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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 2, 2015 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr R.Royds
Cllr D.Blencowe
Cllr W.Dear Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling, Cllr Mrs Doeser and PCSO Brannigan sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in 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 Royds proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday March 5, 2015 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 were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling reported that

- the main topic of conversation at County Hall is the "Case for Cornwall". This seeks devolution from Central Government to the Unitary Authority of greater powers and freedoms following the general election
- the powers, freedoms and flexibilities requested are realistic and will enable the Authority to deliver a better service to communities and to create a more flexible and sustainable Cornwall
- the Local Action Group has successfully secured £7.3m to support growth at a local level across Cornwall. This is European money and the West Cornwall Local Action Group will have a budget of some £1.591m. Communities can apply to their Local Action Group for funding for projects that create jobs, help businesses grow and benefit rural communities
- in the last month, he has attended meetings of the Planning Committee, the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and a select committee meeting at which reports on domestic homicide, crime partnership and public transport were received
- he is working with the Head Teacher of Germoe School to ensure the consultation process concerning the 'hard' federation between Germoe and Boskenwyn Primary Schools will conclude in a satisfactory fashion.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Liam Brannigan reported that, in the Parish of Germoe, no crimes were reported to the police during the month of March.

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8 PARISH MATTERS

The telephone kiosk at Trewithen Terrace

Members noted that the telephone kiosk at Trewithan Terrace has been washed off and the necessary paint purchased. The work will be completed during the next dry spell.

A defibrillator for Balwest

The Clerk reported that the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church have agreed that a defibrillator may be sited on the corner of the Stable Block nearest the cemetery. Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should purchase a defibrillator for emergency use and that it should be sited on the wall of the stable block adjoining Balwest Sunday School.

A bus shelter for Great Work

The Clerk reported that he had received no further replies concerning youngsters who catch the bus to Helston School. Following discussion, it was agreed that the numbers of potential users of the proposed bus shelter are too few to warrant the expense. However, the Clerk was asked to contact the coach firm holding the contract to transport pupils to and from Helston School and to ask if the route might be altered to include a stop at Trewithen Terrace.

PROW 25 Footpath along the top of Tregonning Hill

The Clerk reported that Mrs Noye has given her permission for the footpath through the quarry on the way to the War Memorial to be upgraded. Similarly, Mr Jeremy Clitheroe from Natural England has agreed that the work proposed may be carried out and has agreed to forward a notice of assent (this is necessary because the footpath goes through a SSSI). The Clerk further reported that Bob Sanders will carry out this work in the near future.

Similarly, Mr Paul Liddicoat has agreed to take a look at the wet patches along PROW25 with a view to putting stepping stones into them.

Projects within the Parish

Members noted that the Germoe Village Association has yet to request help with funding the proposed work at St Germoe's Well.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools

Following the presentation by Mrs Quinney at the last meeting, Members considered the Parish Council's response to the consultation document concerning the 'hard' federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Primary Schools. Following a short discussion, Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that, having considered the implications for the Parish as a whole, Germoe Parish Council supports the proposals of the Governors of Germoe School in their plans for the future management of the two schools.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to subscribe to membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2016 in the sum of £190.32 + VAT. Following discussion, it was again agreed, partly on the grounds of cost, not to subscribe to this Association.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA15/01775 Mr John Francis – Alterations to the roof of the property and new wooden store adjacent to the driveway – Pengwins, Tresowes. Members noted that this application has already been determined by the Planning Authority.

PA15/02352 Mrs L.Salter – Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form annexe – Hillside, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Subject to the imposition of a condition tying the proposed annexe to the normal domestic use of Hillside, Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/02409 Mr E.Barker – Construction of a pair of domestic garages – Tresheba, Main Road, Ashton. Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

PA15/02294 Ms Sally Allen – Various external alterations including a single storey extension – Besseys, Tresowes, Ashton. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

PA15/02553 Mr H.Thomas – Construction of storage for agricultural machinery for farm use – Sunset Farm, Bal Lane, Germoe. Members noted that the Planning Authority has determined that prior approval for development is not required.

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Decisions

PA15/01775 APPROVED – Alterations to the roof of the property and new wooden store adjacent to the driveway – Pengwins, Tresowes – *noted*

PA15/02553 Prior approval not required – Construction of storage for agricultural machinery for farm use – Sunset Farm Bal Lane Germoe – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 2, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The papers necessary to make an informed decision not being to hand, it was agreed to defer both receipt of the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014 and the approval of the Statement of Assurance (required for the Annual Return) to the Annual Meeting in May.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 167.00	
J.P.Richards	£ 137.50	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 219.12	
travelling	£ 24.50	
telephone	£ 20.61	
office expenses	£ 33.21	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 317.44

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Mr Antony Thomas letter of resignation from the Council – *members noted this letter. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Thomas thanking him for what he has done for the Parish*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to the proposed commemorative VE day beacon firings, but noted that this coincides with the Flora Day celebrations in Helston. It was agreed that the matter should be taken no further.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 7, 2015 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 7, 2015 following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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