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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 10, 2016 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doesser Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Mrs Whitehead 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 MEETINGS

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 1, 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 he had attended meetings

- at the Kingsley Village conference centre to look at the local plan and comment on the way in which the different planning committees throughout Cornwall go about their business
- concerning the Parliamentary boundary changes which will come into effect at the end of 2018. In particular there is the issue about DEVONWALL and as to whether Cornwall returns 5 or 6 MPs once the boundaries are changed and
- concerning the Unitary Authority's Ward Boundaries and as a consequence the future number of Cornwall Councillors
- with Gavin Barwell MP, Minister for Housing. Amongst the issues dealt with were the retention of the local connection requirement for starter homes, the issue of the affordable homes limit and matters concerning the viability of rural exception sites
- locally, he had visited the Old Barn in Germoe Churchtown (which was flooded during the recent storms) and is fielding concerns about speeding issues.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Banking

Members noted that the Council should possibly have a third authorised signatory for the bank account with Nationwide. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer making a decision on this matter to the meeting in November.

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8 PARISH MATTERS

Churchtown defibrillator

Cllr Blencowe reported that, all being well, the electrician will complete the installation of the defibrillator at the Church Hall in Germoe tomorrow morning. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Mrs Whitehead about a training session.

Projects within the Parish: the purchase of two waste bins

Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that Bob Sanders should be asked to repair the lock of the notice-board at Great Work and to varnish and generally bring up to standard all the Parish Council's notice-boards.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA16/07849 Mr W.Edwards – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for continued use of the land for storage of tractors, machinery, tools equipment and other materials – land adjacent Trewithen Terrace, Ashton. Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made by the applicant concerning the use of this land.*

To note planning decisions including the following

PA16/05851 APPROVED – Proposed dwelling – land East of West Point, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Davies copy of a letter to the Planning Authority concerning the construction of Duck Pen Cottage PA09/01480/F – *noted*

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at October 6, 2016 was placed before members and 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 consider a request for financial help from the Church Hall Committee for financial help towards the cost of purchasing 40 upholstered chairs at a cost of £15.30 per chair. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, and agreed that, using the General Power of Competence, Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £200.00 to the Church Hall Committee to be used towards the purchase of upholstered chairs

Members considered a request from the South Kerrier Heritage Trust for an annual contribution towards the cost of running the Helston Museum. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery at Balwest. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, and it was agreed that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £300 should be sent to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Church for use in the maintenance of the cemetery.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | VAT |
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| General Land Services (storage of road salt) | £ 60.00 | |
| Colin Chapman | | |
| Salary (September) | £ 223.37 | |
| travelling | £ 10.00 | |
| telephone | £ 18.24 | |
| office expenses | £ 29.22 | |
| use of home as office | £ 20.00 | |
| | total | £ 300.83 |

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed and it was agreed that the above two accounts should be paid.

To note the following receipts

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| CTS Grant | £ 162.78 |
| Precept (second and final instalment) | £ 4,300.00 |

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11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Anderson-Archbold re excessive speeds along the road between Ashton and Great Work – *Members noted that a variety of vehicles in ever increasing numbers make use of this road; that agricultural contractors' drivers take time to learn the twists and turns of the road; that all too frequently drivers can be seen using mobile 'phones; that cyclists often travel two or three abreast; that motorists on the whole drive too quickly. It was further noted that in order to impose a speed limit of 30mph, evidence is needed of the existence both of accidents and that the risk can be reduced. It was suggested that where the road narrows there is an identifiable risk and that possibly signs might be erected drawing drivers' attention to that risk (but that this is contrary to Cornwall's policy of de-cluttering roadside verges). Another possibility, that of erecting a sign at either end of this road drawing drivers' attention to the fact that pedestrians and horse-riders make use of this stretch of road was also mentioned. It was agreed that a meeting with Cornwall Councillor Keeling, the Highways Steward, Cllr Blencowe and Mrs Anderson-Archbold might be useful and CCllr Keeling agreed to organise this. The Clerk was asked to write back to Mrs Anderson-Archbold outlining what had been agreed.*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that Cornwall had cut the hedges either side of the lane between Balwest and Germoe Churchown but that, strictly speaking, this is the job of the landowners. It was further noted that a few large stones had fallen from the hedges and Cllr Mrs Praed agreed to report this to Cornwall Highways.

Cllr Blencowe drew members' attention to the recent attack on an individual in his own home. He added that older people living in the community (especially those living alone) feel increasingly vulnerable and have little confidence that the Police make proper use of information received (probably because of the pressures on the police budget). Noting that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Carleen seems to be working well, he wondered if a similar scheme in Germoe might be of merit. It was noted that Mrs Pam Coward is the co-ordinator for the existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Germoe and Cllr Blencowe agreed to contact her and to report back to the next meeting.

Members' attention was drawn to the series of Planning Conferences organised by Cornwall Council for Local Councils. Cllr Blencowe stated his intention to attend the conference in Penzance on November 10.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments.

14 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 November 3, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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