

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 3, 2014 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.Dooser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** PCSO Whitford and Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling 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 relating to membership of the Council of a value greater than £25.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Mrs Dooser being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday March 6, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members agreed that, although the pothole at Greenbank had been promptly repaired, the repair was of such poor quality and represented such a waste of public money and resources that the Council should make a formal complaint about the repair to Cornwall Highways.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- he continues to press both for a resolution of the issue of excessive rain-water run-off from agricultural fields
- and for a reduction in the disparity between rural and urban funding
- as Chair of the Governors of Germoe School, he had attended the Cornwall Governors Network Meeting at Brannel School, St Stephen. This had offered an opportunity for sharing experiences and included excellent presentations on raising aspiration and achievement amongst our future citizens.

## 7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crime had been reported to the police during the course of March. A *Problem Solving Plan* is in place in the hope of resolving an ongoing anti-social behavioural problem in and around Millpool.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

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There was nothing further to report.

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## 9 PLANNING

### Decisions

PA13/00996 APPROVED – Conversion and extension of store to form annexe accommodation and change of use of land to domestic curtilage – Ninavah, Boscrege – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

### Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation subscribe to membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2015 in the sum of £177.88 + VAT. Following discussion, it was again agreed, partly on the grounds of cost, not to subscribe to this Association.

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 3, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The papers necessary to make an informed decision not being to hand, it was agreed to defer both receipt of the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 and the approval of the Statement of Assurance (required for the Annual Return) to the Annual Meeting in May.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 105.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 26.50	
telephone	£ 15.81	
office expenses	£ 27.74	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	
	£ 304.44	

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

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council** Cornwall Local Plan consultation (proposed submission document) – *noted*

**Mr and Mrs Bax** copy of a letter to Cornwall Council concerning the proposals for the delivery of library services within the rural community) – *noted*

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted concerns about the inappropriate and dangerous use of speed by motorists within the parish and particularly along the Tresowes Hill road. The Clerk was asked to write to the packing stations at Rinsey and at Ashton to seek management's support in slowing agricultural vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to enquire about the progress of Planning Enforcement action on OS field 7075 at Balwest

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to the Kendal Courtesy Toilet Scheme which provides members of the public with clean and accessible toilet facilities in convenient locations across the town. He suggested and it was agreed that the Clerk should forward a copy of this leaflet to Cornwall Council with a request that a similar scheme should be adopted throughout Cornwall.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters were tabled for inclusion in the next meeting.

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 1, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 1, 2014 following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman's initials.....*