

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

www.germoeparishcouncil.org.uk

C.F.P.Chapman
 Clerk to the Council
 Chy Lean
 St Keverne Road
 Mawgan
 Helston TR12 6AY
 telephone 01326 221648
 colinchapman@lineone.net

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 2, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Dooser Cllr J.Taylor
 Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr A.Thomas
 Cllr W.Dear
 Cllr R.Royds Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and Mrs Clarke.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice- Chairman, Cllr Mrs Doeser, assumed the Chair and welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake 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 of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 4, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that there may have been a misunderstanding concerning the location of engineering works at Boscreege Caravan Park. These have taken place in a field adjoining the Caravan Park and it was this apparent breach of planning control which should have been reported. Cllr Keeling agreed to take the matter further.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- the main topic of conversation at County Hall has been the £196m funding shortfall, the consequences of which are presently under consideration and causing great concern
- Cornwall Council is holding a number of consultation events throughout the county concerning the need to save this money. Members of the public are invited to attend
- following the Scottish referendum, the pressure for a shift of power from Whitehall to local authorities is increasing
- Mebyon Kernow is organising a 'march' to London to present a petition seeking greater autonomy for Cornwall
- there is a suggestion that the number of Councillors should be reduced, but it seems likely that the cost of implementing this proposal would outweigh any savings
- the Planning Authority proposes to permit representatives from Local Councils to speak on applications sited in adjoining parishes at meetings of planning committees

Chairman's initials.....

- he has been re-elected to the Chairmanship of Germoe School Governors and in the course of the coming year hopes to improve communications between governors, staff and parents and to consolidate the executive headship of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools.

Members noted that the Church Hall in Germoe Churchtown has been re-pointed and that the flooring has been replaced. It is understood that the Committee is seeking funding for the next stage of the repair and Cllr Keeling stated that Cornwall Council has officers who are employed to help communities do just that.

7 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that he had not received a report from the police.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Tregonning Hill

Members noted the fact that some 70 acres of Tregonning Hill have been put on the market. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the agent, Mr John Coad, primarily to tell him that the written particulars include the land on which Germoe's War Memorial stands and that this land had been gifted to the Parish of Germoe by His Grace The Duke of Leeds in 1924.

The Adit

Members noted that the repair of the adit is now complete; that Mr McLean has done an excellent job and that the repair has been completed to a very high standard indeed. Following discussion, Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that a replacement bronze plaque should be purchased repeating the explanatory paragraphs of the existing plaque but adding a note acknowledging the financial help given by the Cory Environmental Trust in Cornwall and Cornwall Council (through Cllr John Keeling who allocated some of his share of the Community Chest fund) towards the repair. Members also noted that Mr and Mrs Hollis at The Old Pottery had very kindly allowed Mr McLean to use their electricity when his generator had broken down.

Projects within the Parish

At the last meeting, members were asked to consider whether or not there are currently any small capital projects within the parish which the Parish Council might adopt. Members noted that

- there will again be a request for help with funding the Christmas celebrations in Germoe Churchtown
- there is, possibly, a demand for a Local History Archive which will need funding
- the western wall of the adit will need repair – and probably sooner rather than later (the Clerk was asked to speak to Roger McLean with a view to seeking a quotation)
- a wish for replica historic fingerposts to replace the inappropriate road signage along rural lanes throughout the parish had been expressed and pursued in the past. (The Clerk was asked to give instructions for the fingerpost at Tresowes Green to be trimmed out and cleaned.)

A Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had received no further expression of interest.

9 PLANNING

Members noted that no applications, no notification of decisions and no correspondence had been received from the Planning Authority since the previous meeting

10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery at Balwest. Cllr Royds 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 should be sent to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church for use in the maintenance of the cemetery.

The following account was presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (September)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 16.48	
office expenses	£ 24.25	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 285.12

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

Chairman's initials.....

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence**

Cornwall Council addition of a Restricted Byway from the junction of Road U6021 and bridleway no 32 Germoe to footpath no 17 Germoe (Chygwins) – *noted*

Andrew George MP confirmed dates for casework surgeries – *noted*

Police and Crime Commissioner invitation to attend a surgery in Helston on October 15 – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Speaking on behalf of the Members, Cllr Royds thanked the Clerk for the work he has done behind the scenes to bring the repair of the adit to fruition.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider revisions to Standing Orders to reflect the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

To consider revisions to Financial Regulations.

To consider a donation towards the cost of Christmas celebrations in Germoe Churchtown.

To consider the purchase of a tonne of road salt for use within the parish.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday November 6, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman's initials.....