

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday May 1, 2014 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Geake be elected to the Chair of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Geake read aloud and signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Royds.

4 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.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 3, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Members noted that the permanent repair of the pothole at Greenbank, Tresowes is in hand.

Concerns were raised about the unlawful occupation and use of the OS field 7075 at Balwest. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council's Planning Enforcement department with a view to moving the matter forward.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- he is pleased and delighted that the Government now recognises the Cornish as a national minority
- however, national minority status will not, initially, bring any additional funding or powers either to the Council or to Cornwall
- the issue of providing affordable housing in villages is not always greeted with enthusiasm and a final decision will shortly be made on a contentious rural exception site (16 home proposal) in St Erth
- the fairer funding for Cornwall campaign is gathering momentum and he expects the slogan 'Stand up for Cornwall' to become a familiar part of the Unitary Authority's vocabulary

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- Helston College and in particular the condition of C Block is still raising problems. There needs to be a programme of planned maintenance throughout the school to ensure habitability and safety
- he recently met with Andrew George, Cormac, Highways, Drainage and Sithney Parish Council to discuss the ongoing problem of field run off and the effects of this flooding on the community
- Germoe School Council met last week and elected the Chairman and other officers.

9 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

10 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Mrs Doeser be elected to be Vice-Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015.

11 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as last substantially revised in November 2013.

12 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as last substantially revised in April 2006.

13 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Bank signatories

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe, Cllr Mrs Doeser and Cllr Geake should continue to act as signatories for Germoe Parish Council's bank account.

Financial Scrutineer

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe should continue to scrutinise the accounts on a quarterly basis.

Notice-boards

It was agreed that the following Councillors should be responsible for the following notice-boards

Balwest	Cllr Blencowe
Great Work	Cllr Royds
Nevada House	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Germoe	Cllr Taylor
Newtown	Cllr Geake
Tresowes Green	Cllr Mrs Doeser

Footpaths and bridleways

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser and Cllr Royds should be responsible for footpaths and bridleways.

Planning

It was agreed that Cllr Geake should, in the first instance, continue to be responsible for planning observations.

Helston and the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser should continue to represent Germoe Parish Council at meetings of the Helston and the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel.

Press Liaison

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe should continue to act as the Press Liaison Officer.

Germoe School

It was agreed that Cllr Royds should continue to liaise with the school on behalf of the Parish Council.

14 PARISH MATTERS

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Members noted that Trustees of the Cory Environmental Trust met today and that the Clerk hopes to hear good news before too long.

15 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Appointment of the Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 2015

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded and it was agreed that Mr J.P.Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Senior Auditor) should continue to act as Germoe Parish Council's internal auditor.

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16 PLANNING

Applications

PA14/02619 Ms G.White – Removal of Section 106 Planning Obligation dated 3rd July 2013 in relation to PA08/00346/F – Hope Cottage, Germoe. Members noted that the Planning Authority has refused this application. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Authority supporting this decision.

PA14/02709 and PA14/03080 Mr Dominik Ellwanger – Replacement sun room and associated works together with Listed Building consent – Rose Cottage, Germoe Lane. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council has no objections in principle to improving the accommodation enjoyed by this dwelling. However, the Council strongly objects to the exterior design (which it believes to be unsympathetic to this Grade II Listed Building) of both the proposed conservatory and extension. In particular, it believes the use of timber boarding on both the conservatory and the extension is inappropriate as is the roof line of the conservatory. Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

17 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Cllr Mrs Eileen Clarke letter of resignation from the Council with effect from May 2, 2014 – *noted*

18 GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY

Members reviewed the terms of Germoe Parish Council's Insurance Policy which, with a policy excess of £250, insures the following

Mandatory cover

Public liability	£10,000,000
Hirers' Liability	£ 5,000,000
Employers Liability	£10,000,000
Money	
non-negotiable	£ 250,000
negotiable	£ 1,000
Fidelity guarantee	£ 150,000
Commercial legal protection	£ 100,000

Optional cover

Property damage (War Memorial)	£ 6,111.23
Property damage (Great Work, Germoe Churchtown and Nevada House notice boards)	£ 3,463.89
Officials' indemnity	£500,000.00
Libel and slander	£250,000.00

Also included in the cover at no extra charge on the premium are the following

Personal accident (16-80)	
capital benefit	£ 50,000
temporary total disablement (per week)	£ 200.00

Additionally, when on Parish Council business, all volunteers are covered under this insurance.

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour to insure Germoe Parish Council through Aviva and to pay the premium demanded of £268.67.

It was agreed that insurance covering the new notice-board at Balwest should be added to the schedule.

Members noted that Germoe Parish Council will self-insure all its assets other than the War Memorial and the notice-boards at Great Work, Germoe Churchtown and Nevada House during the year to May 31, 2015.

19 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at May 1, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014.

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Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2014. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should answer "Not Applicable" to questions 7 and 9 and "Yes" to each of the other questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2014.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Germoe Parish Council's Internal Auditor, has signed off the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2014 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

Members considered a request from St Germoe PCC for financial help towards the maintenance of the churchyard. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour, that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £300.00 should be forwarded to St Germoe PCC.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for financial help towards volunteer costs. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 345.00	
J.P.Richards (Internal Auditor)	£ 137.50	
Bear Joinery (Balwest notice-board)	£ 711.48	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (April)	£ 213.40	
telephone	£ 22.16	
office expenses	£ 53.44	
travelling	£ 33.00	
use of home	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 342.00

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all in favour that the above four accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

CC (Precept 1 st instalment)	£ 4,000.00
CC (CTS grant)	£ 287.72
HMRC (VAT refund)	£ 148.63

20 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that the traditional Maypole dancing will take place on Germoe Green at 2:00pm tomorrow and that Germoe Feast Day will be held at the school on Saturday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

21 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that he had received copies of an advertisement from a commercial company with a request to display them on the Parish notice-boards. In line with earlier decisions, members agreed that the parish notice-boards should not be used for advertising purposes by commercial companies.

The Chairman stated that how very sorry he was that Cllr Mrs Clarke had resigned from the Council. He thanked her warmly for all the work she has done for the Parish since 1999 and added that she will be greatly missed from the meetings.

22 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters were tabled for inclusion in future meetings.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 5, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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