and the Clerk signed this document (a copy of which is attached to these minutes) in the presence of the Council.

9 PARISH MATTERS

The Adit

Further to the collapse of the side wall of the adit just before Christmas, the Clerk reported that he has yet to receive a reply to the letter he wrote to Andrew Richards at Cornwall Council. He further reported that a reply from Heritage Lottery concerning the possibility of obtaining a grant through the newly-announced *Shared Heritage* programme had been encouraging, but that nevertheless ownership remains a potential stumbling block. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should continue to seek a response to the Council's letter from Andrew Richards, that he should investigate the possibility of submitting an outline application for the repair of the structure and that a press reporter should be encouraged to write an article about the damage in the hope that the owner will come forward. The Chairman reported that the Mr Polglaze named as the individual to whom the Duke of Leeds sold the freehold was the grandfather of a gentleman presently living in Liverpool to whom Mr Stephen Polglaze (a distant relative) has agreed to speak.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/01931 Mr J Hosking – Erection of a single-storey front extension – Nancarrow, 11 Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked "Germoe Parish Council makes no comment."

Decisions

PA12/01565 Granted (CAADs and LUs only) (Certificate of Lawful Development for the construction of dwelling following granting of permission in September 1962 (W/KR/62/14859) and Reserved Matters (W/KR/65/14859/SA.1)) – West Point, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA13/00456 APPROVED (Installation of French doors, balcony and rooflights) – Bos Verbas, Helston Road – *noted*

PA13/00855 APPROVED – Demolition and replacement of existing amenity/storage block – Bos Verbas, Helston Road – *noted*

Correspondence

Mrs H.Foster copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning the construction of a replacement dwelling at Bargess Croft – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 4, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. Cllr Ross proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2012. Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should answer "Not Applicable" to questions 7 and 9 and "Yes" to each of the other questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2013.

Members considered a request from Victim Support for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HMRC	£ 152.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 202.50	
travelling	£ 57.00	
telephone	£ 13.98	
office expenses	£ 29.10	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	
	£ 322.58	

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Breage Parish Council invitation to a Service of Remembrance at Praa Sands on Sunday June 2 at 2.30pm during which a memorial to the crew of Sunderland Flying Boat EJ134-N/461 will be dedicated – *it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser will represent Germoe Parish Council at this service*

Western Power Distribution invitation to Stakeholder Workshops (future investment plans) in Nottingham, Birmingham, Bristol, Cheltenham, Exeter and Cardiff – *noted*

PCDT Signpost newsletter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Ross reported that, for personal reasons, he will not be standing for re-election and added that it had been a great pleasure to work for the Council. The Chairman and the rest of the Council warmly supported Cllr Taylor's expression of gratitude for all that Cllr Ross has done for the Parish in the last twelve years.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked CCllr Keeling for all the work that he has done for the Parish in the past five years.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that he had no further comments.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Repairs to the triangle at Balwest.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 9, 2013 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 9, 2013 following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Signed.....

Dated.....

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