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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 3, 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 Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling, Mr Benzing, Mr and Mrs Coulthard, Mrs Crookes, Mrs Glover, Mrs Seargeant, Mr B.Stevens and Mrs J.Stevens.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Whitford sent his apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in any 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 5, 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 in the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In respect of the proposed garage at Kia Mena PA13/08023, members noted that

- it is nearly equal in size to a nearby dwelling
- with a ridge height of 4.3metres, it very high
- vehicle access to and from and manoeuvring in the lane is problematic
- glazing in the gable ends has the potential to create issues relating to neighbours' privacy
- rain-water run-off may create problems for neighbouring properties
- the use of rendered block and slate roofing is out of keeping with building design in the immediate built environment.

In respect of the construction of a holiday let at Boscreage PA13/8208, members noted that, in particular

- this application is the latest in a series of five
- in the last few years, a holiday complex has been created out of what used to be a small cottage
- the business case for the dwelling is suspect (the two recent conversions are not fully occupied)
- the application is for a new dwelling in the open countryside ...
- and represents sporadic and unsustainable development
- it will result in an increase of traffic in the lane raising fears for the safety of pedestrians
- it represents an overdevelopment and exploitation of the site ...
- and will have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties
- the applicants have increased the size of the plot and decreased the size of the house

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- there will be adequate parking on site
- holiday-makers have been turned away due to lack of on-site accommodation.

Following his presentation to the Council last month, Mr Benzing stated that he has since applied for planning permission both for the existing hut (for use as an educational centre) and for temporary family accommodation on site. He intends to present his case to the Parish Council at the meeting next month.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that during the course of the last month

- he had attended the Devon and Cornwall Housing's annual review meeting at Heartlands. The Trust helps individuals, families and communities across Cornwall and Devon and manages over 9,000 homes in Cornwall alone
- motions concerning satellite navigation aids and the problems they create when large vehicles attempt to use our rural lanes and the reinstatement of Councillors' Highways' Budget were debated at a full council meeting. Both matters were deferred for consideration by the appropriate committee and will be decided at a later date
- the selection process for a new Chief Executive Officer for Cornwall Council continues
- he had attended the recent *Your Cornwall, Your Council, Your Budget* public meeting in Helston Town Hall, but was unsure how useful the evening had been: only about 20 people were present
- he represents the Local Authority on Germoe School's governing body and recently was elected chairman.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Chairman noted that the Clerk had circulated Members with his proposals for updating Standing Orders. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to defer this matter to the meeting in November.

8 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that a single crime, that of criminal damage to farming equipment, was reported to the police during September. He asked residents to be mindful of road conditions during the course of the autumn and winter and to check the roadworthiness of their vehicles.

9 PARISH MATTERS

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Cllr Thomas reported that he had contacted Mr McLean with a request that he considers quoting now and undertaking the repair once his time permits and that Mr McLean had immediately agreed. It is Cllr Thomas' understanding that Mr McLean will contact the Clerk in the near future.

Airmen's Memorial on Tregonning Hill

The Chairman reported that, following the request to Breage Parish Council for consideration to be given to a joint initiative to make the memorial more accessible and to erect an interpretation stone at the entrance to the footpath which leads to the memorial, Cllr Mrs Darby had e-mailed him with a view to taking the matter forward.

Moors Lane

Cllr Mrs Clarke reported that she had spoken both to Mr Atkins and to Mr Buckett and they had agreed that between them they will cut the hedges and clear the ditches along Moors Lane. Mr Buckett has kindly given the Parish Council a copy of the licence between English Clays and their successors in title and Cornwall County Council and their successors in title which grants the Highway Authority the right to lay and maintain drainage pipes to remove surface water from the highway into the pond at Wheal Gray.

Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she, together with representatives from Breage and Sithney Parish Councils, had met with Mr Arthur Roberts from Cornwall Council with a view to preparing a Community Emergency Plan. It is not intended that local people should do anything other than to be the first to respond to an emergency (and therefore be in a position to reduce its impact). Such a scheme involves such basic steps as identifying (and being able to contact) volunteers with skills, local knowledge and (possibly) 4 x 4 vehicles, and safe places of shelter. A further, more general workshop to discuss these matters will be held in Penzance on Wednesday October 23.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/07598 Mr Richard Herrick – Works to Sycamore tree – Little Brook, Germoe. Cllr Geake proposed, and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no comment*.

PA13/08023 Mr David Grimes – Construction of double garage – Kia Mina, Germoe Lane. Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked

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Germoe Parish Council has concerns both about the height of the proposed garage and about the proposed windows (which have the potential to create issues relating to the privacy of neighbouring properties). The Council requests the Planning Authority and the applicant to work together in an attempt to resolve these issues.

PA13/08208 Mr and Mrs M Glover – Proposed new 2no. storey holiday let in garden to the North of the main dwelling house and established holiday lets – Boscreage Villa, Ashton. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council recognises that the applicants have met some of the concerns expressed about their earlier application, but remains of the opinion that this present application represents an overdevelopment of the site in this isolated location which lies within the World Heritage Site. The Council has concerns about vehicular access along the lane and about privacy and over-looking issues for neighbouring properties. Accordingly, Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Correspondence

Mrs Crookes concerning planning application PA13/08203 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Lawry concerning planning application PA13/08203 – *noted*

Mr B. and Mrs J. Stevens concerning planning application PA13/08208 – *noted*

Mrs Pugh concerning planning application PA13/08208 – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Jeff Meadows (web hosting)	£ 75.00	
HMRC	£ 161.60	
salary (September)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 17.32	
office expenses	£ 20.33	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
total	£ 282.04	

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – *noted*

CC Coping with Community Emergencies workshops – *noted*

Mr Royds acknowledgement of and thanks for contribution towards the repair of lane and consequently the triangle at Balwest – *noted*

Superfast Cornwall notification that grants are available for business funding – *noted*

CC offer from Maxine Hardy (Community Network Manager) to speak to the Council about asset transfer specifically in relation to cutting roadside verges – *the Clerk to reply*

Andrew George MP schedule of future casework surgeries – *noted*

Cornwall Council Community Emergency Plan Meetings and Community Flood Forum Conference – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted both that the Tresowes Hill road forms part of the National Cycle Trail and concerns about the annual bike race (which uses it) and the question of whether or not organisers had proper authority to block it off.

Members noted that the books which are kept for exchange in St Germoe Church porch are all missing.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comments at this stage of the meeting.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The Community Emergency Plan

Repair or replacement of the notice-board at Tresowes Green

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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