

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 1, 2016 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs Doeser	Cllr S.Geake
	Cllr D.Blencowe	Cllr Mrs G.Praed
	Cllr W.Dear	Cllr Mrs Whitehead
	Cllr J.Taylor	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Whitehead declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 (a request for financial help from the Foot's Charities).

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### 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, Cllr Mrs Doeser who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 14, 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

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- the effect of Brexit on the County of Cornwall and residents of differing views was discussed at a meeting with senior Cornwall Council officers
- pre-Brexit, he had received assurance from a government minister that EU funding (or its equivalent) for Cornwall will continue
- responsibility for flood resilience has now been fully devolved to Cornwall Council
- Ryanair is considering adding routes and flights from Newquay Airport.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Churchtown defibrillator

Cllr Blencowe reported that the defibrillator for the Church Hall in Germoe is being stored in his garage. Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that the Hall's electrician returns from holiday tomorrow.

*Chairman's initials.....*

*As a Trustee of the Foot's Charities and the Chairman of the Church Hall Committee, Cllr Mrs Whitehead declared a pecuniary interest in the following two items. She left the room.*

### **The Foot's Charities**

Members consider a request for financial help from the Foot's Charities (which lists its aims as the prevention or relief of poverty and the advancement of education by making grants to persons or organisations within the parishes of Breage, Germoe and Godolphin). Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Geake, seconded by Cllr Blencowe, Cllr Dear against, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence, Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £75.00 to the Foot's Charities with a request that the Council might be told how the money has been spent and, if the request is to be repeated on an annual basis, for sight of a copy of the Full Year End accounts.

### **Projects within the Parish: Church Hall chairs**

Members considered a request from the Church Hall Committee for financial help towards the cost of purchasing new upholstered chairs. Following discussion, it was agreed that, whilst the Council supports the project and will contribute towards it, insufficient information was available to make an informed decision.

*Cllr Mrs Whitehead returned to the room.*

### **Projects within the Parish: the purchase of two waste bins**

Following Mr Edwards' undertaking that was the Council to purchase 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 Clerk reported that he had forwarded details of suitable bins. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that the Council has no powers to purchase items for use on private land, it was agreed to write to Mr Edwards thanking him for his offer and explaining the position in which the Council finds itself. It was further agreed to write both to the National Trust and to Cornwall Council seeking those organisations' help with the problem.

### **Airmen's Memorial on Tregonning Hill**

Speaking of the proposal from the Balwest Heritage Society for an addition to the War Memorial of a plaque naming the four airmen from Coastal Command who died in 1941 when their plane crashed into County Quarry on Tregonning Hill and in the light of advice from the War Memorials' Trust, Cllr Geake said that the Society would now concentrate its efforts on siting an interpretation stone nearer the location of the crash. However, the Society would appreciate financial assistance from the Parish Council in achieving this project. It was agreed that this would be considered once a request has been received.

### **Newtown notice-board**

Members noted that the notice-board at Newtown has yet to be erected.

## **8 PLANNING**

### **Applications**

Members noted that the following application had been commented upon and returned using delegated powers granted at the meeting on July 14, 2016

PA16/05885 B.Whetton – Renovation of existing agricultural structure; frame to be replaced by more substantial material creating secure storage. Retention of stables previously attached to Dolphin Cottage: Ref PA05/0556/F and PA14/ 09486 – Dolphin Cottage, Tresowes. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council notes that the application site appears to have been sold in 2014, and separated from its use as ancillary to Dolphin Cottage. The Council therefore considers that it must be considered to be a new planning unit with a new planning use, that of stabling and grazing for livestock. The Council believes that the current application should not be considered prior to an application being submitted for the retention of the current use of the land. The Council is conscious that there is the potential for an introduction of a commercial use on this site which could be detrimental to the reasonable amenities of adjoining residential properties. With this in mind, Germoe Parish Council would wish to raise objections to the application as submitted*

### **To note planning decisions including the following**

PA16/04752 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

PA16/05654 WITHDRAWN – Stationing of 20 additional static caravans and associated landscaping works – Boscreege Caravan and Camping Park – *noted*

## **9 FINANCE**

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at September 1, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

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Members noted the conclusion of the audit for the year to March 31, 2016. The External Auditor had made no comments.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Bob Sanders (PROWs second cut)	£ 1,093.50	£ 182.25
HMRC	£ 169.80	
Grant Thornton (External Audit)	£ 120.00	£ 20.00
Pestakil SW Limited (wasps' nest)	£ 55.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 223.37	
Salary (August)	£ 223.57	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 40.59	
office expenses	£ 32.58	
use of home as office (2 months)	£ 40.00	
	total	£ 570.01

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

#### **10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Sithney Parish Council** copy of a letter to Cornwall Highways concerning the inadequacy of hedge trimming along the A394, the B3297, the B3302 and the B3303 – *noted*

#### **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members

#### **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no comments.

#### **13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No new matters for inclusion on next month's agenda were tabled.

#### **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday October 6, 2016 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman's initials.....*