

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present:** Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr S.Geake  
Cllr W.Dear Cllr Mrs G.Praed  
Cllr J.Taylor Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr Bateman, Mr Edwards, Mr Molcher, Mr and Mrs Shorthouse, Mr and Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Summerfield and Mrs Whitehead.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Blencowe, assumed the Chair and welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Doeser sent her 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 MEETINGS

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, Cllr Dear who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 2, 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 in this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*Concerning PA16/04828 the construction of six holiday lodges to improve existing accommodation at Tremorvu*

Speaking as the Agent for Mr Molcher, Mr Bateman stated that the plans to extend the existing holiday complex at Tremorvu had been the result of numerous enquiries for holiday accommodation. The choice of lodges (which would be wooden clad and have 'green' roofs) had been made because they would sit more comfortably than caravans within the sensitive landscape of the immediate area. Cornwall relies heavily on the tourist industry and there are numerous precedents scattered around the county, He urged the Council to support the application.

In answer to questions, Mr Bateman stated that he anticipated that the useful life of the units is forty years and that they would be used for short-term holiday lets throughout the year.

*Concerning PA16/05851 the proposed dwelling on land East of West Point, Tresowes Hill*

Mr Sullivan stated that he and his wife presently live with their son, who is wheel-chair bound, in Carleen. They have bought this plot of land (which benefits from an extant planning permission) with the intention of creating a slightly larger home than they have at present to accommodate their son who takes an active part in the community. Part of their plans include improvements to the lane. He urged Councillors to support his family's application

*Concerning PA16/04752 Variation of conditions to allow residential accommodation of Chygwins Barn*

Mrs Shorthouse stated that the barn had originally been converted to house her mother who has since died. Since then it has been used as a holiday let but, for reasons of health, this is no longer practicable. The intention is to sell on the barn for unfettered accommodation and she asked Councillors to support her application.

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*Concerning PA16/05654 the stationing of 20 additional static caravans and associated landscaping at Boscreege Caravan and Camping Park*

Mr Edwards rehearsed the history of Boscreege Caravan Site over the past fifty years. Permission for no more than six caravans was first granted in 1960 since when the site has grown out of all recognition. The original reasoning behind the limitation on the number of caravans had been for reasons of road safety and particularly the problems presented by the blind corner leading down to Boscreege. It is his opinion that the site already has too many caravans on it and he asked the Council to seek refusal for further development.

*Concerning the matter of dog faeces and irresponsible owners of dogs*

Mr Edwards stated that if the Council purchased two dog-bins he and a friend would site them on land belonging to him (Mr Edwards) and would undertake to empty them on a regular basis.

*The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss Agenda item 9 at this point*

## **9 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

PA16/04752 Mr and Mrs Shorthouse – Variation of condition 2 to allow residential accommodation in respect of decision notice W2/PA10/00205/F dated 1st June 2010 for the conversion of outbuilding into holiday/annexe accommodation to change to a separate unit of residential accommodation – Chygwins Barn, Tresowes. Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, Cllr Geake against, Cllr Taylor abstaining all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/04828 Mr and Mrs Molcher – The construction of six holiday lodges to improve existing accommodation – Tremorvu Holidays, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, two members against, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application subject to the following conditions:*

1. *the lodges are reserved for holiday occupation only*
2. *the lodges are occupied for a maximum of eleven months of the year*
3. *the total authorised number of pitches for caravans at Tremorvu is reduced from 20 to 14*
4. *appropriate landscaping to shield the lodges from the road is put in place*
5. *an archaeological survey of the site is undertaken before building commences.*

PA16/05185 Mr J.Hall – Single storey rear elevation extension – 7 Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

PA16/05269 M. and C.Hale – Erection of dwelling – land adjacent to West Hill, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded two members against all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council believes that neither the size nor the design of the proposed dwelling is appropriate on this site which lies within a Conservation Area, an Area of Great Landscape Value and the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. Furthermore, Germoe Parish Council considers the proposal to be for an overdevelopment of the site The Planning Authority is requested to refuse permission for development.*

