

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 5, 2013 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded, Cllr Mrs Doesser, Cllr Royds and Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday November 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 in the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that during the course of the last month

- the main thrust of the Unitary Authority's work has been the setting of the budget. In much the same way as family budgets are under pressure, so the council's finances are being squeezed by Central Government. The Council Tax for the financial year 2014/15 will be increased by 1.97% which represents an increase on a Band D property of 47p per week
- the Unitary Authority will pass on the Council Tax Support Grant to Town and Parish Councils (which is based on the existing level of £1.754 million) and will continue to do so in future financial years
- he was disappointed that the members' Highways Budget has not been reinstated and had spoken out against this decision. It is his opinion that the loss of this money undermines the representative role of Ward Members which allowed people to make choices about highway matters at a very local level
- a new 'Roadmaster' road patching machine is currently being evaluated by CORMAC. It is a very impressive piece of kit which gives excellent results both quickly and efficiently
- he continues to pursue the possibility of a "Lengthsman Scheme" being piloted in the division and has again spoken about the matter to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Waste, CCllr Bert Biscoe, who shares his enthusiasm for the scheme. Similarly, the Community Network Manager, Maxine Hardy, is very keen to get involved

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- he was pleased to be able to attend an act of remembrance in each of the parishes this year, though the service on Armistice Day at the war memorial on Tregonning Hill was accompanied by very strong southwest winds, fog and rain – and was quite bracing!!
- he has asked the Highway Steward to speak to Countryside Access to see if they can come up with a budget to clear the obstructions along Moors Lane though he added that it may be the land-owner's responsibility to keep the hedgerows cut and so prevent the ditches from becoming clogged and overgrown
- as Chairman of Governors for Germoe School, he has attended network meetings and training sessions
- there will be a special Christmas event on the 10th December at the school between 2.00pm and 6.00pm

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the police during November and further that during the course of the year to date only three crimes have been reported of which two have been detected and resolved.

He reminded Members and residents that the annual Christmas Drink Drive Campaign is currently underway. He also urged residents not to leave valuables and particularly Christmas presents on display in their vehicles.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2014/2015

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2014 – 2015 will be as follows

January 2, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 6, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
March 6, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
April 3, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 1, 2014	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 1, 2014	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 5, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 3, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 4, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 2, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 6, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
December 4, 2014	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
January 8, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 5, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

9 PARISH MATTERS

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The Clerk reported that he had again contacted Mr McLean with a request for a quotation in order to apply for funding. He added that to date he had heard nothing.

Airmen's Memorial on Tregonning Hill

The Clerk reported that there had, as yet, been no formal response from Breage Parish Council.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/08465 Mr and Mrs R.McIntosh – Conversion and extension of store to form accommodation (Amended Plans) – Ninavah, Boscrege. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no comment on the amended plans. However, if the Planning Authority is minded to grant planning permission Germoe Parish Council requests that a condition be imposed on the conversion restricting occupancy as ancillary to and in conjunction with the use of Ninavah.*

PA13/09922 Mr and Mrs D.Waters – Proposed agricultural polytunnel – Field 3578 rear of Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no comment.*

PA13/10250 Thomas Homes (Cornwall) Ltd – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new dwelling with integral garage – Tresaska, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no comment.*

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Correspondence

CC notification that an appeal has been made to the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of the decision to refuse planning permission for a proposed 2 storey holiday let in garden to the north of the main dwelling house and established holiday lets at Boscrege Villa – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Royds all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2014/2015 should be set at £8,000.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery at Balwest. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour, that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £300 should be made sent to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church for use in the maintenance of the cemetery.

The Clerk reported that owing to both his and the Chapel's oversight, the Parish Council has paid nothing for the hire of the Schoolroom since May 2008. The Council has held fifty-five meetings in the Schoolroom since that date and at a cost of £15 per meeting consequently owes the Chapel Trustees the sum of £825.00 Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that this long-outstanding account should be settled

The following account was presented for consideration:

		GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman			
salary (November)	£ 214.39		
travelling	£ 10.00		
telephone	£ 15.00		
office expenses	£ 30.20		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 289.59	

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Balwest Methodist Church re hire of Schoolroom – *noted*

NHS consultation on the future use of Poltair Community Hospital – *noted*

Cornwall Council Planning Consultations on the construction of solar arrays and wind turbines within the wider area designated as CA06 Mount's Bay East – *the Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of Germoe Parish Council with a request for the policy to be strengthened in particular with regard to the views towards Tregonning and Godolphin Hills from the surrounding area*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Taylor reported that there are now seven buildings (including one which is in residential use) and a hard-standing for parking on the agricultural field OS 7075 at Balwest. The Clerk was once again asked to report the matter to the Planning Enforcement team.

It was further reported that a caravan parked in the lay-by at Tresowes is still being used for residential purposes. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Planning Enforcement team.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write a press release for publishing in the Cornishman and the West Briton reporting both the decision to make no increase in the Parish Council's precept and to announce the Emergency Planning meeting on Thursday January 9, 2014.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday January 2, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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