

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Present:

Cllr Mrs K.Doeser	Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr D.Blencowe	Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr W.Dear	Cllr Mrs D.Whitehead
Cllr S.Geake	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling and Mrs A.Felstead.

The Chairman welcomed members to the March meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in any 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 all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 2, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Whitehead reported that the second defibrillator training session, which had been attended by ten people, had gone very well – so well that requests from residents for yet further training had been received. The school had also expressed an interest in receiving training in the use of a defibrillator. Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Whitehead for organising the training.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Felstead stated that he was present simply to observe.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council has agreed a 3.97% rise in Council Tax: this will create an annual income for the Authority of £492 million
- 2% of this rise is earmarked for the provision of Adult Social Care within the county
- he had voted against the proposal because it is his belief that Central Government has a responsibility to finance the provision of Adult Social Care
- on average, Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall have increased their precept demand by some 8%. The average annual demand for the coming year from Town and Parish Councils on their residents is £110.54 per household (Germoe Parish Council is seeking £41.18 per household)
- all in all, it means that the total average annual rise on the Council Tax for a Band D dwelling is £65
- car-parking charges have been frozen
- he had hoped for an increase in the Highways budget, but this was not to be
- the proposal to bid for Truro to become the European City of Culture in 2022 is going ahead despite the fact that the United Kingdom will be out of Europe by then – and that there are currently better ways to spend the money

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- Cornwall Council is recommending a reduction in the number of Councillors in 2021 to a figure of ninety-nine. The Conservative group is looking for eighty-five although he feels that the optimum number would be eighty-seven (which would work well with the existing Community Networks).

Cllr Blencowe questioned the reported increase of 8% in Town and Parish Councils' precept demands: CCllr Keeling said he would check the figures.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Germoe Green (Registered Common Land)

Members agreed to discuss the future maintenance of Germoe Green at the meeting in April.

8 PLANNING

Applications

PA17/00778 Mr and Mrs R.Donovan – Proposed self contained annex – 3 Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Other than to request that, in the event of planning permission being granted, a condition is imposed requiring use of the self-contained annex to be incidental to the use of 3 Trewithen Terrace, Germoe Parish Council makes no further observations.*

9 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at March 2, 2017 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
St Germoe PCC (Closed Churchyard grant)	£ 76.22	
HMRC	£ 167.60	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 223.57	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 19.44	
office expenses	£ 18.14	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 291.15

Cllr Dear proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded all others in favour that the above three accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

CC Closed Churchyard grant	£ 76.22
CC re LMP 2016-2017	£ 1,197.13
CC Community Chest Grant	£ 200.00
Nationwide interest	£ 1.18

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted that there had recently been an incident involving dogs worrying sheep on Tregonning Hill. Germoe Parish Council reminds dog-owners to keep their dogs under control at all times and, when crossing a field where stock is grazing, to keep them on a lead. A farmer may be within his rights to shoot a dog that is worrying stock.

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *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 matters for inclusion on next month's agenda were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 6, 2017 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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