

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 7, 2017 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling and Mr Bell.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Whitehead sent her 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 Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Mrs Praed being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 13, 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

There were no comments from members of the public.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- the proposed chicken farm at Nancegollan has taken much of his time during the holiday break
- the concerns expressed about the use of the woodland surrounding Wheal Boyes at Boscrege have been referred to the Planning Enforcement team at Cornwall Council
- the granting of licences for increasing numbers of 'wild' camping-sites in the county by the Club calling itself Freedom Camping is causing considerable alarm, not least because it results in an uneven playing-field for owners of commercially-run sites (which have to pay business rates and abide by strict and costly legislation). It appears that the Club does have the power to grant a licence for the occupation of up to ten tents for up to one year – but there are a number of Club rules with which the owners of 'freedom' sites have to comply. It follows that individuals or organisations could report non-compliance to the Club, but whether or not action would follow is a moot point.

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

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mr Graham Bell.

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

Members of the public were invited to return to the room

Cllr Bell 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 Mr Bell as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plans

Members considered a request from Breage Parish Council (which is in the early stages of creating a Neighbourhood Plan) to identify whether or not the two parishes have any issues in common. Following discussion, it was agreed to thank Breage Parish Council for its invitation, but to comment only if so asked and only on particular points, for example residential development which might affect numbers attending Germoe School.

Data Protection

It was noted that all members have a legal duty to keep data secure, but agreed that formal guidelines for the Parish Council once the General Data Protection Regulation comes into effect in May 25, 2018 will be drawn up in the New Year.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Speeding within the Parish

Cllr Mrs Praed reported that time had caught up with her intention to produce a road safety poster for distribution throughout the parish and the wider area before the summer holiday began. She will nevertheless now press ahead and, all being well, will have posters and hand-outs ready for distribution before the New Year. The Clerk reported that a resident had written expressing alarm about speed along the road at Great Work and that he had referred him to Cllr Keeling. Cllr Keeling reported that he still hoped to involve volunteers in the SpeedWatch initiative and that additionally he is looking to promote a "Twenty's Plenty" campaign with particular relevance to the narrow twisting rural lanes within his Ward. Members noted that a road safety poster has been put up at Hendra Lane/Hendra Close in Breage.

Public benches

Members considered the winter maintenance of the public benches at Balwest, Church Green (2), Great Work, Moors Lane, Rocky Lane, on Tregonning Hill (2) and at Tresowes Green. Cllr Blencowe proposed Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that Bob Sanders should be asked to clean off the benches during the course of the winter.

The Chairman suggested that another bench might be sited on Tregonning Hill near the Preachers' Pit and it was agreed that this would be looked at in December during discussion of the precept for the year 2018/2019.

9 PLANNING

Members noted that the following application had been commented upon and returned using delegated powers granted at the meeting on July 13, 2017

PA17/06433 Mr and Mrs R Salter – Siting of four camping pods for holiday use, together with access, parking and drainage – land North West of Morvagh, Balwest. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council believes the proposed tourist facility is of a scale appropriate to its location and it does have the potential to bring economic benefits to this rural community. However, it would extend the built form into the open countryside north of Balwest, and there would be some visual impact (admittedly limited) for the public using the road between Castle Pencair and Balwest when viewing the open landscape towards the sea.*

On balance Germoe Parish Council would support approval of the application if conditions are imposed to limit the number of pods on the site to a maximum of 4, and that the development site does not extend beyond the area outlined in red on the Site Location Plan reference 06433/1701, and that planting is undertaken to reduce visual impact of the regular pod forms when viewed from the road.

PA17/06851 Mr Simon Wyatt – Construction of single storey sun room to rear of dwelling – Rose Cottage, Boscrege. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council has no observations.*

Decisions

PA17/02507 WITHDRAWN – Proposed use of land as domestic garden and construction of a garden office – Bowji Barn, Great Work – *noted*

PA17/04619 APPROVED – 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 and new front fence and gate. Creation of a decked area and erection of a porch on the SE elevation of the property – Wide Horizons, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

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PA17/04724 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

PA17/05846 APPROVED – Replace existing barn/tractor shed – Trethewey Farm, Germoe – *noted*

PA17/06851 APPROVED – Construction of single storey sun room to rear of dwelling – Rose Cottage, Boscrege – *noted*

10 FINANCE

Members noted the conclusion of the audit for the year to March 31, 2017. The External Auditor had made no observation or comment.

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at September 7, 2017 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church 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 Mrs Praed all others in favour that the sum of £350.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the purchase of its Christmas tree. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded, all others in favour that, the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Bob Sanders (PROWs second cut)	£ 1,108.07	£ 184.68
HMRC	£ 167.60	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 223.57	
Salary (August)	£ 223.37	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 36.00	
office expenses	£ 34.66	
use of home as office (2 months)	£ 40.00	
	total	£ 567.60

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC Precept (2 nd instalment)	£ 4,500.00
CC CTS grant (2 nd instalment)	£ 115.52

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

St Germoe PCC acknowledgment of and thanks for the donation towards the maintenance of the cemetery – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

12 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman warned that there have been a number of thefts from properties in Breage and Ashton and advised residents to take especial care to lock outbuildings. Cllr Johnson reported that recently an expensive item of machinery had been stolen from his property. It was agreed to contact Mrs Pam Coward to see whether or not the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is still up and running.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Pop-up camp sites and Freedom Camping

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 6, 2017 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

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Signed.....

Dated.....

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