

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 4, 2016 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling, PCSO Fuller and Cllr Dear 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, Cllr Mrs Praed, who was absent from the last meeting, abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 7, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Chairman stated that, following a question during the course of a meeting of Cornwall Council, it is his understanding that there may be some softening of the Planning Authority's previously inflexible attitude towards paperless planning. Clearly, the larger Councils can cope well with its introduction, but many of the smaller Councils (such as Germoe) will encounter serious problems. CCllr Keeling is trying to arrange a meeting for local Parish Councils who are affected by the Authority's decision with the Portfolio holder, CCllr Mrs Hannaford, in order that concerns may be aired.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council proposes to increase its precept (and therefore the Council Tax) by 3.9%
- paperless planning continues to be a bone of contention for rural parish councils
- only one of the many road safety and related issues projects submitted to Highways by Ward Members has been incorporated into the Cornwall Transport Plan
- he remains of the opinion that there are potential benefits in the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan
- the Vehicle Activated Sign will be reinstated in Ashton Village in late February.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Ashley Fuller reported that, within the parish in January 2016, no crimes were logged and no incident was recorded.

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The Chairman read aloud a letter from Inspector Ian Thompson outlining the future service which Parish Councils in Cornwall may expect: in Germoe's case this means that the police will only attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Financial Regulations

Members considered a proposal to update references to the Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 in Germoe Parish Council's Financial Regulations (paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3) to the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015. Following the Clerk's explanation, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council's Financial Regulations be altered to reflect the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.

9 PARISH MATTERS

The War Memorial

Members considered a proposal to repaint the names of the fallen which are recorded on the War Memorial. Following a short discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that the names of the fallen should be repainted by Frederick Wearne & Sons during the course of the summer.

Pancake Race

Members noted that a Pancake Race will be held on Saturday February 6, 2016 (or, if the weather is inclement, on February 13) in Germoe Churchtown. The Parish Council has received a comprehensive Risk Assessment document and a request for support from the volunteer Germoe Village Association. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded that the volunteers concerned should, in this instance, act as an Advisory Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

Projects within the Parish

The Clerk reported that he has been contacted by the Parochial Church Council about the proposed defibrillator in Germoe Churchtown. He had initially spoken to the wrong person (hence the lack of a formal reply), but had since written a letter to the Secretary of the PCC apologising for causing confusion and seeking the PCC's support for a defibrillator.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA16/00200 Mr and Mrs Beedle – New dwelling (resubmission of PA15/09168) – St Marys, Helston Road, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations*.

Decisions

PA15/11443 APPROVED – Proposed extension, alterations and new garage – Kel Don, Germoe Lane – *noted*

11 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at February 4, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
123-reg (five years domain renewal)	£ 20.94	£ 3.49
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 219.11	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 17.72	
office expenses	£ 21.16	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 287.99

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

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council schedule of significant changes to the Cornwall Local Plan for consultation – *noted*

Devon & Cornwall Police concerning the future Service Level Agreement – *noted*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

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14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that he will not be standing for the Chairmanship of Germoe Parish Council at the Annual Meeting in May. He urged members to consider the matter before that meeting.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 3, 2016 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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