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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 3, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: Mrs Anderson, Mr Dear and Mr Reddell.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July 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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 5, 2014 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 this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Dear said that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his application to increase living space for his growing family at The Old Vicarage. He added that his proposals would have a minimal impact on the area, would repair a defective retaining wall and would increase privacy for his neighbour. Mrs Armstrong and Mr Reddell (Mr Dear's immediate neighbour) said that they were present to support Mr Dear.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

The Clerk apologised for omitting to read CCllr Keeling's report at last month's meeting. This had included reports on

- an enquiry from the States of Jersey concerning Cornwall's recent change of governance
- the on-going reduction in Cornwall Council's property portfolio (to enable savings to be made)
- the lack of action concerning the repair/replacement of C block at Helston School
- the cost of production of Neighbourhood Plans
- a fairer funding policy for Cornwall (from Central Government)
- crime reduction in the Duchy
- a meeting with HomeChoice about the allocation of homes at St Breaca
- continuing problems relating to rain-water run-off at Prospidnick

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Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling reported that during June

- he has attended a number of meetings including a Standards Committee Meeting (at which a Parish Clerk had been appointed as a member of the Committee) and a select committee tasked to investigate the on-going provision of public toilets
- planning has continued to dominate his workload with the impact of the proposals for the Helston Railway on the residents of Prospidnick proving particularly contentious.

He recommends that the Parishes of Germoe, Breage and Sithney consider working together to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Paul Whitford reported that a single crime, that of criminal damage to a motor vehicle at Balwest, was reported to the police during the course of the last month. He reminded residents to ensure that outbuildings are kept as secure as possible. There have been a small number of thefts from outbuildings in neighbouring parishes.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The Adit

The Clerk reported that Mr McLean has told him that it is unlikely that he will be able to start work on the Adit before September.

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that he had received no expressions of interest in co-option onto the Council.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA14/05310 and (LBC) PA14/05311 Mr and Mrs Dear – Proposed home office and games room built as an annex off the house and garden wall – The Old Vicarage, Germoe. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application with a request that a condition be imposed tying the use and occupation of the proposed annex to that of The Old Vicarage.*

PA14/05418 and (LBC) PA14/05419 Mr Dominick Ellwanger – Replacement sunroom and associated works – Rose Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council recognises that the applicant has altered his original proposal for the finish of the exterior wall, but remains of the opinion that both the reverse slope to the roof of the proposed conservatory and the use of render on the exterior walls are inappropriate in the Conservation Area. Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/05443 Mr B.Hollinrake and Ms A.Varndall – Installation of French doors and roof lights (amended design) – Bos Verbas, Helston Road. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Royds seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

Decisions

PA14/02708 WITHDRAWN – Replacement sunroom and associated works – Rose Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 16.12	
office expenses	£ 28.05	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
total	£ 288.56	

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, all others in favour that the above account should be paid.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

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12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- Cllr Thomas has spoken to a resident of long-standing about co-option onto the Council
- the field at Balwest is still being used for educational and residential purposes
- the landowner concerned has taken action about PROW 26, though at present the path remains blocked
- the officer dealing with EN13/01748 had made a decision which Germoe Parish Council views as entirely inappropriate, which will harm the visual aspect of the environment (particularly when viewed from the Tregonning Hill Conservation Area) and which brings the Authority into disrepute
- Cllr Mrs Doeser presented members with a draft flyer seeking residents' help with a Community Emergency Plan. She asked for all comments to be sent to her before Monday, prior to photo-copying.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The following matters were tabled for discussion at the next meeting

- co-option of a new Councillor
- the repair of the Adit
- Community Emergency Plan.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 4, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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