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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 5, 2017 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doesper Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr B.Dear Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Geake and Cllr Mrs Whitehead sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Doeser declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8 (PA16/11783).

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 Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday December 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 on the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that, although the end of the year had been relatively quiet,

- his attention had been focused on a number of contentious planning applications
- in the middle of the month, the Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities had visited Cornwall and had met informally with the Conservative Group. At that meeting a number of issues pertinent to the County had been raised including the possible imposition of an elected mayor, fairer funding based on the cost to Council Tax payers of adult social care, education and highways. Also under discussion had been the vexed issue of starter homes and other matters concerning affordable homes
- a number of volunteers have stepped forward following his appeal concerning the Speedwatch initiative: he hopes training will commence in the near future.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Churchtown defibrillator

The Clerk reported that training following the installation of the defibrillator in Churchtown will be on Saturday January 7 commencing at 5.00pm.

Projects within the Parish

No new projects were tabled.

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9 PLANNING

Applications

PA16/10949 Mr S.Neal – Extensions to existing dwelling – Norbury, Tresowes Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports the comments made by officers from both the World Heritage Site and Historic Environment Planning Departments.*

PA16/09836 Mr S.Finlay – Replacement of existing timber windows to PVC windows (existing elevations of dwelling only, not extension or porch) – Hawthorn Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Dear seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application subject to the quality, colour and design of the windows chosen being in sympathy with the Conservation Area.*

PA16/11209 Mr E. and Mrs J.Hall – Removal of condition 2 (agricultural tie) in relation to decision notice W/KR/60/11967 dated 03.4.1962 – Land-Dew, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

PA16/11759 Mrs A.Carroll – Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling – Trevaskis, Higher Lane, Ashton. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Dear seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

As a near neighbour Cllr Mrs Doeser declared a pecuniary interest in the following application. She relinquished the Chair but remained in the room where, other than to give factual details about the site, she took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Cllr Blencowe assumed the Chair.

PA16/11783 Mrs B.Harvey – Proposed extension and loft conversion including Juliet balcony along with erection of garage and widening of entrance – Tregonning Gardens, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, Cllr Mrs Doeser abstained from voting, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations.*

Cllr Blencowe relinquished the Chair.

Cllr Mrs Doeser reassumed the Chair.

Decisions

PA16/03265 PREAPP ADVICE GIVEN (guardedly supportive) – Pre-application advice for agricultural groundworks store – land opposite Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

PA16/10743 APPROVED – Two-storey rear elevation extension – 8 Trewithen Terrace, Ashton – *noted*

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at January 5, 2017 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £100.00 should be made sent to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the purchase of its Christmas tree. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Dear seconded, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), the sum of £100.00 should be made sent to the Balwest Methodist Church.

Members considered a request from Germoe Village Association for financial help towards the cost of a new cover for the well. Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Germoe Parish Council on May 9, 2013), a grant in the sum of £250.00 should be made available for this project and paid once assurance has been received both that full funding is in place and that an order for the new cast cover (details as supplied to the Parish Council) has been accepted.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Roger Mclean (repair of Adit wall)	£ 1,824.00	
R.Sanders		
Notice-boards (maintenance)	£ 515.00	
Open spaces (July-December)	£ 555.00	
	£ 1,284.00	£ 214.00
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Colin Chapman		
Salary (December)	£ 223.37	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 25.57	
office expenses	£ 32.32	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 311.26

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

Members noted and were greatly appreciative of the kindness and public spirited generosity extended to the Parish by Pat and Paul Liddicoat of Tregonning Hill House who gave the stone necessary to complete the west wall of the adit.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Balwest Methodist Church acknowledgment of receipt of the rent for the hire of the Schoolroom – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Council Shaping our Future Health and Social Care Plan 2016-2021 – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Other than to wish everyone present a happy New Year, 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 February 2, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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