

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 7, 2016 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K.Dooser Cllr J.Taylor  
Cllr D.Blencowe  
Cllr Mrs G.Praed Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr and Mrs Bell, Mrs Crookes, Mr Johnson, Mrs Vaughan and Mr and Mrs Whitehead.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Doeser, assumed the chair and welcomed members to the April meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling, Cllr Geake and Cllr Dear sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

There were no declaration 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 Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday March 3, 2016 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

Members of the public who attended were present to air their views on the future maintenance of St Germoe's Well. Councillors noted that

- the Well is sited on privately owned land (which precludes the Parish Council from bearing responsibility for its upkeep)
- the owner of the land is happy with the work that has been done
- Germoe Parish Council initiated the construction of the present-day well in 1977 and since then, from time to time, has paid for both its maintenance and repair
- the Church shouldered the responsibility for the day-to-day care of the well for many years
- the Village Association would like to refurbish the well and take on responsibility for its day-to-day maintenance.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that in the course of the last month

- he has been involved with a number of matters including the musical "Teenagers in a Garage" story from Praa Sands, coastal defence (which forms part of the Cornwall Devolution Deal), the appeal against the Planning Authority's decision to refuse the application from the Helston Railway and criticism in the local press following the report of the Local Government Association Peer review of planning procedures in the County

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- as a former serviceman, he helped with the presentation of the Légion d'Honneur to Normandy Veterans in recognition of the gallantry and bravery displayed in the liberation of France during 1944-45
- locally, the signage at the eastern entrance to Ashton should be repaired and working soon
- there was a disappointing discussion on the "Lengthsman Scheme", but it afforded the opportunity to address the issue of overgrown hedges.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### St Germoe's Well (The Queen's Silver Jubilee Well)

This matter was dealt with during Public Participation (agenda item 5)

### Projects within the Parish

No additional projects were proposed. Members noted that the repair of the north-western wall of the Adit and the debrillator for Germoe Churchtown are both in hand.

### HM The Queen's 90th Birthday

Members considered a proposal to light the beacon on Tregonning Hill to mark the occasion of HM The Queen's 90th birthday on April 21, 2016. Following a short discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should celebrate HM The Queen's birthday on April 21 by lighting the beacon. Cllr Geake and Cllr Taylor will set up the beacon and it will be lit at 10.00pm as part of the national chain. The occasion will not be advertised and the occasion will be strictly informal.

### 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, 2017 in the sum of £198.88 + VAT. Following discussion, it was again agreed, again partly on the grounds of cost, not to subscribe to this Association.

### Maintenance of the Closed Churchyard at St Germoe's

Members considered an offer to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Germoe for a further year at the same annual rate of £76.22 Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that, subject to the agreement of the Parochial Church Council, Germoe Parish Council should extend the contract with Cornwall Council.

## 8 PLANNING

### Applications

PA16/02127 Mr and Mrs Beedle – New side extension including a Juliet balcony, re-submission to passed application PA15/03451 – St Mary's, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe 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

PA16/00420 APPROVED – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of extension in lieu – Primrose Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 7, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Tower Mint Ltd	£ 128.40	£ 21.40
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 120.00	£ 24.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 219.31	
travelling	£ 27.00	
telephone	£ 18.28	
office expenses	£ 11.56	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 296.15

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

To note the following receipts

CC Closed Churchyard grant	£ 76.22
Precept (1st instalment)	£ 4,300.00
CTS grant	£ 162.79

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## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

**St Germoe PCC** re Cornwall Council grant for cutting the grass in the Closed Churchyard and the proposed defibrillator – *noted. Members agreed to forward the grant received from Cornwall Council for the maintenance of the closed churchyard to the Parochial Church Council which, traditionally, has undertaken this work*

**NHS Peninsula News** (Goodbye Edition) – *noted*

**Cllr R.Royds** notification of resignation from the Council – *members noted Cllr Royds' resignation with sadness. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Royds thanking him for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Council and to start the process for the election of a replacement Councillor*

**Came and Company** newsletter – *noted*

## 11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members stated that

- Planning Enforcement Officers appear to do everything in their power to avoid taking action against breaches of planning rules. This makes a mockery of reporting issues and further deprives residents of their democratic rights. It appears that all decisions on planning enforcement issues are weighed against their possible financial implications
- the Planning Authority is at fault in refusing to insist that the caravan is removed from the agricultural field OS 7075 at Balwest: it cannot, as has been suggested, be considered to be an agricultural building. Furthermore, the constant comings and goings in and out of the field and onto the lane represent a hazard to road safety. In response to an earlier planning application on the same site, Cornwall Highways observed that the fields should not be used for any purpose other than agriculture unless the entrance is improved: turning south towards Ashton from the fields is, of necessity, done blind
- the by-law banning dogs from beaches during the summer months should possibly be reviewed. The ban might be relaxed by restating the date from which the ban commences: Easter this year, for example, was particularly early. It was agreed that this matter should not be pursued by Germoe Parish Council.

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to the enforced movement of local schools towards academy status and, as far as Germoe School is concerned (already working co-operatively with Boskenwyn in a federation) towards a multi-academy trust. Further information will be provided at a meeting (for parents) at Germoe School on April 13 and at an open meeting at Mullion School on April 20.

## 13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 5, 2016 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 5, 2016 following the Annual Parish Meeting in Germoe Church Hall

Signed.....

Dated.....

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