

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 9, 2015 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors:, Mr D.Hoare, Mr R.Hoare and Mrs Praed.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling and PCSO Ashley Fuller 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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Royds seconded, Cllr Geake being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 4, 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

Mr D.Hoare asked members if any of them had visited the wet quarry behind Tregonning Gardens where engineering operations have recently taken place and about which he has complained. The Chairman explained that the Council does not have a right of access on to private land and that it has no powers to take action. That power is vested in Cornwall Council which, having investigated what has been done in the quarry, has forwarded a Planning Contravention Notice (which seeks answers to questions about the use of the quarry) to the landowner. Once a reply has been received, Cornwall Council will decide whether or not enforcement action can be taken and whether or not it is expedient to do so. If Cornwall Council does decide to take enforcement action, the landowner has a right of appeal and in this case the matter will be decided by a Planning Inspector. Nevertheless, the Inspector's decision has to be implemented by Cornwall Council. All the Parish Council can do is to encourage Cornwall Council to move the process forward. Mr Hoare stated that the quarry is in a World Heritage Site and enjoys the same protection as Palmyra which has recently been in the news (though the Chairman warned that the World Heritage Site gives protection to tin and copper mining relics in Cornwall and not the China Clay industry). Mr Hoare stated that he will continue to campaign for the reinstatement of the quarry, but that he recognises that it is a long-term issue.

Introducing herself to members and expressing her interest in seeking co-option, Mrs Praed stated that she was present to see how the Council works.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

The Clerk stated that CCllr Keeling had telephoned him to offer his apologies for his absence and had said that he would e-mail a report. This had not been received by the time the Clerk had left home.

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7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, WPC Anne Butcher reported that a single crime and four incidents were reported to the Police during June. The Police Force is currently focussing on car-parks and reminds vehicle owners to be careful when leaving their cars and in particular to hide all items from view.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Delegated Powers

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2015. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour that the Chairman and/or the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2015.

Co-opted Member

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in co-option from Mrs Praed. It was agreed to advertise the vacant seat on the Parish Council website and notice-boards and to defer the matter to the September meeting.

9 PARISH MATTERS

A defibrillator for Balwest

The Clerk reported that invoices for both the defibrillator and the cabinet are to hand: once paid, he has been told that delivery is usually within a week.

PROW 25 Footpath along the top of Tregonning Hill

Cllr Royds reported that Mr Liddicoat is presently busy with the hay harvest, but that something will be done before the winter.

Projects within the Parish

It was agreed to look into the possibility of siting a gate towards the northern end of PROW 25.

10 PLANNING

Decisions

PA15/02409 APPROVED – Construction of a pair of domestic garages – Tresheba, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

PA15/03879 APPROVED – Retention and completion of proposed home office and games room built as an annex off the house and garden wall – The Old Vicarage, Germoe – *noted*

PA15/03880 APPROVED – Retention and completion of Listed Building Consent for proposed home office and games room built as an annex off the house and garden wall – The Old Vicarage, Germoe – *noted*

PA15/04267 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) – Fell Cherry tree – Tredrea, Balwest – *noted*

Correspondence

Cornwall Council confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order at Poldhu, Helston Road – *noted*

11 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at July 9, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Helston and The Lizard Foodbank (minuted 04/06/15 para 10)	£ 50.00	
Grant Thornton UK LLP	£ 120.00	£ 20.00
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (defibrillator)	£ 948.00	£ 158.00
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (cabinet)	£ 970.80	£ 161.80
Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 219.11	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 17.82	
office expenses	£ 17.52	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 284.45

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

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Members noted the following receipt

CC Community Chest Grants (defibrillator) £ 250.00

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Council notification of the award of a grant from the Community Chest – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter– *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser stated that she had represented Germoe Parish Council at the Civic Service in Helston. She also drew members' attention to the Open Day at Carleen Care Centre on July 31

Members noted that PROW 1 needs cutting out and that PROW 2 is blocked at Chywoon.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Doeser for taking the Chair at the meeting in June while he was away.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 3, 2015 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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