

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 4, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Keeling, Mr Felstead and Mr Roberts.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the December meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas and the Police sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Dear declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 planning application number PA14/10391.

### 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 Royds 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 November 6, 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

Concerns were expressed about the felling of one Monterey Pine on land adjoining Hillside. Members were told that Mr Oliver Bennett, Cornwall Council's Tree Officer, had visited the property and had advised that the tree nearest the house (despite it being a particularly fine specimen) might be felled, but that the others were to remain. Members' attention was drawn to a branch which has broken off one of the pines, lodged in its upper branches and now overhangs the road representing a risk to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The Clerk stated that this had been reported to Cornwall Highways some while ago. The Clerk was asked to request a review of the remaining trees and, if they are felt to be worthy, for Tree Preservation Orders to be made on them.

Speaking as a member of the public, Cllr Dear requested the Parish Council's support for his planning application. He stated that he had anticipated being able to use the new annex for a holiday let, but had been told that he needed planning permission to do so. In answer to questions, he stated that he sought to use waney-edged oak boarding rather than stone because he felt it would be more pleasing aesthetically; that there is adequate parking for visitors on site and that the need is demonstrated by the fact that he is already able to let The Old Vicarage during the holidays.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council has set its budget for the coming financial year at £496.5 million. This represents a year-on-year increase of 1.97% on the Council Tax or a further £25 per annum for a Band D house
- the concept of devolution of power from central government to local authorities with its potential attendant economic, social and political benefits continues to attract considerable interest

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- he attended a meeting in Penzance as a member of the West Cornwall Local Action Group. This group has attracted European funding in the region £2 million for yet-to-be identified projects of strategic importance and is keen to involve both Parish Councils and those who have experience of business
- locally, he is kept busy with matters to do with Germoe School.

## 7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the Police in the month of November. He again reminded residents to carry out basic vehicle checks, mentioning in particular lights and tyres and repeated that the Police will be acting upon reports of speeding throughout the district.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Dates of Parish Council meetings 2015/2016

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2015 – 2016 will be as follows

January 8, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 5, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
March 5, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
April 2, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 7, 2015	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 7, 2015	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 4, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 9, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 3, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 1, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 5, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
December 3, 2015	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
January 7, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
February 4, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

## 9 PARISH MATTERS

### The Adit

The Chairman reported that Mr Mclean had told him that he intends to complete the necessary work on the adit in the week after Christmas. The Clerk reported that the information/acknowledgment plaque is in place and that the completed request for the agreed grant had been forwarded to the Cory Environmental Trust.

### Projects within the Parish

Cllr Blencowe drew members' attention to the e-mail from the Clerk which quoted a net sum of £1,039.00 for the supply of a defibrillator and a cabinet to house it. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church seeking permission to house a defibrillator unit on the outside wall of the Sunday School and to obtain firm costings both for a defibrillator and for its maintenance.

Members asked the Clerk to obtain further information both about the provision of a bus shelter at Great Work and about a grant towards its cost. Members were asked to help compile a list of those Public Rights of Way within the Parish which might be improved with a little financial help: in this context, the path along the top of Tregonning Hill was mentioned and the Clerk was asked to contact Breage Parish Council to ask if Breage would consider jointly funding small improvements along its length.

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA14/10187 Mr Matthew and Mrs Bennetts – External wall insulation – 22 Trewithen Terrace, Ashton. Members noted that planning permission has already been granted for this development.

PA14/10472 Mr C.Holmwood – Proposed store, workshop and stables – Boscreege Caravan Park. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations though it would object to the stables being used for a separate commercial operation.*

*Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following application, Cllr Dear left the room*

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PA14/10391 Mr & Mrs Bill & Alice Dear – Proposed holiday let – The Old Vicarage, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council objects to the proposed changes to the elevations of the extension and considers that these will be prejudicial to the curtilage of the listed building and the Conservation Area.*

*When it considered the original application, Germoe Parish Council requested that a condition be imposed tying the use and occupation of the proposed annex to that of the Old Vicarage. This condition was imposed (Decision notice PA14/05310).*

*The submitted changes do not indicate any parking accommodation for the new unit, which has the potential to be occupied separately from the main house on the site. The Parish Council therefore raises an objection to the introduction of a separate commercial use with its attendant potential nuisance for adjoining residential occupiers.*

## 11 FINANCE

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Doeser, seconded by Cllr Royds all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2015/2016 should be set at £8,100.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help. Cllr Taylor 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 £75.00 should be made sent to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for financial help. It was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot support this application.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 160.80	
The Royal British Legion	£ 35.00	
Balwest Methodist Church (hall hire)	£ 165.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (November)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 18.21	
office expenses	£ 29.86	
Christmas cash (Germoe)	£ 100.00	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 392.46

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

## 12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**War Memorials Trust** newsletter – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** Confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Order – *noted*

## 13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- they are invited to attend the school Christmas Lunch on December 18
- Cllr Royds has cleaned the telephone kiosk opposite Trewithen Terrace
- the Chairman and his wife will attend an ordination and a celebration of the United Benefice of West Kerrier.

## 14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

## 15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The telephone kiosk opposite Trewithen Terrace.

Closing the meeting the Chairman wished members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday January 8, 2015 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman's initials.....*