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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 6, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Royds 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 2, 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 on the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There being no members of the public present, there were no comments or issues raised.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- Newquay Airport has negotiated a new four year contract with Flybe to operate an air service between Newquay and London Gatwick. This service is supported by a Public Service Obligation arrangement to a maximum sum of £2.8 million
- Cornwall Council will set its budget for the year 2015/2016 later this month when a proposal for a rise in Council Tax of 1.97% will be tabled
- devolution continues to be a major topic of interest for local governments. He will represent Cornwall Council at a Network Conference at which the matter will be discussed later in the month
- in conversation with George Eustice, it had transpired that the matter of soil protection (and more particularly field run-off) will be addressed in the emerging revision to the Common Agricultural Policy
- local issues concerning highways, Public Rights of Way and planning continue to dominate his work within the community
- the Germoe Churchtown and Church Community Association is looking for funding to complete phase 2 of the Hall renovation project
- there are a number of community groups across the county looking for funding to purchase defibrillators.

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7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the Police in the month of October, nor had there been any incidents associated with Hallowe'en festivities. He reminded residents to carry out some basic vehicle checks before the onslaught of winter and added that the Police will be acting upon reports of speeding throughout the district.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Standing Orders

Members considered previously circulated revisions to Standing Orders which reflect the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour to adopt the circulated document with two minor revisions. This document will be published on the website.

Financial Regulations

Members considered previously circulated revisions to Financial Regulations which reflect the revised Local Government Transparency Code. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour to adopt the circulated document with two revisions. This document will be published on the website.

9 PARISH MATTERS

Christmas in Germoe

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Mrs Doeser all others in favour that the informal group set up to oversee the Christmas Lights Switch-On Ceremony and Celebrations on Germoe Green on Thursday December 18, 2014 should act as an advisory committee of Germoe Parish Council and that therefore Germoe Parish Council will be responsible for the proper running of that event.

Road Salt

Cllr Blencowe reported that a conversation with Mr Liddicoat concerning the proposed purchase of a 1 tonne dumpy bag of road salt for emergency use had revealed that it was Mr Liddicoat's opinion that the salt he is presently storing on behalf of the Parish Council is both sufficient and fit for purpose. Members agreed to review the matter from time to time.

The Adit

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Mclean about the cost of repair of the left hand (the western) wall of the adit. Mr Mclean had stated that it would be very difficult to give a quotation because much of the wall is hidden. The Clerk added that possibly the best way forward would be to employ Mr Mclean on a daily rate, though he, Mr Mclean, would be unable to make a start at any time in the near future. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Mclean indicating the Parish Council's interest in having the necessary work done and to ask him what his daily rate is and when he might be able to fit the work into his schedule.

The Church Hall

Members considered a request from the Church Hall Committee for a letter supporting the Committee's search for funding for the cost of the second stage of refurbishment. It was agreed that this should be done.

Projects within the Parish

At the meeting in September, 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 cases can be made for

- a defibrillator to be sited somewhere within the Parish
- a bus shelter at Great Work (though it was noted that the route concerned is for a school bus)
- work to be done on St Germoe's Well in Churchtown
- small maintenance projects on the Public Rights of Way network.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA14/09486 Mr Nigel Rickard – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of property without compliance with conditions 2 and 4 attached to decision notice PA05/00556/F – Dolphin Cottage, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council believes the two issues should be looked at separately.*

From the evidence submitted, it is likely that a Certificate of Lawfulness could be issued for Condition 2

However, although the sale of the land severs Condition 4 from the incidental enjoyment of Dolphin Cottage, the Council does not believe that a Certificate of Lawfulness can be issued on the information supplied. Moreover, the

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Council would have reservations about the introduction of a separate, potentially commercial, use within this residential area.

Decisions

PA14/06743 REFUSED – Retrospective application for change of use of land for siting a storage container – Land adjacent To Tregonning Brea, Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members noted that a wreath for the Armistice Day Service on Tregonning Hill has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £35 to the Royal British Legion using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013).

Following discussion of a request from the advisory committee for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour, that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £100 should be made available for underwriting activities in Germoe over Christmas 2014.

Members considered a request from the Church Hall Committee for help with funding the cost of the second stage of refurbishment. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded one member against, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £500 should be paid to the Committee of the Church Hall once assurance is received that full funding is in place to enable refurbishment to proceed to completion.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Mr R.McLean	£ 2,385.00	
R.Sanders (open spaces since June)	£ 345.00	
Jeff Meadows (website hosting)	£ 75.00	
Hockerill Engraving	£ 85.80	£ 14.30
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Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 19.60	
office expenses	£ 37.47	
November 2013 account	£ 292.29	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	
	£ 593.75	

Cllr Thomas proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the above six accounts should be paid.

Members noted receipt of the following sums

CC LMP payment	£ 989.00
Nationwide (reimbursement of cheque)	£ 292.29

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Peninsula Community Health Annual Review – *noted*

Balwest Methodist Church acknowledgment of and thanks for the donation towards the on-going maintenance of the cemetery – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- a case may be made for the creation of Neighbourhood Plans
- despite what was said at the last meeting, it appears that the Planning Enforcement department has done nothing to insist on the reinstatement of the agricultural field in Balwest.
- a large pothole has again developed outside Roscurnow/Tregonning Gardens. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways requesting a permanent solution to this perennially recurring problem

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- Cllr Mrs Doeser had attended the recent Community Network Panel meeting at which a presentation on the proposed cuts to services provided by Cornwall Council had been given. Specific questions relating to the Youth Service and Newquay Airport had been raised. Following the presentation, a short AGM had been held during the course of which CCllr Carolyn Rule had been elected to the Chair of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network panel.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

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Dated.....

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