

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 1, 2017 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: Mr Johnson and Mrs Whitehead.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling and Cllr Molcher sent their 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 Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 11, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Johnson reported that nothing had been done about the stand of Japanese knotweed on PROW 28. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the matter, but undertook to make a further complaint.

The following item being of a confidential nature, members of the public were required to leave the room.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

The Clerk reported that he had received expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mrs Whitehead and Mr Johnson.

Following a short discussion, Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Whitehead should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that Mr Johnson should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor

Members of the public were invited to return to the room

Cllr Mrs Whitehead signed and read aloud her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Whitehead as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

Cllr Johnson signed and read aloud his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Johnson as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

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7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Speeding within the Parish

Members considered measures to curb the inappropriate use of speed by motorists using the lanes within the Parish It was noted that, generally speaking, offending motorists are

- couriers delivering parcels
- holiday-makers
- agricultural contractors
- mothers taking children to and from school

It was further noted that the existing speed limit of 40mph along the Tresowes Hill road

- was installed at a time when considerably fewer pedestrians, horse-riders and vehicles were using the road
- is excessive, not least because it is difficult to reach that speed with any degree of safety
- attempts to enforce the speed limit are irrelevant, because the speed limit is not being broken!

On behalf of the Parish Council and with the help of the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Praed agreed to create a poster drawing drivers' attention to the dangers of the inappropriate use of speed on minor rural roads; this poster to be distributed to camp-sites (to target holiday-makers), to businesses and to the school for inclusion in its newsletter. It was also noted that, if a signed van is clearly being driven in a reckless fashion, a letter of complaint to the business concerned can be effective.

8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- despite the fact that Conservatives form the largest group, Cornwall Council is back under LibDem/Independent control
- he is very pleased to have been returned as the local Ward Member and hopes to return to a scrutiny role; a role in which he can hold the Authority to account for both public service delivery and value for money
- mandatory planning training for all Cornwall Councillors is currently underway. The next few weeks will see the formation of committees
- he will pursue various manifesto promises in particular the removal of business rates from public toilets. He was pleased to be able to report that the EU Culture Bid has already been dropped
- locally, he is investigating alleged breaches of planning and is also liaising with planning control and potential developers on prospective planning proposals.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA17/03536 Mr and Mrs J.Beedle – 2 new dwelling houses and slight re-positioning of 3rd dwelling with planning permission – St Marys, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because it does not comply with the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan and would cause adverse visual impact to an area of open rural character.*

The site is one of a number fronting the A394 between Germoe and Newtown that have large gardens with properties set well back from the road. Together with the golf course on the opposite side of the road they combine to create an open rural character beyond the continuously built-up section of the Helston road.

The proposed development would physically extend the settlement into the more open countryside and would consequently be contrary to the requirements of The Cornwall Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy, paragraphs 1.65, 1.66 and 1.67 regarding the role of function and places.

PA17/04213 Mrs Hopkins – Proposed extension and minor works to a dwelling – Chygwins Barn, Tresowes. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA17/01410 APPROVED – Replacement of a container with a building for storage of motor vehicles, tools and associated paraphernalia – Land adj to Tregonning Brea, Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

PA17/02648 WITHDRAWN – Proposed Agricultural Groundworks Store – Land opposite Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at June 1, 2017 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HMRC	£ 167.50	
Cornwall Council (copies of Local Plan)	£ 20.00	
Jeff Meadows (website host)	£ 75.00	
R.Sanders (Gold paths – 1 st cut)	£ 360.41	£ 60.41
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 223.37	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 18.68	
office expenses	£ 43.91	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 315.96

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- the completed change of signatories form will be taken to the Nationwide Building Society office in Penzance during the course of the coming week
- it is recommended that all Councillors undertake Code of Conduct training
- the grass cut by the Parish Council at the Tresowes turn should be extended to the bus stop
- Cllr Blencowe will represent Germoe Parish Council at the Humphry Davy School on the occasion of the installation of the 200th defibrillator bought through the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity
- Cllr Johnson will, in future, be responsible for the Newtown notice-board.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Doeser, made no comments.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

An update on progress made concerning speeding awareness within the Parish.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday July 13, 2017 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Signed.....

Dated.....

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