

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 3, 2016 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K.Doesper Cllr Mrs G.Praed  
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr Mrs D.Whitehead  
Cllr S.Geake Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Taylor sent his 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, Cllr Geake and Cllr Mrs Whitehead being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 10, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Speaking of the Neighbourhood Watch organisation, Cllr Blencow stated that he has established that Mrs Pam Coward co-ordinates a group which includes Germoe Churchtown and the homes along the A394 as far as Newtown as its area of concern. There is second group working in Breage which meets at Carleen Hall. Individuals interested in the creation of further groups should contact Julie Downton on 07703 468628 from whom further details may be obtained.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that October had been a busy month

- the full council had, again, debated the number of members. The proposed number varies between 70 and 115, but the paramount issue is the level of support that can be offered to Councillors to enable them to perform their roles and duties in the next decade
- he had chaired a meeting of the Learning Disability Partnership Board at Liskeard and expressed disappointment that a number of the actions put forward by the Board concerning the issues facing people with learning disabilities have not been adopted by the current administration
- he had met with the leader of the council to discuss issues which had included the proposed parliamentary boundary changes that embrace the creation of a cross-border constituency and the level of council tax consequent upon the 2017/18 budget
- locally, the speed watch initiative is not going forward quite as quickly as he had envisaged and fly tipping is becoming an increasing problem in the division (possibly due to the cost of taking rubbish to the appropriate waste disposal centre)

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- in Germoe, the speed of traffic along rural lanes is raising concerns and he is considering the placement of a few monitoring cameras to gather solid evidence.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the merits and demerits of having a Neighbourhood Plan. Members felt that the rural nature of the Parish as a whole which, in planning terms, is strengthened by its World Heritage Site status, the two Conservation areas, the fact that it is adjacent to and overlooks the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the absence of ‘sustainability’ in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework affords it protection from large-scale development. It was however agreed to keep the matter in mind.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Banking

Members noted that there are currently three signatories on the Parish Council’s bank account with Nationwide: Cllr Blencowe, Cllr Mrs Doeser and Cllr Geake. Cllr Mrs Doeser agreed to call in at the branch in Penzance to clarify the anomaly which appears to have arisen.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Churchtown defibrillator

Cllr Blencowe reported that the necessary electrical work has been completed and that the defibrillator is now in place at the Church Hall in Germoe. It was agreed to arrange training to take place in the near future.

### Projects within the Parish

Cllr Geake reported that he has yet to hear back from Mrs Noyes’ agent concerning the siting of a memorial to the airmen who crashed into the quarry during the Second World War.

Members noted that Breage Parish Council has asked for financial help towards the maintenance of the public convenience in Praa Sands. The Clerk was asked to reply mentioning the offer of help sent earlier and drawing attention to the size of Germoe Parish Council’s precept.

## 9 PLANNING

### Decisions

PA16/02831/PREAPP ADVICE GIVEN (Conditional support) – Pre-application advice for renovation of dwelling following PA15/06339 – Norbury, Tresowes – *noted*

PA16/05269 APPROVED – Erection of dwelling – land adjacent to West Hill Ashton, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA16/07849 GRANTED – Certificate of existing lawful use of the land for the continued storage of motor vehicles, tools and associated paraphernalia – land adjacent to Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at November 3, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that a wreath for the Armistice Day Service on Tregonning Hill has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Geake proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013).

Members considered a request from Victim Support for financial help towards the cost of running the service. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Winfreys of Helston Ltd (noticeboard final invoice)	£ 820.00	£ 205.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (October)	£ 223.57	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 19.50	
office expenses	£ 22.22	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
total	£ 295.29	

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

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted a report from a resident that the stream which runs through Germoe Churchtown is behaving erratically and, moreover, that the Environment Agency does not appear to be particularly interested. Cllr Mrs Praed, through whose property the stream runs, undertook to look into the matter and to report back.

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**Balwest Methodist Church** acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*  
**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

**12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Members made no comments

**13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman reported that she had attended a Localism Summit and drew Members' attention both to Cornwall's Silverlinks programme (the aim of which is to help older people manage changes in their lives) and to the Cornwall Handyperson Service (which provides help at cost with household maintenance and repairs for people in Cornwall who either are over 60 or who have a disability).

She also drew members' attention to the Community Network meeting on December 7 at which Cornwall's Health and Social Care Sustainability and Transformation Plan (and the resultant consultation concerning the closure of Community Hospitals) will be the main topic of debate.

**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 December 1, 2016 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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