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

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr A.Thomas
Cllr D.Blencowe
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling Mrs Hardy (Community Network Manager), Mrs Stevens and Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

Before the meeting Mrs Maxine Hardy gave a presentation on the make-up and rôle of the Community Network with particular reference to the devolution of duties and assets to Town and Parish Councils.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Doeser, Cllr Royds, Cllr Taylor and PCSO Whitford sent their 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 Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 3, 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 planning application (PA13/08465) for the conversion and extension of store to form accommodation at Boscreage, members noted that,

- one of the exterior walls of the barn in question is on the boundary line
- a condition tying use of the converted barn to Ninavah might be requested.

Members further noted that a step from a stile on PROW 19 has fallen out of the hedge and needs replacement.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss the following agenda item immediately

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/08465 Mr and Mrs R.McIntosh – Conversion and extension of store to form accommodation – Ninavah, Boscrege. Cllr Geake proposed, and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Because of the questions surrounding the right of vehicular access to a residential dwelling, Germoe Parish Council has strong reservations about this application. The Parish Council suggests that before the application is taken further these questions need to be resolved.*

Assuming a satisfactory solution to these questions can be determined, with the proviso that use of the conversion is ancillary to the use of Ninavah, Germoe Parish Council raises no objections.

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Decisions

PA13/06529 APPROVED (Construction of single storey games room) – Bargess Croft, Lower Balwest – *noted*

PA13/07314 APPROVED (Construction of extension and alterations to dwelling) – Tresowas Tresowes – *noted*

PA13/07598 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) (Works to Sycamore tree) – Little Brook Germoe – *noted*

PA13/08023 APPROVED (Construction of double garage) – Kia Mena, Germoe Lane – *noted*

PA13/08208 REFUSED – Proposed new 2no. storey holiday let in garden to the North of the main dwelling house and established holiday let – Boscrege Villa, Boscrege – *noted*

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that during the course of the last month

- he had attended a session to ensure Cornwall Councillors are prepared for an emergency event. (Since the elections in May 2013 Cornwall Council has been called upon to respond to five community emergencies)
- the local needs affordable housing event organised by Devon and Cornwall Housing and held in Breage Village Hall on October 24 was well attended and afforded an opportunity for local people to discuss their housing needs
- in the course of the month, a new Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Kerr, currently Operations Officer at Cardiff Council, was appointed from three very able candidates
- he has asked CCllr Bert Biscoe (CC Portfolio Holder Transport and Waste) if the Lengthman's Scheme might be considered as a potential partnership deal with parish and town councils
- more than eighty representatives attended the annual Town and Parish Council Summit held at Kingsley Village in September. A wide range of topics was aired including ways in which Town and Parish Councils can work together to benefit local communities in these times of austerity
- deliberations on the 2014/15 budget continue. The administration is considering a 1.97% increase in council tax
- in Germoe, he met with Councillor Mrs Clarke to discuss matters concerning Moor's Lane and as a result will relay additional information to the Highway Steward.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the police during October. (*Members questioned this statement noting that two generators had been stolen from a field in Balwest within the past fortnight – and a scenes of crime officer had attended.*) Halloween had passed without incident.

Officers have been conducting speed enforcement measures using the ANPR vehicle (automated number plate recognition). Positive action has been taken on various traffic offences. Similar enforcement measures will continue throughout November.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered a proposal to update Standing Orders (of which a copy had been circulated earlier). Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour to adopt the proposed revised version of Standing Orders. A copy of the revised Standing Orders is attached to these minutes.

Christmas Celebrations 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Geake, seconded by Cllr Blencowe and agreed that the informal advisory group set up to oversee the Christmas Lights Switch-On Ceremony and Celebrations on Germoe Green on Thursday December 12, 2013 should act as an advisory committee of Germoe Parish Council and that therefore Germoe Parish Council will be responsible for the proper running of that event. The Clerk was asked to ask Cllr Mrs Doeser if she would liaise with the group on behalf of the Parish Council.

9 PARISH MATTERS

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Cllr Thomas reported that he had again contacted Mr McLean with a request that he contacts the Clerk in the near future. The Clerk needs a quotation before he can apply for funding.

Airmen's Memorial on Tregonning Hill

The Chairman reported that he had met Cllr Mrs Darby from Breage Parish Council on Tregonning Hill and that together they had cut through the scrub to reach the memorial. Although she had appeared supportive of the proposal to keep the path open, as yet no formal response had been received from Breage Parish Council.

A Community Emergency Plan

Through the Clerk, Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that Cllr Geake, Cllr Taylor and she had attended a workshop organised by three agencies namely Cornwall Council, The Environment Agency and the Cornwall Community

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Forum. She felt that, for Germoe, the key areas are:

- to consider what emergencies the community may face and identify the risks
- to identify individual members of the community – both those who are able and willing to help and those who are particularly vulnerable
- to identify places of Safety and Rest and those who will run them
- to support volunteers with insurance, training and equipment if needed.

She emphasised that the Council is not expected to deal with the emergencies, simply to provide local knowledge and assistance to the Emergency Services.

In order to involve the community more fully, she proposed that an open workshop (to which representatives from the school, churches, WI and any other Germoe based group and individuals who may be interested should be invited) should be held on Thursday 9th January 2014, 6.30pm – 8.00pm at Balwest Schoolroom. This was agreed.

Lengthsmen

Members considered an informal proposal from Cllr Keeling on the reintroduction of the Lengthsman Scheme. Following discussion, it was agreed to reply strongly supporting the scheme and suggesting that, if implemented, it should be run along the lines of the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme.

The noticeboard at Tresowes

The Clerk reported that it is Cllr Mrs Doeser's opinion that the notice-board at Tresowes can be repaired. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Mr Bob Sanders should be asked to undertake the repair of this noticeboard.

11 FINANCE

Members noted that a wreath for the Armistice Day Service on Tregonning Hill has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013).

Following discussion of a request from the advisory committee for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour, that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £100 should be made available for underwriting activities in Germoe over Christmas 2013.

The following account was presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | VAT |
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| Colin Chapman | | |
| salary (October) | £ 214.39 | |
| travelling | £ 10.00 | |
| telephone | £ 17.32 | |
| office expenses | £ 30.58 | |
| use of home as office | £ 20.00 | |
| | total | £ 292.29 |

Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the above account should be paid.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no members' questions..

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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