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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 13, 2017 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Do eser (Chairman) Cllr L.Molcher
 Cllr D.Blencowe
 Cllr R.Johnson Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Keeling, Mr Pringle, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson and one other.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Praed 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded, Cllr Molcher being absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday June 1, 2017 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 the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members' attention was drawn to Planning Application PA17/01249 (a proposed chicken farm at Nancegollen). It was stated that the farm will

- cover 158 acres and house 112,000 free-range hens
- be clearly visible from Tregonning Hill
- that both the Environment Agency and local people have expressed concerns about its visual impact upon the landscape (twenty-nine objections have so far been lodged)
- that drainage from the hen houses will adversely affect neighbouring properties
- that light pollution and noise from working practices will affect neighbouring properties
- that the narrow rural roads on the approach to the farm are unsuitable for artic lorries
- that the application appears to be incomplete in a number of instances not least the absence of fox fencing.

The Chairman stated that Germoe Parish Council has not been asked for its observations on this application, but added that, should the Council be consulted, it will bear these points in mind.

Mr and Mrs Wilkinson sought support for their planning application PA17/04619 stating that their proposals are simply to update the bungalow and to make it more suitable for twenty-first century living.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss agenda item 9 at this stage of the meeting

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9 PLANNING

General planning matters

Cllr Blencowe reported that he had recently attended a planning training session run by Cornwall Council, which he had found very useful. What the Planning Authority can and cannot do, the importance of material considerations when considering planning applications, planning enforcement procedures and the role the Local Government Ombudsman can play had all featured. It appears that many Town and Parish Councils are insisting that members of their planning sub-committees have received training and he strongly recommended the course to other Councillors.

Applications

PA17/02507 Mr B.Taylor – Construction of a turf roof, larch clad, portable (no foundations) garden office – Bowji Barn, Great Work. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council considers the proposal to represent an intrusion of the built environment into the countryside. Furthermore, it can see no justification for the proposed change of use of the field and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA17/04619 Mr P.Wilkinson – Replace all current wooden single glazed windows with UPVC double glazed units, alter front of property to fit 4 panel glazed 2 sliding door unit. Creation of a decked area and erection of a porch on the SE elevation of the property – Wide Horizons, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/04724 Mrs P.Batten – Removal of condition 2 of decision PA15/08951 to allow the dwelling known as ‘Curlew Cottage’ to be used as permanent residential accommodation – Nevada House, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Doerer proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council has no observations.*

PA17/05846 Mrs G.Praed – Replace existing barn/tractor shed – Trethewey Farm Germoe. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA17/03536 REFUSED – 2 new dwelling houses and slight re-positioning of 3rd dwelling with planning permission – St Marys, Helston Road – *noted*

PA17/04213 APPROVED – Proposed extension and minor works – Chygwins Barn, Tresowes – *noted*

PA17/04828 APPROVED – The construction of six holiday lodges to improve existing accommodation – Tremorvu Holidays, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- it had not been a particularly busy month at County Hall. However, the cabinet has been formed and committees established.
- there was a lively cabinet meeting last Thursday with questions being asked by new councillors on a number of issues involving finance and housing.
- the EU City of Culture Bid was officially removed from the capital programme following pressure from the general public and a mix of councillors. At the next full council towards the end of July, he will push for the funding earmarked for the bid to be used for highway projects that resonate with local people.
- locally he has been catching up with the numerous planning applications prominent amongst which has been the Chicken Farm
- otherwise he has discussed other planning issues and various ongoing enforcement matters with planning staff.
- following conversations with local people and the Community Link Officer, he will shortly pick up on the Speedwatch initiative

7 PARISH MATTERS

Speeding within the Parish

Members noted that Cllr Mrs Praed is in the process of producing literature which will emphasise the risks attached to the inappropriate use of speed on rural roads and which will be shortly be available to visitors and agricultural contractors. A road safety poster competition is also under consideration. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether or not Cornwall Council has a policy on individuals positioning mirrors and ‘Concealed Entrance’ notices on the verge.

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OS Field 7075 Balwest EN17/01070

Members noted that this allegation has been signed off by the officer concerned and marked 'Course of action agreed'. It was further noted that the field is not only being used for camping (for a period in excess of the permitted 28 days), but that courses are also being run on site: that is to say that the field is being used for commercial purposes without the benefit of planning permission. The Clerk was asked to ascertain quite what the agreed 'course of action' is.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**Co-opted members**

The Clerk reported that he had received no further expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

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.

Members considered a request from Germoe Parochial Church Council for financial help with the cost of the annual maintenance of the open churchyard. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Blencowe all in favour that the sum of £350.00 be forwarded to St Germoe PCC under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 223.57	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 20.16	
office expenses	£ 26.42	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 300.15

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that the above account should be paid.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Cornwall – *members agreed to write to the Boundary Commission expressing the Council's agreement with the proposed figure of 87 members*

Cornwall Council 2017 Off-Street Consolidation Order – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Nationwide confirmation of the agreed amendment to the change of signatories – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

It was noted that Cornwall Council will be delivering Code of Conduct training on August 3.

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.

Maintenance of the public benches at Balwest, Church Green (2), Great Work, Moors Lane, Rocky Lane, on Tregonning Hill (2) and at Tresowes Green

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 7, 2017 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Signed.....

Dated.....

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