PA16/05654 Mr C.Holmwood – Stationing of 20 additional static caravans and associated landscaping – Boscreege Caravan And Camping Park. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded Cllr Dear against, Cllr Mrs Praed abstaining all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council objects to this application. It believes that the imposition of a further twenty large caravans on this site will have an adverse visual impact on the landscape in general and on the World Heritage Site in particular. It has further concerns about the inevitable increase in traffic along the narrow lanes approaching the site. Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA16/05851 Mr and Mrs G Sullivan – Proposed dwelling – land East of West Point, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

### **Correspondence**

Mr and Mrs Anderson-Archbold copy of a letter to the Planning Authority objecting to the proposal detailed in PA16/05654 – *noted*

## **6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS**

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- in addition to meetings with the Chief Executive, at which he has been able to catch up on a number of strategic matters that impact on the authority as a whole, he has attended a number of meetings dealing with Scrutiny, Governance and Constitution

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- work is continuing with the boundary commission and the vexed question of the number of Cornwall Councillors for the 2021 unitary elections is occupying minds
- the result of the referendum on membership of the EU has caused a rethink about the way the Authority will do business in the future: it is important that Cornwall Council has an major role in Brexit negotiations and pressure will be exerted on Central Government to achieve this. Given the wide-ranging implications of the decision, the Council will need to work to bring communities together: there are concerns about Local Regeneration funding and EU Structural Funding
- locally, planning matters are keeping him busy: he is expecting reports on some long outstanding matters to come forward soon
- he attended a meeting of the Lowertown Community Group and was able to give its members an update on the Helston Railway Appeal which was recently upheld by the inspector.

## 7 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 2016. Following discussion, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor 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 2016.

### Co-option of a Parish Councillor

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

Following a short discussion, Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in agreement that Mrs Whitehead should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead 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 Whitehead as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Churchtown defibrillator

The Clerk reported that Mr Williams has told him that the defibrillator to be sited in Churchtown will be delivered at the beginning of the coming week. The question of installing it was raised and it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Church Hall Committee about the matter. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that, subject to a maximum charge of £200, the Clerk should have delegated powers to authorise the installation of the defibrillator on the wall of the Church Hall.

### Projects within the Parish

Members considered the suggestion from Mr Edwards that if the Council was to purchase two dog-bins, he and a friend would site them on land belonging to him (Mr Edwards) and that they would undertake to empty them on a regular basis. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to seek prices for two bins and to add the matter to the agenda for discussion in September.

### Newtown notice-board

Members noted that Winfreys of Helston Ltd have everything in hand to construct the new notice-board for Newtown and anticipate that it will be in place before September 1.

### Germoe Parish Council notice-boards

The notices concerning the use of Germoe Parish Council's notice-boards are now available and were distributed to those members who have responsibility for a board.

## 10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at July 14, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

|                  | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Bob Sanders      | £ 843.04     | £ 140.50   |
| Harlequin Design | £ 57.60      | £ 9.60     |
| Colin Chapman    |              |            |
| Salary (June)    | £ 232.35     |            |
| travelling       | £ 15.00      |            |

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| telephone             | £ 18.78        |
| office expenses       | £ 30.35        |
| use of home as office | £ 20.00        |
|                       | total £ 316.48 |

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

Members noted the following receipts

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Mr and Mrs Needle (Walks booklet) | £ 5.00   |
| CC Community Chest                | £ 200.00 |

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Richard Winfrey** acknowledgment of deposit for the replacement notice-board at Newtown – *noted*

**CC Councillor Community Chest Scheme** notification of the award of a grant in the sum of £200 towards the purchase of the Churchtown defibrillator – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Speaking on behalf of the Balwest Heritage Society, Cllr Geake asked about the possibility of adding a plaque to the War Memorial noting the crash in the nearby County Quarry of a Beaufort Bomber of 217 Squadron Coastal Command with the consequent loss of four lives. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the appropriateness or otherwise of doing this and to add the matter to the September agenda.

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Other than to reiterate the Council's welcome to Cllr Mrs Diane Whitehead, the Chairman stated that he had nothing further to say.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Purchase of two dog-bins.

Addition of a plaque to the war memorial.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 1, 2016 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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