

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Cllr R.Johnson
Cllr G.Bell Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling, Mr Felstead and Mr Hollinrake.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Molcher 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 Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all others in agreement that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday November 2, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

A question was raised concerning the closure of the Public Conveniences at Praa Sands. CCllr Keeling reported that their future was discussed at a recent and positive meeting of interested parties. A possible way forward would seem to be the creation of a community interest company. However, lead and direction are currently lacking.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hollinrake stated that he was present to seek support for his planning application which is retrospective in nature. He added that the camp-site was well thought of, had a high occupancy rate and was benefitting the local economy; it is not visible from the road or from adjacent properties; there are similar businesses nearby and his application had attracted no objections from neighbours.

Mr Felstead asked if consideration might be given to the provision of poop bags in an effort to keep public paths and roads free of dog faeces. Members agreed to make this matter an agenda item at the meeting in January.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that November had once again been a busy month

- the full council had met on November 21 for the first time since the election in May but was interrupted to enable councillors to attend the funeral of Councillor Candy Atherton, a long-standing councillor and MP for the Truro and Falmouth area
- following an overwhelming show of support for the work being done by the Police and Crime Commissioner, a motion of no confidence in Alison Hernandez was rejected
- an agenda item proposed an investment programme for Cornwall that envisaged a £600million journey to build housing, infrastructure, jobs and a host of social, environmental and economic opportunities. He and his colleagues will scrutinise this programme as it emerges

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- he reiterated his determination to meet up with the Highways Manager to look at hedgerows, highways, signage and other matters throughout his division
- he is now one of three Councillor advocates with the police and as such is hoping to be able to persuade the force to take a greater interest in irresponsible driving throughout his ward
- he had recently been part of a team charged with appointing a Director for Adult Social Care as part of Cornwall's Health and Well-Being Strategy
- in answer to a question he confirmed that cutting back road-side hedges is the responsibility of the land-owner adding that now is the time to undertake this work.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2018/2019

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2018 – 2019 will be as follows

January 4, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 1, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
March 1, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
April 5, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 3, 2018	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 3, 2018	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 7, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 5, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 6, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 4, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 1, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
December 6, 2018	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
January 3, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 7, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall

8 PARISH MATTERS

Christmas in Germoe

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Praed, seconded by Cllr Blencowe all others in favour that the informal group set up to oversee the Christmas Lights Switch-On Ceremony and Celebrations on Germoe Green on Thursday December 14, 2017 should act as an advisory committee of Germoe Parish Council and that therefore Germoe Parish Council will be responsible for the proper running of that event. Cllr Mrs Whitehead will represent the Parish Council on that Committee.

Following discussion of a request from the newly-formed advisory committee for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations, Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour, that, under S147 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100 should be made available for underwriting activities in Germoe over Christmas 2017.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA17/09917 Mr R.Hollinrake – Retention of existing dwelling house to provide annexe & separate holiday letting unit, siting of 2 mobile shepherds huts (holiday units), construction of timber toilet blocks – Bos Verbas, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application*.

PA17/10381 Mr and Mrs Hall – Application for removal of condition 2 (agricultural tie) in relation to decision notice W/KR/60/11967 dated 26.10.1960 – Land-Dew, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations*.

Decisions

PA17/07794 APPROVED – The stationing of 10 additional static caravans and associated landscaping works – Boscrege Caravan Park – *noted*

10 FINANCE

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

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Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Johnson all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2018/2019 should be set at £9,200.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
St Germoe PCC (re closed churchyard)	£ 76.22	
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 167.60	
Cornwall Council (election recharge)	£ 233.56	
Colin Chapman		
salary (November)	£ 224.28	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 20.30	
office expenses	£ 22.94	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 297.52

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

Members noted the following receipt

CC (Local Maintenance Partnership payment) £ 1,197.13

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

War Memorials Trust Bulletin – *noted*

Cornwall Council Your Guide to Winter Wellbeing – *noted*

Derek Thomas MP Appointment Surgeries dates and places – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe raised the present parlous state of Moors Lane which has been the subject of numerous complaints from residents. It was noted that the drainage system had worked well up and until quite recently. The Clerk was asked to follow this matter through.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had met an Officer from Cornwall Council on PROW 28 who had come to inspect the work done spraying the Japanese knotweed with herbicide. The Officer had been most helpful and had confirmed that the stand will now be treated annually until it is eradicated.

No further reports concerning the clearing of woodland at Boscreege have been received.

Cllr Bell reported that the new cover for St Germoe's well has been sent for galvanising and that, all being well, it will be installed early in the New Year when it is planned to make an event of the occasion. He added that the work being done by Bob Sanders to keep the area neat and tidy is excellent – but he asked that Bob be warned of the presence of daffodils in the grass.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Other than to wish members and their families a very happy Christmas, the Chairman made no comment..

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Provision of dog poop bags.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 4, 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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