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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr R.Royds
Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr A.Thomas
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke

Visitor: CCllr Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

In the absence of the Parish clerk, minutes were taken by Cllr Blencowe

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C.Chapman (Clerk), 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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 6, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Royds reported that the informal Balwest Triangle Preservation Society had constructed drainage channels and carried out repairs to the surface of the track and the grass triangle. It is anticipated that this work will reduce flooding of the Triangle and improve the parking surface. It was also reported that members of the BTPS have spent £130 on materials to undertake this work.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- information regarding collaborative working by public services, the private sector and members of the public to create a safer Cornwall can be found at www.safercornwall.co.uk
- in future, proposals for wind turbine developments of significant size will be required to undergo a process of local public consultation before planning consideration is given by Cornwall Council.
- he is to receive training on the subject of how Cornwall Councillors are to use their Community Chest Fund.
- the chevrons near Boscreage have been replaced
- the new owner of the Cornwall Motel has rescheduled a meeting with Breage PC to explain his plans for the site. Germoe PC is invited to attend and the meeting is arranged for 7.00pm on Monday 22nd July.
- he can be contacted by phone on 01736 763272 or by e-mail at jkeeling@cornwall.gov.uk Additionally, he will hold a surgery from 11.00am to 1.00pm on the third Saturday of each month at the Parish Rooms in Breage.

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7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Chairman, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the police in June, However, he warned residents that locally there has been an increase in thefts from unattended vehicles and that care should be taken to place valuable objects left in parked vehicles out of sight.

8 PARISH MATTERS

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A specification for the work has been drawn up. It includes an element of design that will be required as the work progresses and it is therefore necessary to invite tenders from contractors who have skills and experience appropriate in these circumstances. The contractor will need insurances detailed within the JCT Minor Works and it is likely that both an Engineer and Project Manager will be needed to oversee the work.

Moors Lane

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that the tarmac surface of Moors Lane at its junction with Tresowes Hill Road is severely damaged with deep potholes at the edges: moreover the drainage ditches are overgrown. The adjacent land owners, who use the lane for vehicular access, are responsible for maintaining these features. Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Geake will speak to adjacent land owners to establish what can be done and will report back to the next meeting.

Dangerous Pothole at the East entrance to Whippers Lane

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that a deep pothole on the edge of the carriageway at the junction of Whippers Lane and Tresowes Hill Road opposite Higher Row, Ashton has not been repaired and represents a danger when passing oncoming vehicles. CCllr Keeling undertook to bring this to the attention of Cormac with a request for urgent repair.

OS Field 7075 Balwest PA12/10416

No update has been received from the Planning Department regarding the refusal of planning permission for the retention of the building erected on this site. A further building has now been erected. The Clerk will be asked to write to the Planning Department advising of this additional building and requesting an update on the removal of the original building.

9 PLANNING

Correspondence

CC concerning a request for a TPO at Hillside, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HMRC	£ 159.80	
CC (Election expenses)	£ 130.62	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 213.40	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 16.64	
office expenses	£ 25.90	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 285.94

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 Code of Conduct training (Wednesday October 2 in The Guildhall, Helston) – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted* tion to attend the AGM on Thursday July 18 – *noted*

Nationwide notification that Cllr Mrs Doeser is now a signatory – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Overgrown Hedges and Verges

Cllr Thomas reported that he regularly felt in danger when walking his dog on the roads around Balwest, and that he fears a serious accident will occur if the hedges are left uncut and the speed of traffic unmodified. After lengthy discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Royds seconded and all others voted in favour of a motion that Germoe Parish Council will write to the Cornwall Council portfolio holder for Transport complaining that many roads in the

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Parish are dangerous, particularly for pedestrians, because field hedges adjacent to the unclassified roads are uncut, As a consequence, the narrow highways are severely obstructed leaving nowhere for pedestrians to seek refuge from speeding traffic, sight lines at sharp corners are obscured, visibility lines at junctions are obscured and road signs are hidden. Accordingly, Germoe Parish Council requests that Cornwall Council takes urgent action to have dangerous overgrowth cut back.

Cllr Keeling undertook to visit the landowners of fields adjacent to the lane between Balwest and Germoe in order to remind them of their responsibility to cut hedges that overhang and obstruct the highway.

Footpath 26

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported the conflict between the Parish Council regime of economically keeping footpaths clear of overgrowth by routine trimming, and the need to protect wild flowers from damage. The Clerk will establish what additional cost (if any) would be incurred if Footpath 26 were cut on a “demand” basis rather than the routine basis at the times of year when wild flowers are vulnerable to damage. The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs Clarke if she would ascertain whether the landowner concerned would be favourable to meeting any additional costs arising from this.

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that he had no further comments.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Ashton Play Area (Cllr Mrs Clarke) – to consider a proposal to provide financial assistance for necessary improvement work.

Community First Responders’ Service (Cllr Blencowe) – to consider a proposal to provide support for Community First Responder Service and to consider the provision of financial support.

Balwest Triangle (Cllr Royds) – to consider a proposal to make a contribution toward the costs of work undertaken to improve the Balwest Triangle parking and seating area.

Airmen’s Memorial at Tregonning Hill (Cllr Blencowe) – to consider proposals for a memorial plaque to be positioned at a safer location, and to consider maintenance of access path.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 5, 2013 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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