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Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday August 8, 2013 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr R.Royds
Cllr Mrs K.Dooser Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr A.Thomas
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling and Mr Ash.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the 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 Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 11, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that to cut PROW 26 on demand, Bob Sanders (Germoe Parish Council's PROW contractor) has quoted £50 a visit using a mulching machine and £75 a visit using a strimmer (the PROW is a Gold Path and, under the terms of the Local Maintenance Partnership, Germoe Parish Council has undertaken to cut it twice during the course of the year).

The question concerning the legality of cutting wild flowers on PROWs which cross Tregonning Hill (which is a Conservation Area) is not an easy one to answer. Species protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act are protected against cutting and, further, if the land over which a path runs is designated as a 'Special Area of Conservation' then a licence or consent must be sought from Natural England before work is started. However, the only 'Special Area of Conservation' on Tregonning Hill is more or less centred on the War Memorial (well away from PROW 26). Nevertheless, common sense dictates that care should be taken to avoid all orchids and the like.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking of Planning Application PA13/ 06529 Mr Ash stated that

- this application represents an overdevelopment of the site which lies within the Cornwall Mining World Heritage Site
- the original building occupied a floor space of 194 square metres: if permission for the 'games room' is granted, the floor space of the massed buildings will aggregate some 930 square metres
- the proposal seeks to erect the 'games room' on part of the original dwelling's floor plan: this was required to be removed as a condition of decision notice PA12/06543

6 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/06529 Mr M.Berryman – Construction of a single-storey games room – Bargess Croft, Lower Balwest. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return

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this application marked *Germoe Parish Council notes that the proposal is for an additional structure on this site and is therefore contrary to the Authority's reasons for the imposition of Condition 3 of decision notice PA12/06543. If permission for development is granted, the resultant massing of the buildings will be inconsistent with and represent a visual intrusion into the character of the rural landscape particularly when viewed from the Conservation Area of Tregonning Hill. Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/04866 Mr and Mrs Brian Richardson – Proposed garden room – St Mary's, Helston Road. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

7 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- he has attended a number of meetings during the course of the month
- with reference to the recently amended secondary legislation concerning the development of wind turbines, he has sought assurance that, before inclusion in the emerging Cornwall Local Plan, changes in wording will be subject to consultation
- he also sought assurance that guidance will be given concerning community benefit (which will follow approved applications for larger renewable energy projects)
- the upgrading of the A30 between Temple and Carblake has, after twenty-five years, moved closer to realisation
- he has delivered a number of booklets detailing landowners' responsibilities with regard to their roadside hedges. Additionally, he has arranged for some work to be done by Cornwall Highways particularly where visibility (and therefore safety) is a problem
- the repair of rural roads and lanes was the subject of discussion at a full council meeting during the course of which the portfolio holder agreed to make every effort to create a dedicated funding source
- he has spoken to Mr Benzing concerning the shed in field OS 7075 and suggested that he might attend the parish council meeting when the application is discussed.

8 FINANCE

Members noted the award of an increase of 1% in the National Salary Awards (Parish Council Clerks) backdated to April 1, 2013.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman			
salary (July)	£ 217.76		
telephone	£ 18.58		
office expenses	£ 24.23		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 280.57	
Mr R.Sanders (footpaths and open spaces)		£ 976.24	

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

9 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted residents' suspicions that buildings in OS Field 7075 at Balwest are being used for the purposes of child-minding/education without the benefit of statutory checks and balances. The Clerk was asked to report this to the appropriate authority and, further, CCllr Keeling agreed to speak to Cornwall's Safeguarding Triage team.

10 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 September 5, 2013 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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