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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 3, 2015 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and Mrs Praed.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dear, Cllr Mrs Doeser 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 Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 9, 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 comments from members of the public.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that it has been an unusually quiet month with only a very few meetings held at County Hall. Nevertheless

- he been kept busy with local issues such as speeding through our villages
- and the ongoing issue of the toilets at Praa Sands from which it is proposed to withdraw funding in April of next year which, as matters stand, will lead to closure
- the Helston Railway has lodged an appeal against the decision to refuse permission for development. This appeal will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by parties and a visit by an inspector.
- future months are envisaged to be hectic with service area reviews and the setting of the 2016/17 budget

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Ashley Fuller reported that two crimes and two calls were logged by the Police during August. PCSO Fuller added that he has noted and now formally offers words of advice to members of the community who fail to wear their seat belts. Failing to wear a seatbelt is one of the four main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads. The others are excessive or inappropriate speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and driver distraction (such as using a mobile phone) while on the move. If you are caught either as a driver or as a passenger without wearing a seatbelt, you can receive a fixed fine of £100 or possibly be referred to an educative course. If prosecuted in court, the maximum fine is £5,000

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8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted Member

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mrs Praed.

Following a short discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Praed should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Praed signed and read aloud her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Praed as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

Balwest Methodist Church

Subsequent to the proposals contained in the document “Releasing ministry and growing mission – a strategic plan”, the Chairman reported a request from the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church for a letter of support. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Lizard and Mount’s Bay Methodist Circuit on behalf of Germoe Parish Council.

9 PARISH MATTERS

A defibrillator for Balwest

Cllr Blencowe reported that neither the defibrillator nor the cabinet have been delivered to his home. The Clerk stated that he would pursue the matter.

PROW 25 Footpath along the top of Tregonning Hill

Cllr Royds reported that he has met Mr Liddicoat and that he has a number of suitable granite “stepping stones” and is willing to undertake the necessary repair work on PROW 25. He, Mr Liddicoat, estimates that the total cost (including the supply of the stones) will be in the region of £350.00 Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed Cllr Royds seconded all others in favour to ask Mr Liddicoat to proceed with this work.

Projects within the Parish

The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Mclean with a request that the work on the north wall of the adit is done.

10 PLANNING

Applications

Members noted the following planning application received during August and returned with the attached observations using delegated powers

PA15/06339 Mr S Neal – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling – Norbury, Tresowes. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council has considered the application to demolish the existing cottage and build a new house on this site and, whilst the Council has no observations on this application, it does consider that the site as such is only suitable for one dwelling. In the event of planning permission being granted, the Parish Council would request that that permission is subject to an agreement that only one dwelling is erected on the total site of this application.*

11 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at September 3, 2015 is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for financial help towards volunteer costs. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

Members noted payment using delegated powers of the following invoice paid since the last meeting

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (cutting footpaths)	£ 1,068.0	£ 178.03

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HMRC	£ 164.40	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 219.11	
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travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 31.13	
office expenses	£ 27.76	
use of home as office	£ 40.00	
total	£ 547.11	

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC (precept 2nd instalment)	£ 4,050.00
CC (Council Tax Support grant)	£ 197.18

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Council Consultation on Street Trading – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Beard concerning parking by the Parish Council’s contractor – *noted*

NHS Peninsula Community Health newsletter – *noted*

CC Have your say on the future of grassroots sport – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the recent Community Network meeting at which Councillor Edwina Hannaford (Portfolio Holder for Planning) and Marshall Plummer, (Planning Manager) spoke about progress towards “Making the Planning Service work for communities”. The aim is better communication (provision of more information and better explanations of decisions). There will be more training available, another conference on Neighbourhood Plans, the Planning Forum has been started up again, they have produced factsheets and FAQs and improvements to the planning portal. With regard to paperless planning, there is a survey currently being undertaken to establish what help Parish and Town Councils need to enable them to go paperless.

Councillor Joyce Duffin (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environment) told the meeting about a pilot project to recycle mixed plastics. The Cabinet is not convinced of the economic benefit of collecting plastics other than bottles (which are of higher value than other plastics) so a twelve month trial has been proposed for an area from the Cory Truro depot which will include some homes in the Helston and the Lizard Community Network area.

James Evans (AONB planning officer) told those present that the AONB unit works within Cornwall Council but is not part of the Council. He highlighted the fact that the National Planning Policy Framework states that within areas of special interest, AONB, SSSIs etc, there is no presumption that sustainable development should be allowed. The AONB unit has been consulting on its management plan – and there is still time to comment.

More generally, Members noted that

- following a serious accident on his farm, Mr Beard is currently being cared for in Treliske Hospital
- a complaint from a resident alleging an apparent breach of the conditions attached to the planning permission relating to the newly-built home office and games room built as an annex off the house and garden wall of The Old Vicarage has been passed to Cornwall Council
- the newly-refurbished Church Hall in Germoe is open for inspection on Friday September 18 from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 1, 2015 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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